

## Strengthening Small-scale Farmers

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Mondulkiri, Cambodia



Economic Empowerment



Tax deductible

Total Budget

Project Timeline

\$84,600

3 YEARS



### POPULATION

16.5 million

### POVERTY

17.7% of the population below poverty line

### HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 70 years

### EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 5 years

### HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX\*

Ranking out of 189 nations Cambodia 144 (Aust 8)

\*2020 Human Development Report



### Overview

Mondulkiri province is situated in the north-eastern highlands of Cambodia, close to the Vietnamese border. It is home to a large population of indigenous groups, primarily the Bunong people. With cultural and livelihood connections to the forest, they remain among the most impoverished in the nation. Our partners are helping innovative indigenous farmers create sustainable livelihoods and take advantage of appropriate technology and local resources. They work with communities to identify resilience strategies, improve small-scale farming, build cooperation and organisation amongst the farmers and mobilise them for forest protection and rights linked to economic empowerment. Year 2 budget is \$28,200.

### Why support this:

Our partners are strongly committed to a community-based approach to education and development that respects indigenous culture and self-determination. Together they will strengthen community engagement and collaboration for sustainable indigenous livelihoods and relevant education using foundations of their own mother tongue. The project addresses issues which hinder economic empowerment and equip them to take steps towards sustainable farming. It will address environmental issues such as their decreasing supply of non-timber forest products, climate change and social issues such as lack of education, debt to microfinance institutions and alcoholism/drugs.

### Objectives Include:



Training seminars and workshops for farmers



Innovative livelihood ventures



Support sustainable farm practises



Improve small-scale farming and seed bank

### Expected life Change

- Indigenous farmers improve their livelihoods by keeping sustainable effective practices and improving their knowledge and techniques
- Innovative farmers networking, collaborating and cooperating within and across communities towards sustainable agriculture