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Validation and Consultation Workshop on Draft Report on Analysis of Policy Aspects on Non-Communicable Disease in Cambodia



Phnom Penh, 01 July 2020 The NGO Forum on Cambodia, in collaboration with Oxfam, organized a workshop to verify data and consult on a draft report on the analysis of non-communicable disease policy aspects in Cambodia at Hotel Cambodiana, Phnom Penh. There were 72 participants (27 women) from representatives of relevant ministries, the private sector, development partners, national and international civil society organizations, higher education institutions and journalists.

The consultation workshop was organized for two main purposes which are:

- To consult, discuss and share information to relevant stakeholders include line ministries development partners, private sectors, academia, communities about Non-Communicable Disease analysis and legal aspect on 5 non-communicable investment case which focus on priority policy, opportunities and challenges of non-communicable

disease in particularly vulnerable women in Cambodia.

- To provide the opportunity for participants to illustrate the best-case scenario, action plan and its budget to solve the issue related to non-communicable disease in Cambodia.

According to Oxfam, director of Oxfam program, today’s consultation with stakeholders is an important effort to better identify the consequences and impacts of non-communicable diseases, especially on women and vulnerable groups, as well as reviews of government policies. All of these findings provide stakeholders the opportunity to seek strategies for supporting and promoting the necessary public services in response to NCDs in Cambodia, which accounted for 64% of the total mortality in 2018. Serious burdens have been placed on the national economy through the need for treatment and care and a decline

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in labor productivity. She stressed that Oxfam strongly believes that all stakeholders, especially the Government and development partners, national and international, donors will pay attention in response to proposed recommendations, formulate sustainable policies that benefit them. To the most vulnerable groups, raise funds to reduce these infections, especially for women and vulnerable groups. Oxfam with the National Budget Team will continue its dialogue with relevant national and international organizations and civil society to work together to reduce the non-communicable diseases of vulnerable women and vulnerable groups in Cambodia.

Mr Tim Vora, Executive Director of HACC, has raised about the Infectious Diseases (ID), which he mentioned that it has broadly recognized, and there has been a



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lot of intervention on those. Furthermore, there is a lot of success and a good story which so far, the government's goal and indicators have been achieved within the MDGs and other government policies related, for instance, HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis(TB) and ...etc. But for the NCD is massively increased, 41 million in the globe, while 64% in Cambodia. He illustrated that the Royal Government of Cambodia promulgated a lot of policies to respond on this, however, it was not like the intervention for the Infectious Diseases. He shared that the NCD need a lot of time to treat and there is a lot, but there are four types that are common such as: cancer, chronic respiratory diseases, Cardiovascular diseases and Diabetes a well as more twenty. In that event, he shared the suggestion as below:

- Should increase the awareness raising to the relevant stakeholders
- Ensure that we can access the information
- Should encourage youths to produce the app and sharing
- Increased budget to this sector
- Law enforcement and take more actions
- Increase the public spaces for a citizen to do exercises
- Strengthening and follow up at community and build community network on NCD
- Increase taxes on tobacco, cigarette, wine and allocate these taxes to NCD.

H.E NGHOUN Saman, before giving a keynote, his excellency equipped about hierarchy of the National Assembly. He said that there are 10 committee and he is from the 8th National Assembly which this committee is working focus on 4 sectors (Health, Social, Labor and Women affair). He was also shared the participants about the NA's commitment to work on



NCD such as, NA worked with WHO to conduct the awareness raising in Thbang Khmum province. NCD is the a-hide face killer which it has been burdened the Cambodian's economy. Regarding to the budget allocation, he found that the RGC has a triple increased to health sector, which this is based on the GDP growth. He shared about the key factors of the NCD such as: 1) inactive physical exercise 2) lack of food control 3) using alcohol (wine, and beer). Dealing with these issues, he suggested some recommendation including information sharing, awareness raising and integrated the NCD in the school curriculum. In his last speech, he welcomed the participation from development partners, NGOs, private sectors and encourages them to participate to combat for this issue.

