

Resilient Indigenous Livelihoods

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Mondulkiri, Cambodia



Economic Empowerment



Tax deductible

3 Year Project: July 2025 to June 2028

Total Budget: \$100,800

Current Year Funding Required **\$33,600**



POPULATION

16.9 million

POVERTY

17.7% of the population
below poverty line

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth:
69.9 years

EDUCATION

Mean years of school
(adults) 5.2 years

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX*

Ranking out of 193 nations
Cambodia 148 (Aust 10)

*2023-24 Human Development Report

Overview

Mondulkiri province, located in Cambodia's north-eastern highlands near the Vietnamese border, is home to many indigenous communities, primarily the Bunong people. Deeply connected to the forest both culturally and economically, these communities remain among the poorest in the country. Our partners are supporting innovative indigenous farmers to build sustainable livelihoods by using appropriate technologies and local resources. They collaborate with communities to identify resilience strategies, enhance small-scale farming, strengthen farmer cooperation and organisation, and mobilise collective efforts for forest protection and economic empowerment through rights-based approaches.

Why support this:

Our partner is deeply committed to a community-led approach to education and development that honours indigenous culture and supports self-determination. Together, they aim to strengthen community engagement and collaboration to promote sustainable indigenous livelihoods and culturally relevant education, grounded in the use of local mother tongues. The project addresses key barriers to economic empowerment and equips communities to adopt more sustainable farming practices. It also addresses pressing environmental challenges—such as the decline of non-timber forest products and the impacts of climate change—as well as social issues including limited access to education, indebtedness to microfinance institutions, and substance abuse.

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 strengthen their livelihoods through sustainable practices and enhanced agricultural knowledge and skills
- Innovative farmers lead the way by networking, collaborating, and building solidarity within and between communities to drive sustainable agricultural transformation