



Report:

National Consultation Workshop on Promoting Family Farmers And Young Farmers in the context of Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change (Post-COP27/Pre-COP28)

1. Introduction:

Farmer and Nature Net Association (FNN) is a member of Asia Farmer Association for Sustainable Development (AFA). FNN with fund support from International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) and European Union (EU) through AFA facilitated the relevant organizations especially with Council for Agriculture and Rural Development (CARD) to co-organize a national consultation and follow through to promote the agenda of family farmers, especially young farmers, to mitigate and adapt to climate change, in the context of UNFCCC and Post-COP27/Pre-COP28 processes workshop on April 12, 2023.

2. Rational

The Asian Farmers Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA), with an alliance of 22 national FFPOs in 16 countries, is in its second year of implementation of the project entitled “Young Women and Men Farmers As Advocates for Sustainable, Climate-Resilient and Gender Sensitive Agri-Forest-Based-Livelihoods: Young Farmers for Farms in Forests, Forests in Farms”.

The project is funded by the Food and Agriculture Organization-Forest and Farm Facility. The aim of the project is to capacitate FFPOS and their NYFCs to support sustainable, resilient, and gender-sensitive agri-forest-based enterprises led by young women and men farmers and to provide a platform for them to engage in national and international policy process on climate action.

AFA, as an alliance, actively participated in the UNFCCC processes, specifically the Conference of Parties (COP27) last November 2022 in Egypt. Annually, the COP meets via a summit, with heads of states, experts and campaigners coming together to discuss various key climate change issues and work together to provide concrete solutions to tackle these global challenges. The

COP provides a platform for stakeholders to engage and potentially influence the outcomes of these global plans and targets.

AFA sees the importance doing a sustained and active engagement in the COP process to highlight the voice of family farmers in climate discussions. This November to December 2023, the COP28 under the UNFCCC processes will be held in UAE. Country delegations are beginning to prepare their statements, reports and key messages to COP28. It is a good opportunity to engage the governments as to the positions and messages they are bring to COP28. At the global level, regional and international farmer organizations are beginning to consolidate their positions and network with each other to highlight the role of agriculture and family farmers in sustainable climate actions.

In this regard, AFA through its members at the country level, supports the engagement of its members to conduct post-COP27 follow-through and pre-COP28 preparation with their respective governments.

3. Objectives

- a. Provide a platform for FFPOs and NYFCs to synergize with their governments on discussions on climate actions
- b. Share the initiatives, programs and policy calls of FFPOs and NYFCs that aim to mitigate and/or adapt to climate change
- c. Follow through on the agenda, commitment and actions taken by their governments in relation to COP27 commitments
- d. Identify entry-points in the policy processes in which FFPOs and NYFC representatives can be engaged, especially in influencing the agenda and key message in relation to UNFCCC COP.

4. Methodology:

The consultation workshop was designed to collect challenges and proposed solutions of climate change mitigation and adaptation and food system and nutrition of agriculture cooperatives and their members who are deemed to be smallholder family farmers and rural youth. The consultation workshop would help for analyses the results of interventions to mitigate and adapt to climate change. In order to obtain accurate information/reality, FNN used the following methods:

- FNN selected target provinces which most of the ACs mitigate and adapt to climate change related to net house and others initiatives.
- Main objective of the workshop was to assess the mitigate and adapt to climate change implementation FNN targeted representatives of National Farmer Organization as support to SNFO called AC, in total numbers is 314 AC. ខ្ញុំមើលអត់សូវយល់ទេ សុំផល។
- Ensure all participants can share ideas and information, FNN used Visualization in Participatory Programmed (VIPPP) methodology in the consultation workshop.

5. Target groups:

There are 27 participants including 4 are women targeted to take part in each of the three consultation workshops. FNN gave priority to women to participate in the consultation workshops. They are motivated to share ideas in group discussions. In practice, there were 6 National Farmers Organization are represented by 314 ACs invited to the workshops, development partner, NFO and Government in charge of climate change from CARD and a representative from Swiss-Contact.