Dr. TEK Vannara, Executive Director of the NGO Forum on Cambodia warmly welcomed all the relevant stakeholders who spent their value time to attend a such important consultative workshop. Overall, in his remarks focused on 4 important things: firstly he stated about the objectives of the workshop including 1) To consult, discuss and share information to relevant stakeholders include line

ministries development partners, private sectors, academia, communities about non-communicable disease analysis and legal aspect on 5 non-communicable investment case which focus on priority policy, opportunities and challenges of non-communicable disease in particular vulnerable women in Cambodia, and 2) To provide opportunity for participants to illustrate the best-case scenario, action plan and its budget to solve the issue related to non-communicable disease in Cambodia. Secondly, he informed about the Budget Working Group (BWG) with 12 members from local and international NGOs, while the NGO Forum on Cambodia plays as the secretariat and working entire 25 provinces. The purpose of the BWG is working to promote the transparency and accountability and fiscal management, which thus far, they have worked working closely with the Ministry of Economic and Finance. Aside from this, the BWG has linked their work to the regional as well. Thirdly, regarding to the NCD he shared the concern on the death rate from this disease, which it so far increased the burden for the socio-economic, and he has also raised about the significant.....

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Public Forum on Wetlands, Water Resources, and Climate Change in Mekong River Basin



The NGO Forum on Cambodia, in collaboration with CEPA, MVI and NTFP-EP, with fund supported from Oxfam and SRJS, organized Public Forum on Wetlands, Water Resources, and Climate Change in Mekong River Basin on 07 July 2020 at Reaksmeay Pich Hotel, Stung Treng Province. There were 52 participants (12 women) from representatives of the National Mekong Committee of Cambodia, Tonle Sap Authority, Freshwater Fisheries Research and Development Institute of Fisheries Administration, Tonle Sap Lake Fishing Community, Stung Treng Fishing Community Network, Deputy Governor of Stung Treng Provincial Board of Governors and national / international NGOs, as well as Professor of the Royal University of Phnom Penh, Royal University of Agriculture. The main objectives of this event were:

- Provided opportunities for stakeholders, including government agencies, community-based research institutes along the Mekong and Tonle Sap rivers, and civil society organizations to share their findings and views on WWC in the Mekong Basin.
- Compiled documents for understanding and disseminating the protection and conservation of Wetlands, Water Resources and Climate Change responses; and

- Provided dialogue opportunities among stakeholders to find solutions and develop action plans.

Dr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of the NGO Forum on Cambodia, revealed that Cambodia now has three Ramsar sites (Stung Treng, Koh Kapi, and Prek Toal). He added that the forum was attended by members of the four river communities: Sekong, Sesan, Srepok and Mekong. He stressed that in the past two or three years, the river level has risen later than usual, especially this year. He stated that water is a common commodity of people and sectors. Therefore, the discussion should be “straightforward” to raise the real problem of water resources.

Mr. Sok Khim, Representative of Oxfam Cambodia, Oxfam has been building the

capacity of many communities to deal with natural resource sustainable management and utilization, and to cope with disasters such as floods and droughts.

He stressed the importance of the Mekong River: about 60 million people are relying on the Mekong for agriculture, industry, urban life and tourism. At the same time, there are many developments along the Mekong River, such as hydropower dams, the expansion and creation of new cities, such as in Laos and China. More dams are under construction in Laos and China. Dams affect the Mekong water regime, fishermen (declining fish resources) and farm works.

In the opening speech, H.E Duong Pov asked to confirm the forum about the representatives from various regions of the country. The representatives he was most interested in were community representatives from the six provinces around the Tonle Sap Lake. By raising the hand, there was only one representative from Tonle Sap Lake areas.

His Excellency began to suggest that we meet to discuss based on existing documents to raise opinions. He reiterated that the Ramsar Convention (Ramsar City is in Iran) is a Wetland Convention. He suggested that the IUCN representative be allowed to comment on the Ramsar affairs.





