

Sowing Sustainable Seeds

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Mondulkiri, Cambodia



Economic Empowerment

Budget \$14,000

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

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Overview

Mondulkiri province is situated in the north-eastern highlands of Cambodia, close to the Vietnamese border. It is home to a large population of indigenous groups, primarily the Bunong people. With cultural and livelihood connections to the forest, they remain among the most impoverished in the nation. Our partners are helping innovative indigenous farmers create sustainable livelihoods and take advantage of appropriate technology and local resources. They work with communities to identify resilience strategies, improve small-scale farming, build cooperation and organisation amongst the farmers and mobilise them for forest protection and rights linked to economic empowerment.

Objectives



Training and support for farmers



Innovative livelihood ventures

Impact

350 farmers have received seeds from the seed bank so that they can grow their own vegetable gardens, have received professional advice and techniques on organic farming and animal health or training on how to raise fish.

5 small-scale training workshops were run with traditional methods - then experiments were conducted to explore best techniques. Community members have also been experimenting with fish raising and mushroom growing.



Pern Hal's Story

Pern Hal lives in a remote village and had never heard about 'earning a living' or learning farming techniques for growing vegetables or raising animals before meeting our partners. "I have learnt techniques for growing vegetables in the dry season. This means my family has enough food and also some income from selling any surplus vegetables. I have learnt how to set up a fish pond and raise catfish. In a short time, I have been able to harvest fish for our daily needs. My neighbours have seen me raising fish and are interested too."



Life change

- Trainings in villages are helping to identify community leaders and representatives who can help raise awareness of both issues and solutions.
- Interaction between farmers and amongst youth and elders is proving very positive and is increasing unity.
- One farmer remarked "If everyone put into practice what we have learned, the whole community will prosper in the future."

