

## Quarterly Meeting of National Board of Rural Women Network

PHNOM PENH: From the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, 2011, with funding support from Canadian Cooperative Association (CCA), FNN organized the quarterly meeting of **National Board of Rural Women Network** at FNN's head office in Phnom Penh. In total, 11 women attended including representatives from ten provinces including Kampot, Takeo, Prey Veng, Svay Rieng, Kandal, Kampong Cham, Kampong Thom, Kampong Chhnang, Pursat and Kampong Speu Province.

Dr. Yang Saing Koma, CEDAC's President and FNN's Advisor and Mr Pan Sophap, FNN's Director, also participated in the meeting to give some good advice and recommendations.

To begin the meeting, participants gave updates on the progress of their local communities, shared their experiences on management and leadership of women group at grass-root level and on food processing. Moreover, participants conducted reflection by comparing the situation of the last 4 or 5 years to the present and their next five years vision of their respective communities.

As a result of attending this meeting, participants have gained more knowledge and understanding on agro-products production, food processing and how it helps to link farmers to the market. Moreover, the following five specific activities were determined to be practiced in their communities:

1. Daily record the income and expense of the family
2. Dissemination and promotion of bio-gas (the bio-gas promotion)
3. Seed selection and seed purification
4. Transplanting the rice to get many clumps
5. Promoting the reserve fund/supporting fund for community when the project phases out

