

The need of water supply

Tropieng Veng village is one of the 12 target areas of COCIS Project where it located in the Spean Thnot commune, Chikreng District, Siem Reap. This village is not quite different from other villages since the villagers cannot access clean water in the dry season. The reason was that the source of water is very deep in the earth and it is hard to get it out through the normal ring well in the dry season. Another reason was that the villagers cannot afford the budget to buy water pipe to set up as the ring well. They badly face the shortage of the water during the dry season, around 5 months start form January to May.



Self Help Group decided to seek support from the project to building the ring wells. By seeing such difficulty and need, the project supports the SHG with the budget of USD405 to complement to the contribution budget of the villagers of USD305. As the result, 3 ring wells were built. The 3 ring well locates in village and the ring wells do not support only the SHG members but it can support the people in the community as whole. By roughly calculating, 32 families benefit from these ring wells while 13 families are the SHG members. On the other hand, because of the climate change, it makes this year too hot and long dry season so the ring wells and ponds of the people in the communities nearby were very dry. Luckily, by building these 3 ring wells, it can support the other people outside the community up to 48 families where they are from Lvea, Thnol Keng and Thnol Luok Village.

The two families among the three families who support the location to build the ring well are very poor. All the villagers express their favor with these families while their ring wells can help them when they face shortage of water badly.



A 45 years old lady, Em Sam, who are responsible for 4 children and an old mother and her husband is a labor worker, are very happy with the ring well and she built the garden for corn and bean plantation to support her family income by using the water from this ring well. 'There are 8 families use these ring wells even the ring wells start to supply less and less water.' said Mrs. Em Sam.

Another 57 years old lady, Mrs. Chiem Chek, who are living with 2 children and a very sick husband expresses her sincere thanks to the project that can support water to 20 families in her communities for consumption and other uses. She plans to plant the vegetable by using the water from the ring well.



Furthermore, another 53 lady, Mrs. Em Hart, who is living with the 4 children and living a little bit far from the village, mentioned that around 20 families from her community is using one of the ring wells and her ring well can support more water. With enough water supplies, she can plant more vegetable properly.

All the SHG members express their sincere thanks and gratitude to the project support which can boost their livelihood through water consumption and vegetable plantation.

