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CAMBODIA INTEGRATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINAL REPORT

Clean Water Project and Village Natural Products Project in SAMEIT VILLAGE

June 2024



*"Do not hold the pain - drop it and move on for yourself
and others. Real life is about caring for people, not only for
yourself."*

Phealy Kim (Ly), HOPE Cambodia Executive Director

PROJECT SUMMARY

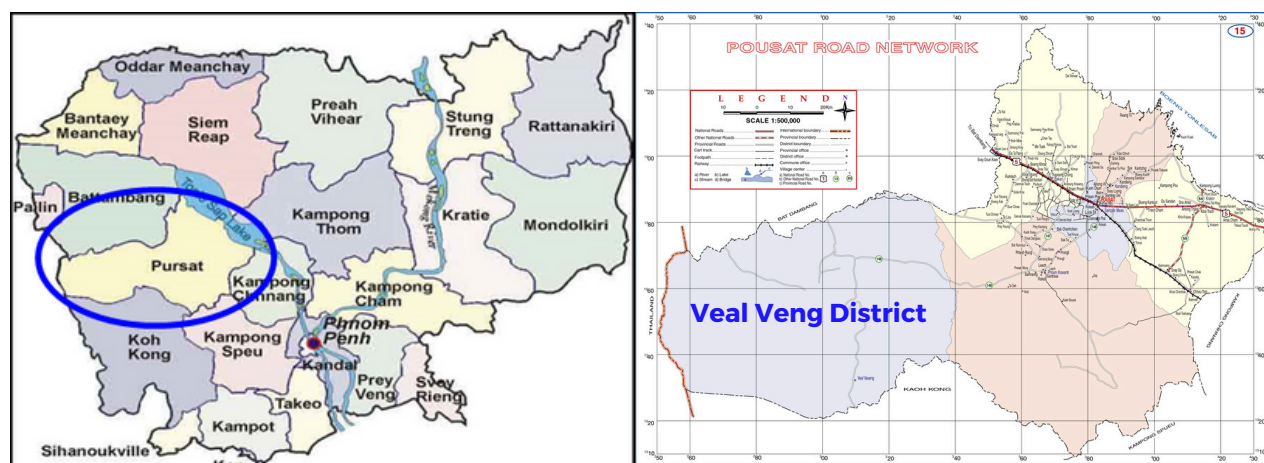
HOPE's mission in Cambodia is to help communities become sustainable and improve rural livelihood through integrated community development, providing poor villagers with resources and tools to increase their standards of living and pursue income generation activities.

Permanent access to clean water is ranked as a high priority in the extremely needy communities, and is the first step of HOPE's integrated community development program, followed by sustainable livelihood and education for the future generations.

1. Project Title: a) Water Project and
b) New Business Development (Village Natural Products) in Veal Veng District

2. Project Period: January 2023 to June 2024

3. Project Location: Sameit Village, Krapeu Pee Commune, Veal Veng District, Pursat Province, Cambodia



4. Beneficiaries: 202 households (783 persons) of Sameit Village

5. Project Goal: to improve the overall standard of quality of life, especially health and livelihood, of underserved poor families in Sameit Village, within the major components of the two projects: Water Use and Sanitation, Nutrition and income generation through Home Gardening, and development of new business of village natural products, all components including capacity building.

AN APPROACH TO INTEGRATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Sameit, a village of 202 families, was settled in 2008. Over 55% lacked clean water, food, income, as well as access to health care until 2022. HOPE then provided, as the first step, deep wells together with health and sanitation education and latrines. Added were home gardens and an animal bank, both to address the issue of food security, better health and income.

Study for possible export of natural products also took place for the longer sustainability of livelihood.



Families in Sameit Village now have access to clean water within 300 meters from their homes.



With access to water and very hard work, the home gardens yield crops and income to families.

WATER AND SANITATION

(January 2023 - June 2024)

**ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER
CHANGED LIVES**

510
PEOPLE

With 14 deep water wells, 510 people (102 families) are enjoying clean water now. Distance to the water source has decreased from 3-4 km to an average of 300 meters, decreasing the heavy labor and time dramatically.

