

FNN Representative Participate in Forum on Promoting Gender Equality in Livelihood

On February 24, 2010, FNN representative, Ms. Khuon Sey, accompanied by Mr. Meas Somica, CEDAC staff, participated in women forum on promoting gender equality in livelihood in Bangkok, Thailand, which organized by Oxfam GB.

There were 31 participants (included 21 women) from seven different countries attended the forum. The spirit of the forum is to promote culture of discussion and learning from each other, and start building contacts and networks to promote women's economic empowerment and leadership together, we are not able to this big job alone.

The forum was divided into two panel discussion sessions as following:

1. Oxfam panel discussion shared by Oxfam on continuing search for models and best practices

Four speakers of representatives of Oxfam GB from different counties shared their best practices on gender promotion in their working area as well as livelihood improvement in the framework of Oxfam GB. They also raised the problems which have challenged them and the appropriate solutions which had been used to solve those problems.

2. The guest or partner panel discussion

Five speakers, from different organizations non-Oxfam members, shared their practical experience in empowering women in the society. They shared how to help the women to stand in the society which start from building up the alternative options for improving their livelihood and then enhance their right and their standing in the society. It is to note that among these speakers, FNN representative, Ms. Khuon Sey, also shared about what FNN has been doing in term of promoting the balanced gender in Cambodia and improving their livelihood through promotion of ecological agricultural techniques and building their capacity in doing advocacy, problem solving and management and leadership and marketing.

As results, the participants could get more knowledge and deepened their experience through sharing their best practices on promoting the women's empowerment and they also could build their new networks in order to work together in promoting the balanced gender and strengthening farmers' livelihood. Ms. Khuon Sey has been strongly admired by Oxfam GB for her great contribution during the forum. She is really a great community women leader, who has contributed her time and energy in the merit of developing her remote community.