

Workshop on strategic plan development for reinforcement and expansion of saving for community prosperity, 13-14, 16-17 & 21-22 December, 2010

In order to reinforce and expand the activities in support local network of village-based saving groups (local SoSor), CEDAC and FNN organized three workshops:

1st workshop from 13 to 14 December 2010 was held at CEDAC office in Pursath province. 25 representatives and 4 assistants of the 21 local networks (21 Sosors) participated in the workshop and 4 staff members of CEDAC and FNN participated in the workshop. Those farmers from 27 villages, 23 communes, 12 districts, 4 provinces such as Kampong Chhnang, Pursat, Battambang and Benteay Meanchey province.

2nd workshop from 16 to 17 December 2010 was held at Sahakreas CEDAC slaughter house's office Skun in Kampong Cham province. 31 people (6 women) of the 12 Sosors from 26 villages, 18 communes, 11 district and 5 provinces were invited. Those provinces are Kompot, Kampong Cham, Kandal, Siem Reap and Kampong Thom.

The workshop was facilitated by Tath Sok, (CEDAC, Sosor coordinator and, Mr. Sean Buntha (FNN staff). It's noted that Mr. Oun Sophal, FNN president has participated in the second workshop he has presented the FNN background, membership fee, activities and the main results of FNN. And he also is sharing the progressing and experiences of Sosor's at Dong Tung as well.

3rd workshop from 21 to 22 December 2010 was held at FNN office in Phnom Penh. 32 people (6 women) of the 22 Sosors from 27 villages, 25 communes, 15 district and 4 provinces were invited. Those provinces are Prey Veng, Kandal, Svay Rieng and Kampong Speu. The workshop was facilitated by Sean Buntha, (FNN, project officer) staff).

These workshops achieved following objectives and outputs:

- Shared the progress of saving associations in 37 districts of 12 provinces
- Review the strength and weakness of the saving association and ideas for future improvement
- Developed five year plan 2011 – 2015
- Most of participants more understand on the FNN background, activities and results and membership fee. All of Sosor will discuss with their members how to collect and using membership fee at Sosor level.
- 16 criteria's of Sosor indicators has develop and active for discussion among the participants

At the end of the workshop, all participants gain more knowledge about the strategic plan, Ideas to improve their Sosor to complete all criteria's. They will also organize meeting to discuss with their members on what they learned. *Uploaded by Noy Kimhong, FNN reporter and writer*