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Validation Workshop on Large-Scale Rubber Investment In Cambodia



The NGO Forum on Cambodia (NGOF) organized a Validation Workshop on the Draft Research Study on Impact of Natural Rubber Investment in Cambodia which held on July 08, 2020 at Raksmeay Pich Hotel, Stung Treng Province. There were 31 participants (06 women) from Provincial Administration of Stung Treng and Mondulakiri, PDAFF of Stung Treng and Mondulakiri, Local authority and Community of Kbal Romeas Chas and Trpeang Krahorm, Oxfam, NGOF, SVC, RNN, and MVi.

Dr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of NGOF, in a welcome remark. He said that this event is organized by the NDF-C of NGOF that working toward the policy influence for sustainable agriculture. He also insisted all participants as stakeholders for this research study to have a deep review and provide inputs for improvement.

Moreover, this will contribute to promote the natural rubber plantation in Cambodia since Cambodia is facing the market issue. This research will come up with a national validation workshop in next step and it will be produced a document and widely share to public. This research will share in international platform to discuss for either benefits for small-scale rubber plantation. In this context, NGOF and Oxfam are currently initiate a collaboration with line ministry to escalate the sector as we have seen the tough situation of rubber products. We also would like to see the final products of rubber and its value chains have been engage with the buyer at international market. He thanks for this active participation so far and wishing all the best to all participants.

Mr. Sok Khim, Program Manager, Oxfam Cambodia had an impression on agro-industry such rubber plantation that Oxfam

has been supporting including coconut oil and sugar cane, etc. Since this sector is require more labor in the production processes to comply the international standard to be follow such human right respect, trading agreement, etc. So far, we have discussed with GDR about fluctuation of rubber market is still dramatic low because of Cambodian rubbers are export to neighboring countries. This may need more commitment to discuss with the international market/buyer in order to escalate our products. He emphasized on how to access to international market; this is a challenge that we all have to consider. Importantly, we need to learn from Vietnam since they have a good trend in rubber market with international market. Since there is least focus on this issue, it needs more commitment from all stakeholders. Last but not least, he interested in the workshop today since it will be useful documentation for concern stakeholders to learn and use the result for improvement.

Presentation of research finding by Dr. Rath Sethik, Researcher. The study presenting legal framework, environmental impact assessment and recommendation. The research methodology which target in Stung Treng Province and Ratanakiri Province. The target company are: 1) SIV GUEK INVESTMENT CO., LTD (Stung Treng), and 2) HOLY YKO INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD (Ratanakiri).

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Quarterly Member Meeting in July



On Wednesday July 22nd, 2020, the NGO Forum on Cambodia (NGOF) conducted its second QMM in a half-day started from 8:00AM to 12:00PM at Phnom Penh Ecumenical Diakonia Centre (PPEDC/ICF). There were 90 participants (31 women) attended this meeting. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Norng Sivouthan, Management Committee members of the NGOF and the Country Director of HEKS/EPER. There were three guest speakers from the Ministry of Planning (MoP), the Ministry of Economic and Finance (MoEF), and the Cambodia National Mekong Committee (CNMC) to update on 1. The progress of the implementation Cambodian Sustainable Development Goals (CSDGs) 2016-2030, 2. The Public Financial Management Reform Program; and, 3. The Hydro-power dam development in Mekong Basin.



The meeting started welcoming remark by Mr. Norng Sivouthan, shared participants on the purpose of the meeting and he raised the challenges due to Covid-19

outbreak. Furthermore, he advised all participants to adhere to the high sanitation to combat the Covid-19 pandemic. He also encouraged the members to follow the social distancing, respect the precaution of the Ministry of Health. Moreover, he shared about the NGOF's planning on the mid-term evaluation of a six-year strategy plan, which this need full participation from all members and network members.



