

A Positive Change for Self Help Group

Thnal Dach Village is one of the village in Sang Voey commune which has been supported by ADDA/READA organization, Integrated Women Empowerment Project since 2006. The project offers the training to the villagers on the agricultural technique of veggie plantation, animal raising and forming self help group (SHG). One of the purposes to form the SHG is to save the money and managing some part of its saving money to offer loan to the members for agriculture and emergency purposes.

The processes of running SHG is to conduct the regular meeting twice a month required each member to save the money into the saving box at least 2000 Riel for every meeting. Meanwhile, the members do not just meet to save the money but they are also offered with the training courses on vegetable plantation, animal raising, business analysis, business management, leadership and book keeping, etc. With such supported training courses, it enables the SHG status healthy. For instance, the saving money is increased up to 7,377,000 Riel. The money can be distributed to the members in approximately 400,000 Riel and remaining interest 2,011,000 Riel.

Additionally, based on the strict observation, the members have scaled up their small scale veggie plantation to the bigger scale which enables the members to use some of their product for consumption and sell it to the market. It is noticed that the veggie plantation and chicken raising boost the livelihood of the family. The villagers can accesses enough food and have enough money to send their children to go to school for better education.

Furthermore, the villagers are offered with the opportunity and knowledge to join the Commune Investment Plan (CIP) where they can raise their prioritized need to the local authorities. Moreover, the project also offers them the advocacy tactic where they can use it as the tool to challenge and seek the support from authorities.

As the result, after CIP, Thnol Dach village has been supported by five projects of the commune such as :

Kinds of Project	Unit	Quantity	Year Propose	Year Implement	Support by
Road construction (made from write soil)	Meter	200	2013	2014	Commune budget
Toilet	Family	161	2013	2014	ADB
Electricity city accessed	N/a	N/a	2014		No support
Road construction (made from write soil)	Meter	2500	2013 2014	2015	Commune budget
Canal construction	Meter	2083	2013 2014	2015	Small Holder project
Pond renovation	Unit	2(60X60m/80X40m)	2014	2015	Small Holder project



- Road construction (made from white soil) implemented 2014



- Road construction (made from white soil) implemented 2015



- 161 families had toilets



- Canal construction



- 2 Ponds renovation and supply water full year



So far, these five projects have been implementing properly and the villagers are more than enthusiastic to take part in the commune development and commit to actively join the Agricultural Cooperative in the future.