

Report for Empower 325 Cambodian Families to be Self Reliant Project Report of Achievement and Next action planning*May 01 –July 29, 2012***1. Executive summaries**

The report is mainly focused on progress of vegetable, chicken and fish groups of Community Based Organisations (CBOs) in Krouch village, Domrey Phong, commune, Chhloung district, Kratie province, Cambodia.

2. Project activities and achievements

- **Vegetable growing group (11 households):** Following up showed that 11 households (all members) had vegetable to eat. On average 214 kilos of vegetable were produced per household and about 86 kilos of vegetable were individually consumed annually. In addition 8 out of them sold vegetable products for income generation.
- **Chicken raising group (19 households):** On average each household had 10 chickens (not including chicks), 4 chickens were eaten while few of them were solve monthly. All beneficiaries were willing to increase their chicken productions through enhancing capacity building and fixing pens. Thus, they proposed further training on chicken raising techniques and small grant to purchase more chicken breeds and repairing pens.
- **Fish raising group: (4 households):** All households suggested changing from fish raising to pig raising due to inadequate water sources for ponds. But inputs (e.g. feed) for pig raising are available in the village. Thus, all of them proposed training course to enhance capacity building on pig raising technique and small grant to support pig breeds and materials for pen construction.
- **Releasing small grants:** Based on proposals of beneficiaries to have small grant for purchasing pig and chicken breeds, and materials for making pens, USD 1,120 were approved by CRDT in which USD 720 can buy 12 piglets (USD 45 per head) and contribute building 12 pens (USD 15 per pen) for 12 families while USD 400 can purchase 7 chickens (USD 5 per head) and support repairing 10 pens for 10 families.
- **Saving activities:** In vegetable growing and chicken raising groups there is saving component in each group. The main aim of saving is to provide members with accessibility to loans with less interest compared to microfinances. By the end of July 2012, financial status of both savings is presented on below table:

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Types of saving group	Interests	Loans	Cash in safe box
Chicken raising	\$ 63.10	\$ 320.00	\$ 48.10
Vegetable growing	\$ 56.35	\$ 270.00	\$ 41.25

- **Integration of CBOs:** Most of households were mixed in vegetable, chicken and pig groups. In this regard they faced constraints such as spending times to participate different monthly meetings in different groups and holding more than one role. Thus, representatives of all groups suggested integrating these groups into only one Self Help Group (SHG) called Development for the Poor Group with 19 households, but the SHG still keeps the same livelihood activities such as growing vegetable, raising chicken and raising pig. The SHG has been followed some practical principles from HiH in India. This model is not only supposed SHG's members to focus on business or livelihood activities of its members but also emphasized on social aspects (e.g. health, education issues).

- **Activity planning:**

Types of activities	Responsible	Aug, 2012	Sep, 2012	Oct, 2012
1. Chicken raising:				
- Technical training	CRDT	√		
- Pen constructions	SHG	√	√	√
- Breed purchasing	SHG	√	√	√
- Vaccination	SHG	√	√	√
2. Pig raising:				
- Technical training	CRDT	√		
- Pen constructions	SHG	√	√	
- Breed purchasing	SHG	√	√	
- Vaccination	SHG	√	√	√
3. Vegetable growing	SHG	√	√	√
4. Financial and leadership trainings	CRDT	√	√	√
5. Saving activities	SHG	√	√	√
6. Follow up/Monitoring	CRDT	√	√	√
7. Report writing (monthly and quarterly)	CRDT	√	√	√

3. Pictures of some activities (Please see in the attached file)

Picture 1: Road in Krouch village



Picture 2: Reliable vegetable whole year for villagers



Picture 3: Favourite herb for villagers



Picture 4: Carry water far from home



Picture 5: Extra work for old woman



Picture 6: Meeting to release grant to Selp-Help-Group



Picture 7: Water available only in rainy season



4. Thanks donor and commitment of community

Mr. Long Yin, SHG coordinator, said on behalf of SHG's members" we will use this money with transparency and accountability to all members and donors. We use this money to raise pigs and chicken in order to improve food security and income for our families. We would like to grateful thank to donors and CRDT for your kind support to our community. Finally, we wish you all healthy, successful all the time."