Dr. Tek Vannara shared the progress update of the NGOF within the last quarter as the following:

1. The NGO Forum on Cambodia participated in the consultative meeting on the Luang Prabang, Lao which coordinated by the Mekong River Commission committee.
2. The NGO Forum on Cambodia, under the National Development Program (NDP), provided the training course on how to produce a video that focuses on National Budget Process at Rattanakiri province.
3. The networks of the NGOF: Land Resettlement and Housing Right Network (LARIN), Budget Working Group (BWG), Development Policy Working Group (DPWG), Indigenous People Forest Network (IPFN), River Coalition Cambodia (RCC), NECA and ND-FC conduct its regular quarterly meeting.

4. Cooperated with local authorities in Areng, Koh Kong province, and Promouy, Veal Veng district, Pursat province to celebrate the World Environment Day.
5. The NGOF cooperated with the Ministry of Rural Development conducted the technical meeting to collect the inputs on the last draft of Conservation and Development of Strategic Plan for Indigenous People.
6. Coordinate to conduct the validation workshop on Non-Communicable Diseases, which conducted at Hotel Cambodiana, Phnom Penh, in which 14 ministries have been invited to attend.
7. The NGOF conducted its Mid-Year Reflection at Kirirom, while the budget revision responding to Covid-19 has been amended.
8. LAHRiN Network, IPFN, and CSO REED+ conducted a consultative meeting to collect inputs for the draft of the action plans for the investment and implementation of REDD+ Strategy in Cambodia.
9. Conducted a Validation Workshop on the draft research study on the impact of Natural Rubber Investment in Cambodia.
10. Conducted a consultative meeting on Wetland, Water Resource and Climate Change for Cambodia in Mekong Delta.
11. Conducted a Validation Workshop on the Good Practices and Challenges in the primary mapping process.

H.E Poch Sovandy, Deputy Director General of Planning of the Ministry of Planning (MoP) shared on the implementation of the CSDGs, in which his presentation covered 1) History background of...

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Meeting Between Civil Society Organizations and Media Journalists



There were 20 civil society organizations work on environment, social development, education, health, children’s rights, fisheries, access to information, land governance, water resources and water infrastructure, natural resources management, indigenous peoples’ rights, public financial reform, budget transparency, social accountability, climate change, education, capacity development, youth participation, gender and disability in the National Strategic Plan for Development and the Sustainable Development Goals of Cambodia which were share to relevant the medias. To ensuring the development of Cambodian are inclusive and justice.

Therefore, the meeting between civil society organizations and the media is aim for cooperation in 2020 on ward and to achieve common goals, improve working more effective for the present and the future. The NGO Forum on Cambodia facilitated a meeting between 20 civil society organizations and 14 media networks which held on 04 August 2020 at the Cambodiana Hotel in Phnom Penh with a total of 42 participants.

Opening remark, Dr. TEK Vannara, Executive Director of NGOF, was warming welcome to all participants. This meeting total participants 42, 20 CSOs and 14 media institutions.

The main objectives of this event are 1) shared and presented by relevant CSOs on the organization is operating 2) Build good relationship and get to know each other and 3) CSOs and Media can build up good cooperation. He introduced relevant CSOs to present a brief of keys activities in 2020 that will be engaged media journalist to cover new.

There was some comment media for this meeting which in below:

- Establishment of a media group and a civil society organization (NGO / CSOs Group) aim to facilitate and coordinate for relevant stakeholder and share the information up-to-date.
- Through the media advisory, the content is should be clear and easy to understand, which clear objective of event and provide contacting information for media contact.
- The sources of information is subject of matter of media expression, media quotation of person should ensure that the information are balance, accurate, analytic, not bias and keep privacy and consensus to source information.
- CSOs organize launching reports or research reports should have internal media and communication person who in charge of produced media release, and develop clear content and easy for journalists to cover the news. The event should organize in the beginning of week and a half day morning which is good time for media journalists and have enough time to produced articles and media broadcast.





