

## **Second Meeting of District Network Leaders in Takeo province**

Second meeting of FNN district network leaders was organized on November 18, 2010, at Rokar Krao commune office, Donkeo city, Takeo province, which was financially supported by EED. There were 12 FNN district network leaders from 6 districts of Takeo province participated in the meeting and facilitated by FNN national president, Mr. Uon Sophal, and Executive Director, Mr. Pan Sopheap. The meeting achieved following objectives and outputs:

Shared and discussed recent development in each respective district after district structural networks being officially established, especially to update data about saving/credit capital.

Shared a brief of general concept of cooperatives, especially rice and rice mill business cooperatives. The meeting also discussed about how importance the cooperative is, especially with regard to empower farmers (coop members) to access into a fair market business.

Shared and discussed about professional farmers (specific producing farmers).

Shared and learned about how to effectively use small piece of farming land, water resources and natural inputs in order to become more self-reliant and sustainable farmers.

Prepared and made action plans included collection of membership fee.

The meeting provided room and opportunity for all participating representatives to share and learn from each others, especially to build better and stronger solidarity among them. It is important to note that currently there are 9 district networks (out of 10 districts of the Takeo provinces) have been officially structured under the umbrella of FNN, but this meeting only attended by 6 district representative leaders. Participants, organizers and facilitators were satisfied with the results. *Uploaded by NOY Kimhong*