

DEVELOPMENT DIALOGUE OF FNN'S NETWORK IN KANH CHREACH DISTRICT

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With support from Bread for the World (Bfdw), FNN network of Kanh Chreach district organized a Development Dialogue on February 23, 2015, at a resident of Mr. Chhun Sey, in Kroch village, Kdeung Reay commune, where around 35 members (whom about 17 were female) attended. Among them included Mr. Pen Than, commune chief Kdeung Reay, Mr. Ream Ny, chairperson of provincial network, Mr. Veng Paong, FNN district network, Pan Sopheap and Sean Buntha, FNN's Executive Director and Program Officer, and representatives of self-help saving associations of the district network.

The dialogue aimed to present activities and results of the FNN's district network in 2014, (2) reflect on challenges, threats and opportunity for community development of the district network, (3) overview about cooperation and collaboration with the local government and other stakeholders, and (4) set action plan for 2015-2016.

Reporting to the forum, Mr. Veng Paong, chairperson of FNN's Kanh Chreach district network, briefly updated about the development within the district network as of follows:

| # | Items | 2014 | | 2015 | | Variances | |
|---|---------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 | Number of associations | 11 | | 12 | | +1 | |
| 2 | Number of members | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female |
| | | 469 | 393 | 566 | 458 | +97 | +65 |
| 3 | Amount of saving capital | 478,727,500.00 | | 906,034,063.00 | | +427,306,500.00 | |
| 4 | Amount of collective fund | 1,723,400.00 | | 6,403,000.00 | | +4,679,600.00 | |
| 5 | Number of bio-digesters | 38 | | 38 | | 0 | |

After listening to the summary report, Mr. Pen Than, commune chief of Kdeung Reay, expressed his appreciation and interest with the development of FNN's district network of Kanh Chreach. He praised the great efforts of the FNN members and leaders who have been working hard to develop and succeed farmers, especially in Kanh Chreach district. The greatest development point that he observed during the forum was the increase of saving capital that more or less 99% in 2015. He extremely appreciated with FNN in good cooperation with government authority at all level, particularly the FNN in the district has always shared its contribution to local authority for community development. He generally observed that the farmer organization, especially the FNN network has contributed to the government development policy, particularly with regard to poverty reduction and community development.

Then, FNN provincial network, Mr. Ream Ny, and FNN Executive Director, Mr. Pan Sopheap, summarized about the FNN structure, networks and development, especially in Prey Veng province. Due to FNN Director, up to date, FNN covers 16 provinces 58 districts 208 communes 715 villages 771 self-help saving association (1,136 self-help groups) with around 50,000 members whom around 55% are female. To date, saving capital of FNN's members around the country is about US\$25 million and collective fund are around US\$400,000. FNN, in good cooperation with CEDAC, also planned to establish rice-mill cooperatives in major and potential district networks in terms of agricultural processing and marketing business. Both explained about the advantages and

disadvantages of paying membership fee to become members of FNN network. Both also admired about the progress and hard efforts of the members that has made such achievement for the farmers and good cooperation of FNN with the local authorities.

Commune chief and participants at the forum really appreciated with the achievement FNN's Kanhchreach district network since its inception. The district network spent around 600,000 riels (around US\$150) for solidarity lunch at the end of the dialogue that was not included expenses for travel of members. FNN national contributed US\$60.00 (sixty US\$).



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