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1st Regional Conference on Land and Natural Resources Governance

The NGO Forum on Cambodia (NGOF) co-organized with 54 national and international NGOs to host 1st Regional Conference on Land and Natural Resources Governance on 11 August 2020 at Somadevi Hotel, Siem Reap Province. There are 250 participants who respectful venerable Bun Salut, Sang Rokhavorn Wildlife Sanctuary, Oddor Meanchey Province, H.E Pov Savoeun, Member of the Investigation and Anti-Corruption Commission of National Assembly of Siem Reap Province, Governor from Oddor Meanchey Province, Stung Treng Province, Kampong Thom Province, Mondolkiri Province and Ratanakiri Province. Representative of the Director of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Department of Rural Development, Department of Environment, Department of Land Management, Urban Planning, Construction, Department of Culture and Fine Arts, Mr. Nut Yuthy, Representative of NPA in Cambodia, Representative of sub-national, Representatives of development partners, national and international NGOs and University.

Welcome remarks by Dr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of NGOF, said that this conference is an important event which we co-organized with national and international NGOs as well as representatives of land communities, communities forestry (CF), community in protected areas (CPA), community fishing, indigenous peoples communities, NGOs, national and sub-national administrations, development partners, private companies and research institutions to provide opportunities to meet and learn from



each other, increase cooperation, share information and constructive feedback. At the same time, we will have a better understanding of the achievements, successes, challenges and concerns, suggestions and recommendations into the draft law, national policy, national strategic development plan and implementation. With high responsibility and achievement are more successful results as intended and expected.

Opening Remarks by Her Excellency Pov Savoeun, Member of the Investigation and Anti-Corruption Commission of National Assembly at the Regional Conference on “Land and Natural Resources Governance”. Cambodia has been preparing a strategic plan for the development of smart and green cities and national economic development to accelerate to achieve the objectives and results as stated in the National Development Plan 2018-2023 towards Cambodia Sustainable Development Goals. Take the opportunity of this conference to share informative of collective voices, experiences and raise straight forward on the issues raised by all stakeholders, and the constructive way in providing key input for the National Assembly, the Royal Government of Cambodia, national and sub-national authorities and development partners to continue to implement.





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Dissemination Workshop on Open Budget Survey and Website Launching



Transparency:

32 /100

(Open Budget Index score)



Public Participation:

6 /100



Budget Oversight:

50 /100

The NGO Forum on Cambodia organized a dissemination workshop on Open Budget Survey (OBS) and website launching which was held on 25 August 2020 at Raffle Hotel, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The launching was attended by key stakeholders including Development Partners (DPs), CSOs/NGOs, Youths, academia, and researchers total 54 (26 women). The objectives of the launching were: 1) disseminate the OBS 2019 findings and recommendations for Cambodia 2) share Key findings on a Legal and Policy Framework Review on Public Participation in Public Financial Management in Cambodia and 3) increase the dissemination of Budget information through presses and other media.

(MoEF). Dr. Vannara has also remarked on the significant changes related to promoting the participation, however, the score related to budget oversight was slightly decreased, second related to result finding on legal policy framework review on public participation in Public Financial Management (PFM) in Cambodia and the third is about website launching. Dr. Vannara has also thanked all BWG members both in national and sub-national who always have a strong effort and support each other to improve transparency and accountability. Last the event aimed to share related to the National Cambodian Budget website, Dr. Vannara encouraged all stakeholders could access. It is a good website; stakeholders could access important documents from this website.



Mr. Javier thanked all participants, especially the NGOF, EU has supported the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) for more than 5 five years. He expressed and gave value to the event as a very important event, especially the OBS, which could promote transparency and accountability in Cambodia. He elaborated on the historic background of the score of OBS from 2015 which the trend has a positive change. The documents have been shared by MoEF on time, and we can access it from MEF's website. He also congratulated the NGOF who has worked on this important thing. He shared about the value of transparency, and he thought that if the people do not know meaning the budget preparation is not transparency.



