

Achievements of IWEP I

Farmer Field schools (FFS) and Women's Self-help groups (SGH) were the main mechanisms for delivering support to the project beneficiaries. During the four years, there were substantial increases in the production of livestock and vegetable of the participants and many moved one step up of the poverty rating ladder from Q4 to Q3. 200 FFS were conducted with approximately 6,000 participants in 114 villages. 87 well functioning SHGs have established with 1,000 members which mostly are female farmers.



53 effective village extension workers were trained at the Training of Trainer course conducted by IWEP. 27 including 21 female out of 43 active village extension workers (VEW) were trained to be Village Livestock Agents (VLA) by Department of Agriculture.

In addition, the project has successfully provided full scholarship to 10 poor female students for a bachelor degree at Prek Leap National School of Agriculture.

Integrated Women Empowerment Project II

With a great achievements of IWEP phase I and for continuing this success, an additional four years of the IWEP project has been approved by DANIDA, the main sponsor of IWEP, to be implemented by the partners. ADDA - READA and Banteay Srei from April 2009 to March 2013.

Responsibilities and tasks of each organization have been developed. ADDA as the lead agency is in charge on the overall management and communication as well as technical support to local counterparts. The local partners are participating in its expertise activities such as establishment of Integrated Farmer Field School (IFFS) and Community Based Organizations (CBO) and provision of women leadership training.

The aim of the IWEP II is to empower women to reduce their families' poverty and food insecurity, and to enable them to engage in leadership of their communities, in five districts in Siem Reap province.



Target groups and project areas

The project targets poor households in poor villages in five districts, Pouk, Banteay Srei, Prasath Bakong, Sotr Nikum and Chikreang in Siem Reap province with special attention to vulnerable women. The Quintile system divides population into five categories while Q1 is being the richest and Q5 being the poorest. Q3 to Q5 live below the poverty line (<1\$/day). IWEP I targeted Q3 and Q4 households, IWEP II including beneficiaries who live on the daily basis Q5.



In order to sustain the success of phase I, IWEP II will continue to work in the same current villages plus additional 30 new villages in the poorest districts.

IWEP II objectives

The development objective of IWEP II: *“To reduce poverty by empowering poor rural women to succeed social and economically in their home community in five districts in Siem Reap province”*. There are four main intended results:

1. **Agriculture Income:** poor farm families' agriculture production is diversified and net income sustainability increased.
2. **Micro enterprises:** value added to village agricultural products increase.
3. **Women's Leadership and civil society:** more women become effective leaders and advocates for women's rights in the communities. Local civil society organizations are strengthened, and commune councils respond effectively to the demands and recommendations of women in civil society organization.
4. **Local Partners:** IWEP II local partners (READA and Banteay Srei) have increased organizational and individual capacity to deliver rural development and women's leadership training and other gender sensitive activities.



Project main activities

- Integrated Farmer Field School including home gardening and chicken rearing for family food security will be introduced.
- Formation of new SHGs in existing and new villages.
- New and existing SHGs will be registered as a Community Based Organizations (CBO)/ Farmer Association (FA).
- Linkage between SHGs and Microfinance Institutions.
- Needs-based-focus training sessions will be conducted involving female SHG members on new agricultural technology.
- Conduct TOT for Village Extension Workers (VEW) and Village Livestock Agents (VLA).
- VLAs and VEWs will form an association in order to share experience and for future sustainability.

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