Improving the Food Nutrition Security and Resilience of Vulnerable Farming Households (IFNSR)

PROJECT GOAL

Improving food and nutrition security through Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA), Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture and market linkages in four districts of Banteay Meanchey Province.

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Stakeholders: Sovanna Phoun, Watanakpheap organization, Provincial Department of Agriculture, Provincial Department of Health, Provincial Committee for Disaster Management (PCDM) Operational Health District, District Disaster Management Committees (ODCMs), Community Disaster Management Committees (CCDMs), Village Health Groups (VHSGs) and Agriculture Cooperatives.

DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT

In 2020, flood inundation affected houses, infrastructure (roads, schools, health centers) and agricultural land, which badly affected 175,872 households in 14 provinces. In Banteay Meanchey alone 41,927 households (around 247,369 individuals including children) were affected by flood, including 5,437 households displaced.1

The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in declined income from both agriculture and remittance from migration members and livelihood loss for at least 23 percent of the 1,238 households.2

Drought has affected more than 6,600 hectares of paddy fields in Mongkol Borei district and another 3,300 hectares of rice paddies were destroyed impacting the farming the community at large.3

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AREAS

4 administration districts in Preah Neat Preah district, Thma Pouk, Phnom Srok and Mongkol Borei district in Banteay Meanchey Province.

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3 Provincial Department of Agriculture, Banteay Meanchey Province, 2020.
51 health care workers, 240 members of VHSGs, and role model mothers improved their knowledge and skills related to Infant and Young Child Feeding Practices.

900 mothers/caregivers participated in cooking demonstrations of nutritious food at village fairs by the end of the project.

720 out of 900 of beneficiary households registered as members of an Agriculture Co-operatives (AC) by the end of the project.

63 AC committee members improved their organizational management, business development, and marketing skills by the end of the project.

120 members of existing Community Based Disaster Risk Management committees have gained appropriate knowledge and skills.

729 out of 900 of vulnerable farm households would have improved their knowledge and skills related to Nutrition-sensitive and climate-adaptive agriculture practices.

The indirect beneficiaries are estimated to be 147,735 (29,547 women, 28,070 men, 90,118 children (including 48,663 girls), they will gain access to market products and services in the project area.

PROJECT APPROACHES

Improving knowledge and capacity of smallholder farmers to improve the availability of food, affordability and dietary diversity through Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture and Climate Smart Agriculture.

Empowering small-scale farmers in collective business, connecting them to agriculture input suppliers and linking the collective group to the output markets.

Promoting healthy and nutritious feeding for young children through engagement both at the community (micro) and provincial (meso) level.