Welcome remarks by Dr. TEK Vannara, the Executive Director of the NGOF, started by thanked EU's representative Mr. Javier, Ms. Lim Solinn, and all participants who participated in that day. He shared with participants the purposes of the event. The result of OBS will be presented by Ms. Sally, a program officer of the International Budget Workshop. He stated that so far the NGO Forum has worked closely with IBP and joint peer review by the Ministry of Economic and Finance



There was a presentation of Ms. Sally, a program officer for Asia through a video conference lived from the USA, a presentation on the resulting key finding on a Legal and Policy Framework Review on Public Participation in Public Financial Management in Cambodia, presentation on the next quarterly plan and national Cambodian budget website.



Keynote and Open remarks by Ms. Lim Solinn, Oxfam Executive Director, she started by thanked for EU, a representative from IBP, community representative, NGOs. She said that the event on that day was a good result. She shared the commitment from Oxfam to support and build capacity for NGOF and its members. The commitment from Oxfam is still keeping to support both technical and support work in providing services...

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Celebration of 26th International Day of Indigenous Peoples



On August 09, 2020, at Sang Rokhavorn Wildlife Sanctuary, Oddar Meanchey Province. This year we celebrate 26th International Day of Indigenous Peoples to the world and 16th for Cambodia. There were total of 257 participants who from 28 of national and international NGOs and representative of indigenous peoples in 8 provinces (Oddar Meanchey, Preah Vihear, Kratie, Stung Treng, Kampong Thom, Ratanakiri, Monduliri and Kampong Speu Province, representatives of the Ministry of Rural Development, representatives of the Oddar Meanchey Provincial Governor, Department of Rural Development, professors, students and the media journalists.

Dr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of NGOF, on behalf of the Indigenous Peoples and Forestry Network, which has 48 national and international organizations. He highlighted the Secretariat's key action plans for the conservation and development of indigenous peoples:

Civil society organizations have agreed to celebrate the 26th International Day of Indigenous Peoples in order to promote indigenous peoples' rights through public recognition and to raise public awareness of culture and issues of Indigenous peoples in Cambodia. The purpose of this event are:

1. Organizing three regional conferences and one national conference on Land and Natural Resources Governance that enables indigenous community representatives from all provinces of the Kingdom of Cambodia to meet and discuss the priority needs of indigenous peoples. In order to conserve of culture, natural resource management, livelihood and community development.
2. Continue to support the Department of Minorities of the Ministry of Rural Development to approve the draft Indigenous Peoples Conservation and Development Strategy to implement the Royal Government's Indigenous Peoples Development Policy for the benefit of indigenous communities in Kingdom of Cambodia.
3. Continue to support Indigenous Community Committees, especially those registered to receive indigenous collective land, to improve their livelihoods, social welfare, and strengthen

- Celebrate the International Day of the World Indigenous Peoples
- Disseminate to the public to understand and contribute to the preservation of indigenous culture and customs
- Meaningful participation of indigenous peoples in sustainable natural resource management and resilience to climate change
- Develop the livelihood of indigenous communities, especially women, in accordance with the National Policy on the Development of Indigenous Peoples of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- Raise awareness of indigenous communities on Covid-19



- the implementation of the Rules and Regulations of Indigenous Communities.
- 4. Facilitate and promote the establishment of Indigenous Peoples Alliance through registration with the Ministry of Interior, so that indigenous communities have sufficient capacity to participate in community development in accordance with the policies of the Royal Government.
- 5. Support initiatives to preserve indigenous cultures, languages, and heritage through the establishment of Indigenous Cultural Centers.
- 6. Continue on research study and improve documents related to indigenous collective land registration, such as internal regulations, statutes and preliminary maps, to facilitate the indigenous community collective land registration process which are faster and more efficient.
- 7. Continue to support and strengthen the capacity of community committees to raise awareness among members, build cooperation and solidarity, especially access to land benefits and security during the inter-ministerial land registration campaign.
- 8. Promote capacity building and increase the implementation of the safeguard Information System (SIS) to protect the interests of indigenous peoples through the implementation of the national REDD + strategy.
- 9. Continue to implement projects on natural resources and biodiversity for the betterment of society, the environment, especially indigenous peoples, by enhancing the participation of authorities and stakeholders in the process of zoning identification in protected areas, and to improve the livelihoods of indigenous peoples through customary rights in protected area.