6. Results



Introduction: Due to time constraints, too short for preparation and very close to Khmer New Year/Sangkran, some key speakers and participants were not able to manage their time to participate in the workshop. In so doing, the moderator had revised some agenda and program such as we invited Mr. Nil Sopheap, chairperson of the National Advisory Committee of Cambodia's APFP/FO4A to substitute Ms. Rebekah Bells, FAO Country Representative because she was absent and also skipped presentation of AFA and so on. The moderator, Mr. Pan Sopheap, introduced the workshop program and briefed some information related to COP27 and plan of COP28 with regard to agriculture and forest that contribute to food system/security, nutrition and supporting to small and young farmers.

The workshop co-organized by CARD and FNN under supported by AFA and FFF. As part of introduction, the moderator invited all participants to introduce themselves for better impression of key speakers, especially H.E Sok Silo, the Secretary General of CARD, to get to know participants who they are and where they from for better communication.

After having introduced the workshop's rationale, objectives, expected results, national anthem and self-introduction, Mr. Seu Rany, FNN's Chairperson of the Board of Directors, was

invited to deliver his warmly welcome remark. In his remark, Mr. Rany thanked the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General of CARD, H.E Sok Silo and H.E Dr. Say Ung, Mr. Nil Sopheap, and all participants for spending their busiest time to attend this important national level consultation and follow through to promote the agenda of family farmers, especially young farmers, to mitigate and adapt to climate change, in the context of UNFCCC and POST COP27/PRE COP28 processes.

In his remark, climate change is a global issue and big challenge small family farmers, especially young farmers at the rural areas included Cambodian farmers. He emphasized that the climate change negatively impact on agriculture in various forms such as flood, drought, outburst pests/diseases, and typhoon and so on. In this regard, the production costs in agriculture sector – agri-inputs such as seeds, fertilizers, pesticide, machineries, and energy are highly increasing from year to year that make farmers get lost in their farming investments due to imbalance between the production costs and selling prices. This critical impact that make farmers particularly young farmers who are the core of agricultural sector have gradually abandoned the agriculture. Therefore, in order to address those critical issues, the government, NGOs, civil society and private sectors together cooperatively look for better solutions to mitigate and adapt to the climate change. Mr. Rany mentioned representatives of six farmer federations/associations who attended workshop included FNN, FWN, FCFD, CFAP, FAEC Cambodia and FAEC. He addressed key activities that smallholder family farmers and young farmers have been doing so far as their essential contribution to the climate change mitigation and adaptation in order to secure food and nutrition.



He finally thanked and considered the workshop is very important to address the issues of food system, food security and nutrition, climate change, gender, market linkages and building partnership.

Due to FAO's representative was very busy and could not attend the workshop, then, second speaker, Mr. Nil Sopheap, chairperson of the National Advisory Committee (NAC), was invited to deliver his welcome remark. In general, Mr. Sopheap, talked quite similar to what Mr. Rany, FNN's president, just talked earlier before him. However, a key point Mr. Sopheap added was about a good solidarity among farmer organizations and CSOs and a good cooperation and support from the relevant government agencies, particularly CARD in this moment. In brief, he really thanked to the co-organizers and supporters and all participants who expended their invaluable time to participate in the important consultation workshop. He also appealed for a continuation of good cooperation and support from key stakeholders especially the NGOs/CSOs and the government agencies.



Finally, H.E Sok Silo, the Secretary General of CARD, was invited to deliver his opening remarks. In his first impression, he mentioned about the workshop preparation and processes due to time was very limited almost impossible for the public figure like him to co-organize the workshop. However, H.E highlighted an enthusiasm in term of cooperation and co-organized the workshop with FNN. He personally help invited some key people from MAFF, Ministry of Environment, and other agencies such as Swiss Contact and so on. However, due to time constraint some were not able to join. He thanked FNN, AFA and FFF for making the important workshop happened. He emphasized that he is very happy to cooperate because the workshop absolutely related to his works on food system/security and nutrition and climate change that he has been working for more than 20 years.

