

DEVELOPMENT DIALOGUE OF FNN'S NETWORK IN SITHOR KANDAL DISTRICT

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With technical and financial support from Bread for the World (Bfdw), the Farmer and Nature Net (FNN) of Sithor Kandal district on December 25, 2014, organized a Development Dialogue at community hall of Char village, Rumlech commune, where around 150 members (whom about 35% were female) attended. The participants included chairpersons of provincial and district network and representatives of 76 self-helps saving groups from 21 villages/9 communes within the district, district governor of Sithor Kandal, Mr. Phae Im, three commune chiefs, FNN's president, FNN's ED and staff members. Among them were also included 45 visitors of FNN's members from Prey Kabas, Bati, Samrong, and Tramkak districts of Takeo province¹.

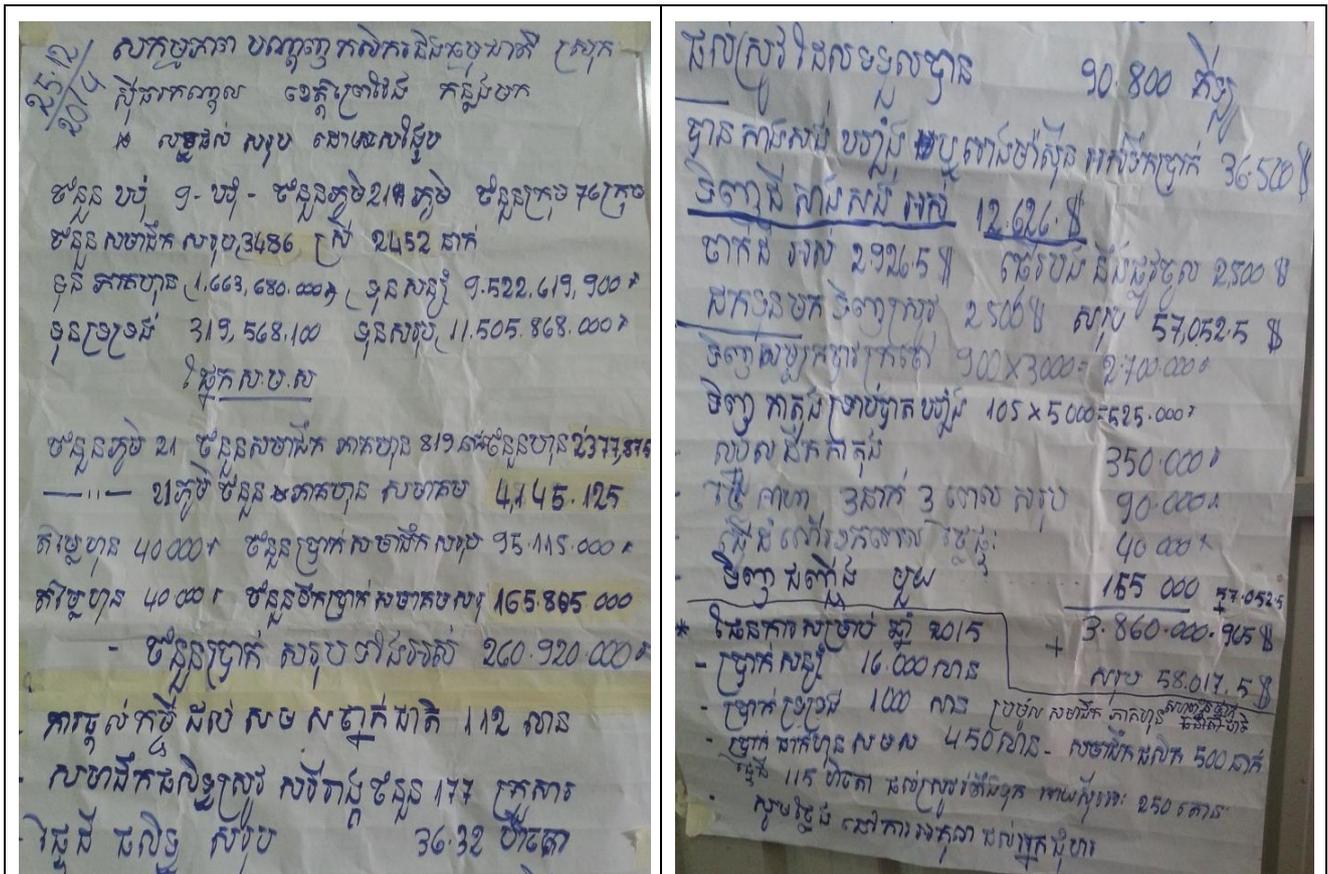
The objectives of the dialogue were (1) presentation of activities done and results of FNN's Sithor Kandal district network in 2014, especially the update status of Organic Rice Mill Cooperative (RMC) and saving cooperatives, (2) reflection on challenges of leadership and management of self-help saving groups and district network, (3) reflection on collaboration with authorities and other stakeholders and (4) action plan for 2015.

Mr. Ung Touch, chairperson of Russey Sanh Sambo Phal Self-hel Association/and vice chairperson of FNN's Sithor Kandal network, briefly report as shown in table below:

The image shows handwritten notes on the left and a printed table on the right. The notes are in Khmer and list various activities and financial figures. The table is a summary of these activities, with columns for group name, number of members, and financial amounts in Khmer Riel.