There were some media journalist were cover the news, which are in the link section below:

1. Thmey Thmey: <https://bit.ly/2UkARTr>
2. BTV: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EkUBXqnC364>



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Sub-National Farmer Forum in Kampong Thom Province

Sub-National Farmer Forum on enable farmer to access Water, Capital, Markets and Agri-business focuses on Rice, Chicken, Vegetables, Cashew nuts and Cassava production was held at Provincial Administration hall of Kampong Thom province, August 28th, 2020.



The forum was initiated by Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Kampong Thom province and Action For Development (AFD) with supportive collaboration of partner organization including Oxfam, NGO Forum on Cambodia and other partners in Kampong Thom province. This forum engaged key relevant stakeholders including Government officials, Private Sector, CSOs, farmers and Agriculture



Cooperative (AC) representative, with total 189 participants, 78 women. The Forum's thematic areas discussed which focuses are enable farmer to access Water, Capital, Markets and Community Agri-business.

Training on "OPERACY"

The NGO Forum on Cambodia organized training on "OPERACY" which is trained by Mr. Christopher Lee, the author of OPERACY Book and Training, and HEDC International Human Development Specialist. at Human Earth Development Center (HEDC-Cambodia) from 26-28 August 2020 at NGO Forum's office. The objective of this training is to provide the capacity development to the NGOF's staff on the soft skill of "OPERACY" including:

- Improving the self-regulation and confidence.

- To equip NGOF's staff's capacity on the use the concept of success and development, personal empowerment
- To improve personal performance, productivity, and satisfaction of staff. Team members in the workplace, family, and in the community by developing their social and emotional skills and enhancing their positive mindsets and habits.

Mr. TEK Vannara emphasized the Operacy training course that will provide opportunities to all NGOF staff and interns to improve their soft skills. He members that he used to be attended this training once in 1999. And now more than 20 years again here at NGOF together with all staff he can refresh this course with new updates of the course. He wishes all participants to have fruitful training and ask as much as questions to the trainer if they are not well clear or catch up during this training and hopefully, they can use what they have learnt to apply in our working place for successful in both work and social.





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On The Media



Topic: The role of civil society organizations in finding solutions to climate change

Date: 12 August 2020

Speaker: Mr. TEK Vannara, Executive Director of NGOF

Source: Blue Media

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UPCOMING EVENTS/HOLIDAYS 2020

03 September

CSO consultation workshop on draft Agriculture Strategic Master Plan 2030

02-03 September

Technical Meeting on Reviewing Bylaw and Internal Rule of IPs

07-08 September

National Reflection Workshop on CSDGs Framework 2016-2030 and NSDP 2019-2023

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2nd Regional Conference on Land and Natural Resource Governance

25 September

Provincial Dialogue Workshop on “Citizen Engagement in Budget Formulation and Monitoring Public Budget Expenditure Process at Sub-National Level” at Ratatakikri Province

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Provincial Dialogue Workshop on “Citizen Engagement in the Budget Formulation and Monitoring on Public Budget Expenditure at the sub-national level ” at Siem Reap Province

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Training Workshop on Budget Analysis and Advocacy for NGO Budget Working Group

30 September

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01-02 October

3rd Regional Conference on Land and Natural Resource Governance at Kampot Province

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Public Forum on “Citizen Engagement in Budget Formulation and Monitoring on Public Budget Expenditure Process”

14 October

Consultation and Validation Workshop on Draft Report on the finding and recommendation for impact of the cross-border investment in agriculture on Environment Social and Governance (ESG) in Cambodia

21 October

9th National Farmer Forum on Smallholder Farmers during the COVID-19

22-23 October

Annual General Meeting and Network Reflection 2020



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