On behalf of CARD and on my own behalf as focal point of Food security and Nutrition of the Ministry of Cabinet Ministers, I really thank FNN for organizing this crucial workshop on UNFCCC and COP28, especially asked CARD to jointly co-organizers. He also expressed his thanks to AFA and FFF. In his opening remark, in Cambodia there are 53 members in the network on Food Security and Nutrition. He did not realize that there are more farmer

organizations, and CSOs are working on the same issues but are still out of the network. However, four among the 53 members of the network were invited and participated in the workshop included World Food Program, World Renew, Action for Development (AFD) and OREDA. As part of his accountability, responsibility and transparency in his works, on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, especially CARD/Ministry of Cabinet Ministers, and Ministry of Environment, he summarized activities (COP27) and activities plan of COP28 as of follows:

On climate change:

- Government of Cambodia also a member for UN for signatory on Climate change, to be preventing to the climate change
- Roadmap for food system and security
- Strategic plan2050 to be ensure that the climate change not increase more and Cambodia not building some factory related to the climate change
- The increase temperature is very various for food security, so the important for the measure need to adapt on climate change and Eco system for manage situation to adapt to climate change to ensure food security, Cambodia also will deduct greenhouse gas based on Principles of UNFCCC
- Development country need to share some cash to under development country to preventing the climate change.



On Food System:

- Food system, according to him, one out three have no full-nutrition (Speech HE).
- Food system to be adapted to climate change
- Strengthening governance to be inclusive of Food system
- Cooperation with other countries in the region and international to ensure food system
- Cambodia is one of the countries is easily affected by flood, drought, storm, typhoon, and so on.

In his final opening remark, he warmly welcome new CSOs and FOs to get involve with CARD working together to ensure that food system and food security in Cambodia are getting better and sustained. He officially declared the opening of the workshop.

In the following activities were taking group photos and break for refreshment.

After a break, the moderator invited H.E Dr. Say Ung, Deputy Secretary General of CARD, to present Food System/Nutrition and Climate Change mitigation and adaptation which related to COP27 and COP28. In his first impression, H.E Dr. Ung, mentioned that it is a good day that groups practitioners – farmers and CSOs – and the policy makers/the government can meet and exchange views through workshop discussion. A great thing was that H.E Dr. Ung proposed to the organizer team to create a telegram group for the participants who attended the workshop for future contact and better communication. In this regard, it really reflected that both the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General have opened space for our workshop members who are not yet members and get involved with CARD to have great chance to join the Food Security and Nutrition and Climate change in terms of COP activities and plans.

CARD planning 2019-2028:

- Food security
- One village one product
- Nutrition
- And Social assistance
- Techo 100 villages

H.E Dr. Ung explained that CARD works on policy coordination, information knowledge management, Monitoring and Evaluation, Capacity building training and so on. He wanted the Food Security and Nutrition are widely expanded to the whole Cambodia. In his presentation, he emphasized the importance of sustainability – it means that all development projects must help farmers to be more innovative, resilient and independent farmers who can sustain and survive themselves after any project phase out. In so doing, he encouraged farmers and all supporters to focus on new and innovative activities that can transform communities to be self-reliant and market driven.

Structure for lead and facilitation on food security and Nutrition sector

- At National level: We have technical working group on food security and Nutrition (TWG-FSN).

- Provincial level: we already formed the group of Food security and Nutrition at provincial level, if you want to connect these activities with provincial level, please going to registered with provincial level under the group of food security and nutrition to be solve the problems are appeal by farmer at the grass-root. At the sub-National level have a play role for solving the problems on food security and Nutrition.
- For the climate change In Cambodia, we have increase temperature between 0.8-1.6oC, so we need to use the seed tolerant and adaption to the climate change, for the climate change also effected to the yield of the products from 10% loss to 17%.

