

FNN Supports Farmer-to-Farmer Exchange visits to Prey Veng province

PREY VENG PROVINCE:

Two farmer-to-farmer exchange visits were made for representatives of farmer cooperatives from four target districts, which included Prey Kabas, Tramkak, Samrong and Bati, of Takeo province from December 24 to 25, 2014. Both exchange visits were organized by FNN under financial support from WeEffcet (former Swedish Cooperative Centre). The focuses of the exchanges were to see successful leadership and management of self-help



saving associations and rice mill cooperatives and provide information for visitors interested in expanding export capacity of organic rice from Cambodia to USA, Germany, Hong Kong and so on. All visitors also participated in a Development Dialogue organized by FNN's district network of Sithor Kandal on December 25, which funded by Bread for the World (Bfdw) and self-contribution by members within the district. First group visited self-help saving association and rice mill cooperative in Kamchay Mear

district and second group visited self-help saving association and rice mill cooperative in Sithor Kandal district in order to understand the context of successful experiences of leadership and management of the two FNN's respective district networks. The visits were followed up by presentations to interested visitors at the saving community hall in Krabao commune of Kamchay Mear district and cooperative center of Russey Sanh commune of Sithor Kandal district, followed by a practical demonstration at the rice mill cooperative's warehouse in Sithor Kandal district. Key technical issues that were addressed through the visits include: site selection of

building community halls and cooperative rice mills and warehouses, successful experiences of board of directors of both district networks with regards to leadership and management (transparency, accountability, commitment and mobilization of collective/institutional funds) in order to guarantee and ensure organizational development and sustainability.

Following the exchange visits, the majority of visitors expressed their high interest and satisfaction with the achievements of both district networks. Visitors are strongly committed to apply what they have learned from the visits to improve their communities and networks in order to grow together.

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