

FNN Organizes a Local Governance Workshop to Promote Better Communication and Cooperation

September 08-09, 2009: Farmer and Nature Net (FNN), with funding support from the Friedrich-Naumann Foundation for Liberty (FNF) and World Bank, organized a local governance workshop on decentralizing communication between local communities and commune councils with the District Council of Dong Tung district, Kampot Province.

There were 75 people in attendance including the village chief, the chief of the commune, the vice-chief of the district, the chief of District Council, CEDAC's president, a donor representative, FNN staff members, other NGO staff members and farmer representatives from seven districts in the Kampot Province.

The objectives of the workshop were:

- To create a greater understanding between the community farmers and the commune and district councils about local governance and decentralized communication
- To strengthen communication among the commune, the district council and the local farmers association
- To encourage better communication and cooperation between the commune, the district council and the farmers

During the welcoming remarks for the workshop, the chief of the District Council and the vice-chief of Dong Tung district mentioned their appreciation for the farmers association in Kampot Province. They encouraged the formation of more associations and called for greater cooperation and closer communication between District Council members and farmers.

This meeting resulted in the Dong Tung District Council accepting all of the suggestions from the farmers association to help create better cooperation between the two groups and recently invited farmer representatives to attend the district monthly meeting.