Especially under the severe heat of the 2024 dry season, daily marking 44 to 47°C, the well was indeed a life saver.

**SANITATION CONDITIONS
HAVE BEEN IMPROVED**

210
PEOPLE

42 latrines have been installed, and benefitting 210 people (42 families). They now have access to sanitary toilets, eliminating any need for open defecation.

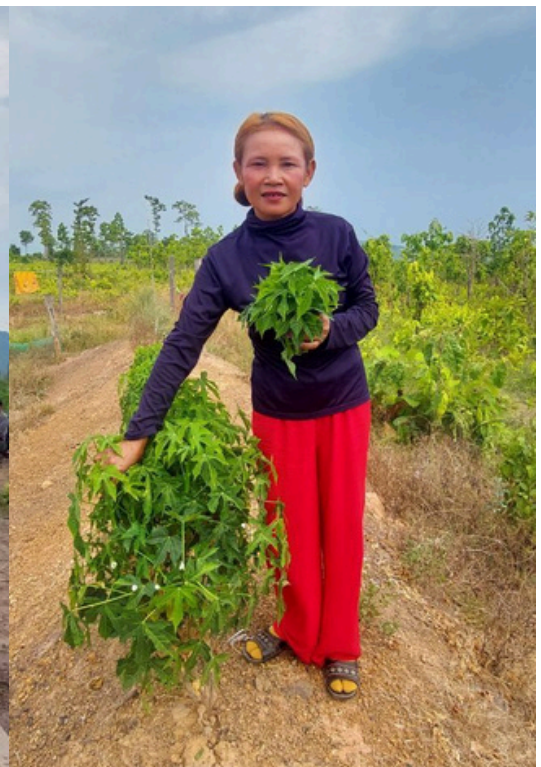
The neighbors, seeing the benefits of latrines, have started constructing their own too.

**FOOD SHORTAGES HAVE
BEEN ELIMINATED**

250+
PEOPLE

50 families, having received not only tools and seeds but also training, have been working hard on the vegetable gardens using water from the well, already harvesting some crops twice. Food security is now proved, and the nutritional status and health of the families continue to improve.

Some of these vegetables are being grown as natural produce to possibly be exported.



With wells and home gardens, the families in Sameit Village are now on the road to self-reliance.

VILLAGE NATURAL PRODUCTS

(October 2023 - June 2024)

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FARMERS INTERVIEWED

In November 2023, Cambodia team met with the farmers of Sameit Village to discuss the possibility of production of 3 to 5 natural products to be exported, as well as their needs and potential.

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PRODUCTS SELECTED

Many products for export were discussed with the farmers, including moringa, galangal, coffee, sugar, dried mango, jackfruit chip and cashew nuts. Five products - ginger, pepper corn, turmeric, lemongrass and kafir lime - were selected for trial.

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HOME GARDENS GROWING

In December 2023, forty families were screened, and are now planting one or more of the selected products. Some families have already harvested some of the products.

HARVEST EXPECTATIONS

The families in Sameit own an average of 0.2 to 0.5 hectares of land, where various products are grown. Though production is small, potentials are high and the famers are excited about the possibility for export.

GINGER: average yield in the area is 18 tons/hectare

PEPPER CORN: average yield in the area is 5 tons/ha

TURMERIC: average yield of 24-25 tons/ha

LEMON GRASS: average yield of 12 tons/ha

KAFIR LIME: average of 6-8kg/tree, sold in the local market for 500 KHR/piece. Will start yielding in a few years.



Natural products such as ginger, lemon grass, tumeric, panadan leaves and kafir lime leaves are being grown for possible export in the future. Production has been small, but with great capacity for increase.

Stories of Transformation

Toch See (47) and her husband Yun Simon (49) are parents to two girls and two boys from age 4 to 17, of which two goes to school. Before moving to Sameit Village in 2015, the family lived in a small plot of infertile land often troubled by drought in Kompons Speu Province, southeast of Pursat. Even in Sameit, the family depended on small hand-dug hole and a distant canal for water which was not safe. Living was earned by working for others in tasks such as clearing land, cutting wood, and growing/harvesting cassava, yellow corn, mung bean, coconut and cashew nut for others.

