

## **Summary Note**

### **DCA-HQ Visit to FNN's Target Group**

Farmer and Nature Net Association (FNN) in cooperation with DCA has implemented Enhancing Agricultural Value Chain for Co-operative Development in Cambodia (EaVaCoDev) project in five target provinces. Kampong Chhnang province is one of five target provinces. On 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024, FNN and DCA hosted the donor visit to Agriculture Cooperatives (AC) mainly Tlork Vien Meanchey and Kraing L'Vea Commune AC in Kampong Chhnang province. This donor visit consists of 16 visitors in total of which 20 are women. They are 8 visitors came from Denmark, 5 from DCA-Cambodia, and 3 from FNN-Phnom Penh.

Tlork Vien Meanchey AC leader presented the AC history, achievement, and challenge to the visitors. He shown results as follows:

- Saving and credit with total capital 7,800,000 KH-riel (184 hhs),
- Vegetable production group with 17 members,
- Rice production group 184 members,
- Cricket production group 5 members/4 female, and
- Chicken production group 15 members.

The visitors attended the meeting with smallholder farmers to discuss the process of AC management system and structure maintaining AC business operation. After the meeting, the visitors observed the cricket and vegetable farming of the near poor farmers. They were appreciated with the monthly profits and techniques (small sparrow house, net house for cropping a year-round, ...) made by the cricket and vegetable farmers that make sense to promoting ecological farms.

The delegate continued to visit Kriang L'Vea Commune AC. They met with AC executives and members and discussed the operation and governance of AC. This AC consisted of 356 households. Of them, 178 households are organic paddy rice producers, 22 are vegetable producers, 11 are chicken producers.

We also found that Kriang L'Vea AC has operated some business. They are paddy rice, vegetable, and chicken trading. In the business, AC faced the limited funds for purchasing paddy rice. However, the AC still appreciated with FNN that provided revolving fund scheme for the AC and with the competitive price provided by the private companies. Moreover, AC's vegetable group was good in supplying vegetable to local outlets rather than supper markets, but it faced a bit problems of watering shortage in dry season. Besides, chicken producers have produced chicken for household consumption and income generation. This is a main part of their income generation activities.

In general, both ACs have actively facilitated their members as well as producers to work together and linked their product to different markets. The visitors are appreciated with the agroecology practices of the ACs and producer groups. The ACs also motivated women and young farmers to actively engage in the agriculture business, especially simple techniques (e.g. cricket farming, ...) for women. On the other hand, those ACs look very good with business development, management, and with market linkage.

Plenary discussion on AC procedure with Thlor Vien Meachey AC and visited cricket raising on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024



Very interesting



on cricket raising technique of small farmer at AC Tlork Vien Meachey 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024



Plenary discussion of AC rice business and vegetable producer & visit net house of vegetable producer in Kraing L'Vea CC