Cambodia agrees and approved with UN in COP27

- Keep increase the temperature less than 1.5oC
- Strengthening ambition for climate adaptation
- Promote and using cycle energy and effectiveness of energy
- Accelerate on greenhouse gas to deduce to 43% in 2030
- Stretching adaption based on the target areas
- Adaptation fund to received budget amount 230 million USD in new contract
- Reporting alarm system for climate change
- Water adaptation resilience
- Carbon Credit with REDD+
- Agreement Asian green
- Welcome to creates financing for losing and damage

Food systems for sustainable in 2030: Priority from Cambodia in 2030

- Factors to change food system: preparing food safety
- Planning will achieve in 2025: National strategic plan 2024-2029
- Planning will achieve in 2030: Food safety and easy to access

Enhancing women and youth

- Factors to change food system: promote women and youth to be access to leader
- Planning will achieve in 2025: Capacity building and support to women and Youth
- Planning will achieve in 2030: Women and youth vulnerable have offer opportunity attend regularly in policy engagement on food security and Nutrition.

For information access to the website on civil society in the provincial level, please access to the website: www.ODA Cambodia, for cooperation to be strengthening working group on FSN.

7. Sharing practical experiences working with FSN network at provincial level:

Mr. Som Sopheak, Executive Director of Action for Development (AFD), shared his practical experiences of working with Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) working group at Kampong Thom province. Firstly, he emphasized, we need to register at FSN working group at provincial level; and secondly, we need to build a good connection with FSN

working group in any activities at provincial level. When we are active with this working group we can organize any workshop and invite related focal person at provincial level to attend our workshop, then they know our organization or other working groups' members. When we became a member of the working group at provincial level we will learn more on policies, knowledge, and experience and also are able to share our organization's achievements to the group. We also have better chance to joint or co-organize workshops and share budgets together with other members of the working group, particularly with regard to any workshops that share common interest, topic and content. According to Mr. Sopheak becoming a member of FSN working group at the provincial level pay/cost nothing. Therefore, if we want to become a member of provincial FSN working group, we can directly come forward and contact provincial working group for membership registration. In his encouragement and motivation to becoming a member of the working group, he highlighted key advantageous points that having profited from being a member of the working group.

- Mr. Roath Sarath, ED of OREDA, shared his best practical experience of being a member of FSN provincial working group of Kampot province. He mostly echoed and agreed on what Mr. Sopheak ED of AFD, just shared earlier. However, he added that being a member of the working group we get update information both from the provincial working group and sub-working group at district level, which come together from inter-sectors in the province. As results, the authority at all levels in the province provided good cooperation and we can doing something related to project activities.
- Mr. Neth Sovann, Country Director of World Renew (WR), shared his experiences of being a member of the FSN/SUN working group at the national level. He maintained that WR has attended all related events of the working group. Therefore, WR mostly gets all update information about the working group. Now, as result of in this workshop, we have platform from CamboDHRRA and APFP-FO4A are representatives to the working group of FSN, under an initiative of H.E. Dr. Say Ung, who created a telegram group for better communication in the next events.
- Mr. Socheat, representative of World Food Program (WFP), also shared her experience as WR is a UN agency on food who become a member of the national FSN working group and plays very crucial role with the working group. According to her, working with Agricultural Cooperatives are very important to improve the situation of farmers.
- Moderator, Mr. Pan Sopheap, ED of FNN, asked if our partners who are working in Kampot province please contact to Mr. Roath Sarath from OREDA, for whom are working in Kampong Thom province, please contact Mr. Sopheak, from AFD. For whom are working in four provinces, Udar Meanchey, Siem Reap, Battambang and Pursat, please contact with WFP. Meanwhile, for partner's base in Phnom Penh, please contact with World Renew for approaching and being members of the working group on climate change and FSN for scaling up Nutrition (SUN). SUN locates in Phnom Penh and FSN locates at the provincial Level. For UN working on SUN-UN is in charge by WFP.

8. Results from FO Discussion

- What are the results of COP 27 (see results at above on agree and approved with UN in COP 27).
- What Farmer Organizations have done supporting farmers to mitigate and adapt to the climate change for COP28:
 - We have educated farmers on climate change and also application.
 - Building Biogas to get slurry for making compost
 - Apply agroecology (organic, GAP, PGS and multi agriculture)
 - Utilize inputs that are not harmful to the environment.
 - Utilize net-houses with drip irrigation and solar system. Repaired and rehabilitated irrigation scheme (water management in agriculture)
 - Selected tolerant seed for small holder farmers
- What farmer organizations are working on food security and nutrition?