When a well was built and sufficient water became available close to home, they cleared their own land, and started a home garden planting red chilies, morning glory, two types of cabbages, red and green chili, pumpkin, long bean and mung bean, cassava, round eggplant, pineapple, banana, lemon grass and a mixture of mint leaves. They have already harvested 3 crops after receiving the well!

The family now sells the seasonal and daily harvest of their crop at the village community market along the main road. With their increased income, they have already purchased 2 bicycles for their children to go to school, and now dream of building a nicer home.



Soam Sock (62), her husband Yeoun Yeim(66), with two daughters and a three son, all grownups and three married, moved to Sameit village in 2014 from the neighboring province of Battambang, after their former land was confiscated by private money lenders because they couldn't pay their debts. After moving in, Yeoun cleared the land, then worked for a Chinese company in a distant city in Cambodia and in Thailand, apart from cutting wood and growing and harvesting crops for others. For daily water, they depended on a small hand-dug hole, canal and a pond, far from being safe.

Having benefitted from HOPE program, the family cleared their land to grow two types of cabbages, cucumber, red chili, tumeric, taro, ginger, pumpkin, long bean, pineapple, betel leaves, banana, oranges, kafir lime, chaya green leaves, lemon grass and mint leaves. They have harvested three times after having received the well.

The family now sells their crops, harvested daily and seasonally, at the village community market along the main road. With their increased income, the old floor of their home has been replaced by nice new wood, and they now dream of buying more land to increase their crops and income.

With very hard work and some support, Toch See, Soam Sock and many other families are now on their way to self-reliance!

Clean Water Project: Finance Report

January 2023 to June 2024

INCOME Designated Funds received from Wine into Water to cover cost for 14 wells in Cambodia	Date received	Value
	10-Mar-23	¥ 3,000,000
	6-Oct-23	¥ 5,540,000
	TOTAL	¥ 8,540,000
Community Participation	US\$1,680.00	¥ 240,451

EXPENDITURE	Unit Cost	Units	Total Cost	Cost in JPY*
Project Hard Components			US\$ 40,180.00	¥ 5,783,573
Deep Well	\$ 2,300.00	14 sites	US\$ 32,200.00	¥ 4,634,920
Latrine	\$ 190.00	42 families	US\$ 7,980.00	¥ 1,148,654
Training & Coordination**			US\$ 10,617.00	¥ 1,528,228
HOPE local staff		18 months	US\$ 8,697.00	¥ 1,251,860
Motorbike and Vehicle		18 months	US\$ 900.00	¥ 129,547
local office rent, communications, etc.		18 months	US\$ 1,020.00	¥ 146,820
Community Participation			US\$ 1,680.00	¥ 241,822
Overseas Bank Transfer fees				¥ 21,000
Project Management				¥ 1,096,770
TOTAL PROJECT COST				¥ 8,671,394

*USD1.00 = JPY 143.9416, based on actual rates of overseas remittances
 **partially covered by village natural products for October-December 2023

Village Natural Products Project: Finance Report

October 2023 to June 2024

INCOME Designated Funds received from Wine into Water for study of village natural products in Cambodia	Date received	Value
	17-Oct-23	¥1,450,000

EXPENDITURE	Unit Cost	Units	Total Cost	Cost in JPY*
Home Gardening Seeds & Tools	\$ 35.00	50 families	US\$ 1,750.00	¥ 251,898
HOPE local staff		9 months	US\$ 5,400.00	¥ 777,285
Motorbike and Vehicle		9 months	US\$ 900.00	¥ 129,547
local office rent, communications, etc.		9 months	US\$ 523.25	¥ 75,317
Project Management				¥ 72,870
TOTAL PROJECT COST - to - date (as of 31 December 2023)				¥ 1,456,175

*USD1.00 = JPY 151.3800, based on actual rates of overseas remittances


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