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CAPACITY STRENGTHENING FOR COMMUNITY PROTECTED AREA DEVELOPMENT (CPA) COMMUNITIES IN BOEUNG PER WILDLIFE SANCTUARY TO ADAPT TO THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE



PURPOSE OF PROJECT

Capacity strengthening for community protected area development project has five main aims:

- Building community capacities on climate change vulnerabilities and adaptive capacities for climate change adaptation within targeted communities;
- Integrating community-level adaptive capacities to reduce vulnerabilities in CPA regulations plan;
- Developing adaptive actions and strategies for building pilot climate-resilient communities in the Boeung Per Wildlife Sanctuary;
- Encouraging the participation of local marginalized groups (such as women and indigenous groups) in biodiversity conservation to address the problems occur from climate change (and demonstrating a practical model of community-based adaptation for national extension and scaling up); and
- Developing essential capacities for staff and demonstrating an institutional model for the Department of Research and Community Protected Area Development (RCPAD) under the Ministry of Environment, and Provincial Departments of Environment of Kampong Thom, Siem Reap and Preah Vihear in supporting community-based climate change adaptation planning processes.

KEY RESULTS

- Competencies (knowledge and skills) of trainers at national (RCPAD/GDANCP) and sub-national levels (DoE, DoWR, DoAFF) and CPAMCs and commune councils in CPA climate change adaptation are increased and effectively applied in practice at target CPAs;

- Climate change adaptation planning and interventions are implemented and mainstreamed into CPA regulation/management plans of target CPAs, which are also aligned with other climate change and natural resource management plans in respective communes;
- A functioning community-based adaptation learning network supports its members and influences relevant national CPA policies, laws and regulations;
- Lessons learned are documented and influence the improvement/refinement of the existing CPA regulatory framework, guidelines, and implementation.

BACKGROUND

Cambodia is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. The frequency and intensity of floods may increase with changing climate conditions, and cause severe damage to rice harvests. Successions and combinations of droughts and floods have resulted in a significant number of facilities and considerable economic losses. Losses arising from floods have been further exacerbated by deforestation. Floods have accounted for 70% of rice production losses between 1998 and 2002, while drought accounted for 20% losses. The preparedness of villagers to extreme climate events is low, as is their adaptation capacity to climate change. The targeted Community Protected Area (CPA) communities by the project are among the most at-risk in Cambodia to the adverse impacts of climate change. Local people are very poor and located in remote community protected areas. The population is directly reliant on local forest products e.g. non-timber forest products (NTFP) and forest services for their livelihoods. The area is prone to natural disasters such as flooding, drought, and storms. There remains a lack of awareness and capacity to plan and implement CPA resources and biodiversity to adapt to climate change impacts among local stakeholders, especially CPA communities. There is currently no suitable practical model for demonstrating community-based climate change adaptation in Community Protected Areas. The main activities of this project focus on strengthening capacity of all actors in assisting CPAMCs/CPA communities to develop and implement actions for adapting to climate change impacts.

DURATION	15 months
TOTAL BUDGET	\$373, 471.75
CCCA-TF CONTRIBUTION	\$298, 346.75
CO-FINANCING	Government office space and office furniture.
PROJECT DELIVERY	N/A
PROJECT STATUS	New project
LEVEL OF INTERVENTION	National (RCPAD/MoE) and sub-national (at the province level DoE in Kampong Thom, Siem Reap and Preah Vihear province) and targeted 19 CPA communities.
PROJECT PARTNERS	Regional Community Forestry Training Center for Asia and Pacific (RECOFTC). Targeted 14 commune councils in Kampong Thom, Siem Reap and Preah Vihear province.
LOCATIONS	CPA communities in Boeung Per Wildlife Sanctuary located in Kampong Thom, Siem Reap and Preah Vihear provinces.
CCCA PROGRAMME	Result 3
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