

Sustainable financing for climate action through community forestry in the Prey Lang landscape

Background

Project period : 18 months (November 2020 –May 2022)
Project target: 10 Community Forestry CF in 2 Provinces (Kratie : 5 CFs and Kampong Thom: 5 CFs)
Fund by: Cambodia Climate Change Alliance - phase 3 (CCCA 3)
Implementation by: Regional Community Forest Training Center for Asia and the Pacific (RECOFTC)
RECOFTC Project Partner Contribution:
 1- Establishment of the pilot sites for the innovative FLR interventions (FAO-FLR) Kampong Thom and Preah Vihear.
 2-Partners for Forestry and Fisheries-PAFF 2&3
 3- Promote Sustainable Forest Management for Resilience Communities in Prey Lang Landscape Kampong Thom and Preah Vihear

Objective, Outputs and key activities

Overall Objective
Cambodia's most vulnerable citizens become more resilient to climate shocks and improve the ability of landscapes to adapt to and mitigate climate change

Outcome 1
 CF and government agencies, including local authorities and technical departments, are able to deploy effective climate change mitigation and adaptation activities for CF management

Outcome 2
 Sustainable financing of CF credit schemes are introduced and expanded, enabling CF communities to protect their forests and contribute to improved livelihoods

Outcome 3
 Forest cover of target CFs is increased and existing cover is well- protected, as a result of better funding, and implementation of climate-friendly plans

Implementation progress (Outcome 1)

10 CFs Annual Operational Plan (AOP) of target CFs was revised to incorporate CCMA activities based on CCVA framework completed reviewed.



Support 4 provincial quarterly CF network meetings, 3 in Kampong Thom and 1 in Kratie province and 2 PCFPCC meetings in Kampong Thom (planned 12 CFs network & PCFPCC per years)

Supported PCFPCC to take action in one case of CF land encroachment in Kg Thom



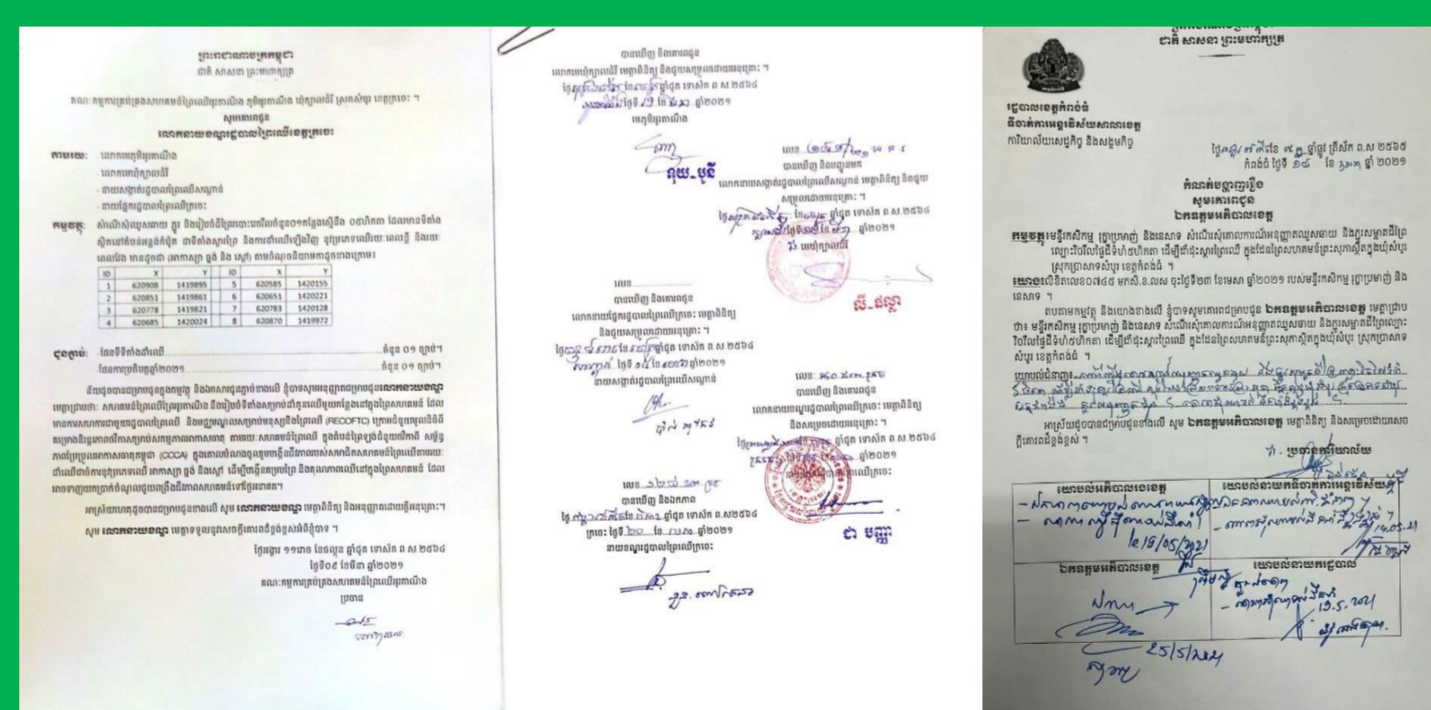
Implementation progress (Outcome 2)

- Capacity of existing CF credit groups of 10 CFs were conducted assessment or further improvement (Financial report, case book & CF credit report)
- The total of USD 25,000 (LOA1:USD20,000 and LOA2: USD5,000) were top up for 10 CFs credit which total capital increase up to USD 51,487
- There were 568 CFs credit members (288 women, 51%) get benefit from CF credit to support livelihood.
- There are USD 1,143 per quarter Jul-Sep) contribute for CF management plan implementation including CF patrol, planting Tree and maintenance the planted tree.



Implementation progress (Outcome 3)

- 60 ha completed demarcation approved by PDAFF and provincial Governor, land preparation (2 CFs in KPT=10ha & 6 CFs in KRT=50 ha)
- Total of 135,750 tree seedling, 3 species (80,350 of Acacia seedling, 29,450 Thnoug seedling, 23,700 Kranhoun seedling and 2,250 Sadav seedling) are planted by 332 participant (153 women, 46%)
- 31 groups is formed with 250 CFs members (57women, 23%) to engaged regularly tree maintenance activities.
- The total forest areas of 6,059 Ha of 10 CFs was protected through out regularly engaged in forest patrolling by CF members (8-10 people participated 3-4 patrol events per month in respective CFs).



Key challenges and lessons learned

- Flexibility in project implementation enables the project to move ahead as planned despite the high outbreak of COVID-19. The field staff mostly worked distantly with stakeholders FAC and local authority.
- CF credit is a new mechanism contributed to sustainable CF management by using CF credit interested in supporting CF management plan implementation.
- The request for land preparation for tree planting in CFs are vary depend on situation of land conflict, (**Kraite:** the PDAFF approve request from CFs to prepare land just within a week. **Kampong Thom :** take months to get approval from provincial governor as recently there is land use conflict)
- 2 of local tree species (Kra Nhoun and Thnoug) and One exported specie (Acacia) is really resilient and adapted to the Climate Change even those affected by high rainfall.