- Formed producer groups
- Selected tolerant seed for farmer apply
- Food processing (safe food and Nutrition)
- Soil management and Crop rotation
- Young farmer and Women: farmer organization have a women member 75% and youth 20%.

9. Challenges: During the workshop we have found some challenges:

- There is no FO representatives are yet member of the FSN working group at the national level;
- The majority of FOs at provincial level do not have connection or contact of focal person on FSN in order to be a member of the FSN and food system.

10. Conclusion and recommendation

Conclusion: In general observation and evaluation, this consultation workshop is very fruitful and building a better and clearer connection/cooperation between farmer organizations coordinated by FNN, NGOs/CSOs and the relevant government agencies represented by CARD in terms of food security and nutrition and climate change mitigation and adaptation. As a part of our strategic engagement, we co-organized the consultation and follow through to promote the agenda of family farmers, especially young farmers, to mitigate and adapt to climate change, in the context of UNFCCC and Post-COP27/Pre-COP28 processes.

A key of success is that H.E. Sok Silo, Secretary General, and H.E. Dr. Say Ung, Deputy Secretary General of CARD, attended and delivered opening remark, made a presentation and delivered closing remark. H.E. Dr. Ung also brought bulks of three important documents (1) speech of Samdech Prime Minister Hun Sen on FSN/SUN; (2) book produced by CARD/Cabinet ministers on mainstreaming of FSN; and (3) Cambodia’s Roadmap for Food System for Sustainable Development.

Both, H.E. Sok Silo, Secretary General, and H.E. Dr. Say Ung, Deputy Secretary General of CARD, warmly welcome new organizations who want to become members of FSN/SUN working group at national and provincial levels and showed their commitment to continue cooperation and working together on promotion of agenda of family farmers, especially young farmers, to mitigate and adapt to climate change, in the context of UNFCCC and Post-COP27/Pre-COP28 processes.

Recommendation: All farmer Organizations need to involve with the FSN by communicating or having contacted with focal persons at national and provincial level based their project target provinces. Also, in the future, we may need to consider for co-organize any common issue/interest events in order to effectively utilize resources and bring bigger impacts.

11. Program:

Time	Activities/Objectives	Moderator
8.00 - 8.30	- Registration	FNN team
8.30 - 8.45	- Objectives and Expected results - Announcement of Guest speakers - The national anthem of the Kingdom of Cambodia - Program flows	Mr. Pan Sopheap And FNN Team
8.45 - 9.00	Welcome remarks of Mr. Seu Rany, President of Farmers and Nature Network Association (FNN)	

9.00 - 9.15	Welcome remarks of Mr. Nil Sopheap, Chairperson of the National Advisory Committee (NAC) of APFP/FO4A program
9.15 - 9.30	Welcome remarks of FAO Representative to Cambodia
9.30 - 10.00	Opening Remarks of H.E. Sok Silo, Secretary-General of the Council for Agriculture and Rural Development (CARD), H.E. Sok Silo is also a National Convener of Food System
10.00 - 10.15	Group photo and tea break
10.15 - 11.15	Session 1: Presentation on Food Security and Climate Change of the Kingdom of Cambodia at COP27 Conference by HE Dr. Say Ung, Deputy Secretary General of the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD)
11.15 - 12.00	Session 2: Discussion of the main points of COP27: Presentation by Asian Farmers Association (AFA) Highlights of COP27, lessons learned from AFA's involvement in COP27, and showing the damage caused by the Covid 19 crisis.
12.00 - 13.30	Lunch break
13.30 - 14.45	Session 3: Group discussion: Share experiences / lessons learned from attending COP27, and reflect on how to participate in COP28 activities. Facilitator and team
14.15 - 15.15	Session 4: Continuing action plan: What are the key activities planned for participation in COP28 in November in the United Arab Emirates? Moderator
15.15 - 15.30	Tea break
15.30 - 16.00	Wrap up and closing remarks, H.E. Sok Silo, Secretary-General of CARD