ល.រ	ឈ្មោះក្រុម	សមាជិកក្រុម		ប្រាក់ចុះ		សរុបប្រាក់ចុះ
		សរុប	ស្រី	សរុប	ស្រី	
1	ឧទា	1435	65337	57.400.000	13.480.000	70.880.000
2	ប្រជុំសាលា	13685	5218345	21.360.000	33.380.000	54.740.000
3	សាលាស្រុក	452	27325	18.000.000	13.000.000	31.080.000
4	ស្រុកស្រី	357	17165	14.380.000	6.600.000	20.980.000
5	ស្រុកស្រី	184	1313	7.390.000	520.000	7.910.000
6	ស្រុកស្រី	252	46156	10.115.000	6.245.000	16.360.000
7	សាលា	42	12202	500.000	8.100.000	8.600.000
8	ស្រុកស្រី	86	18191	3.443.000	7.656.400	11.100.000
9	ស្រុកស្រី	68	1427	2.720.000	1.08.000	3.80.000
10	ស្រុកស្រី	20	20185	7.000.000	5.100.000	12.100.000
11	ស្រុកស្រី	98	20100	3.940.000	4.000.000	7.940.000
12	ស្រុកស្រី	53	00	2.120.000	0	2.120.000
13	ស្រុកស្រី	17	1439	7.00.000	1.590.000	2.270.000
14	ស្រុកស្រី	18	0/33	740.000	1340.000	2080.000
15	សាលា	11	00	440.000	0	440.000
16	ស្រុកស្រី	22	00	880.000	0	880.000
17	ស្រុកស្រី	0	15	0	200.000	200.000
18	សាលា	0	15	0	200.000	200.000
19	ស្រុកស្រី	110	00	4.400.000	0	4.400.000
20	ស្រុកស្រី	25	00	1.000.000	0	1.000.000
21	ស្រុកស្រី	38	00	1.900.000	0	1.900.000

¹ The visit supported by WeEffect.



After listening to the comprehensive report, FNN’s chairperson, Mr. Seu Rany, really appreciated and satisfied the great achievement of the district network and he highly evaluated the great effort of all self-help association, district network, and provincial network leaders in term of leadership, management, commitment, transparency and accountability. He also added that the development has reflected a continuity and sustainability of FNN network at local level.

Meanwhile, the commune chief of Russey Sanh expressed his impression with great success and achievement of FNN’s Sithor Kandal network. He also very appreciated with FNN in good cooperation with government authority at all level, particularly FNN in the district has always shared its contribution to local authority for community development.

Simultaneously, the district governor of Sithor Kandal, Mr. Phae Im, really appreciated with the report. He encouraged all participants, particularly the FNN network leaders to be more cooperative and proactive with the local government in shoulder to shoulder to improve and develop the district together. He also urged and promoted policy of one village one product, agricultural process and improving market strategy.

Then, Mr. Nhung Kosal, youth representative of the district network made his impressions and suggestions as follows:

Parts of the great achievement and development of FNN in the district are from technical assistance and support from CEDAC and FNN national and good cooperation and support from the government authority at all level;

In order to scale up development in the district Kosal appeals to the governor and all commune representatives for more cooperation and helping disseminated the information

and achievements to others both community members and authorities to who are still reluctant to join FNN to grow together.

In following, Ms. Nget Mao, visitors' representative from Takeo province, expressed her appreciation with great achievement and good cooperation between FNN and the government authorities within the district, particularly the great solidarity among FNN's members. After the visit, she will apply in her community from what she has learned.

Before conclusion, FNN's district network leaders and members set a new action plan for 2015 for expanding and mobilizing (1) saving capital in Sithor Kandal district to reach 16,000,000,000 riels (or about US\$4,000,000); (2) collective fund 1,000,000,000 riels (about US\$250,000); (3) RMC's shares of members 450,000,000 riels (about US\$ 112,500); (4) 500 organic rice producers' member with 115 hectares and expected yields 250 tons; (5) more members join national federation bank; and (6) enhancing better and stronger cooperation with local authorities and development partners.

District/commune authorities, FNN national and visitors from Takeo province really appreciated with FNN's Sithor Kandal district network for organizing and making the dialogue happened. The district network spent around 1,500,000 riels (around US\$375) for solidarity lunch during the dialogue that was not included expenses for travel of members. Meanwhile, contribution from FNN national was just US\$60 only for the dialogue.

Finally, in his response to the request and action plan of the FNN, the governor clearly mentioned about his high commitment to enhance cooperation with FNN, because what FNN has been doing is really for community development. He has also promised to include a program of exchange invitations for monthly meeting between commune/district councilors and FNN. The dialogue ended at 12:00 pm after the closing remarks of the governor. BY FNN'S SECRETARIAT



Commune chief



Mr. Seu Rany, FNN's chairperson



Mr. Pahe Im, District governor



Ms. Nget Mao, visitor from Tramkak district



Mr. Nhong Kosal, Youth Representative, Sithor Kandal district