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Community Advancement Organization Summary Annual Report 2023

I. Agriculture Outreach Program				
i. Agronomy project				
No.	Activities Description	Achievement		
1	As part of a project aimed at improving agricultural practices in the Rumdoul district of Svay Rieng Province, Cambodia, CAO provided technical training courses to farmers in ten communes. The training covered various topics, including rice production, vegetable planting, compost making, and natural pesticide production.	30 courses with 335 beneficiaries and 231 are females		
2	Helped set up model farms for vegetable cover net, cucumber, long bean, eggplant, and agroecosystems.	10 families		
3	Trained farmers to make dry compost and natural pesticides to use in their vegetable planting.	22 families		
4	Collaborated with technical staff from the Provincial Department of Agricultural, Forestry, and Fishery of Svay Rieng. Together, we provided training, coaching, follow-up, and technical consulting to our target farmers.	3 times		
5	To improve the environment, we planted rose trees at pagodas, schools, and public land and expanded the variety of tree species available to lowland people.	609 trees		
6	We also reduced transport and price by seeding trees at our office.	150 trees		
7	CAO worked closely with farmers to provide follow-up consultation and coaching on agronomy activities in their homes.	650 families		
	ii. Livestock project			
1	Provided technical training on livestock and veterinary care for raising pigs, chickens, ducks, and fish to farmers in the Rumdoul district of Svay Rieng province.	33 courses with 524 beneficiaries and 327 are women		
2	Cooperated with the veterinary technical staff of the Provincial Department of Agricultural, Forestry, and Fishery of Svay Reing to provide training on raising animals, animal diseases, and how to prevent and treat them, as well as to show farmers how to mix feed to reduce investment costs.	4 course with 55 participants and 35 are women		
3	Cooperated with the veterinary technical staff of the Provincial Department of Agricultural, Forestry, and Fishery of Svay Reing to provide training on raising pigs, chickens, ducks, and fish, kinds of diseases, how to prevent and treat them, and also to show an easy method for feed mixing to reduce investment costs.	4 times with 17 families		
4	Organized a farmer meeting to introduce water fern Azolla as animal feed. It is an excellent, cheap, and easy-to-grow food that is very beneficial for animals. This fern is effortless to plant and take care of.	37 courses with 421 participants and 386 are women		
5	After training and dissemination about water fern Azolla, CAO also provided its variety to farmers for free and always followed	10 families equal to 20kg		

	up and worked together with farmers to mix feed for their	
6	animals. Provided modern animal grass seed with high nutrients for farmers to grow for their animals to eat throughout the year.	14 families
7	Supported a cow for a self-help group of women with a good performance of cash savings and meetings.	1 cow
9	Passed on a calf after delivery from a cow and raised by a member of a self-help group of women. This calf will be passed on to another member in the self-help group at 18 months old; meaning it can eat grass without meal anymore. A detailed policy for Cow Bank is set in another document.	18 cows
10	Passed on chickens from a member of a self-help group of women after the chickens laid eggs and hatched. So, when the chicks grow up, they will pass on some chickens to another member, and the next beneficiary will apply the same role to another in their group. This is called a chicken bank.	5 chickens
11	Injected a few vaccines on chickens for very poor households in the revolving fund program and model farmers. They will contribute some part of its cost to CAO.	10,947 chickens
12	Injected a few vaccines on pigs for very poor households in the revolving fund program and model farmers. They will contribute some part of its cost to CAO.	1,234 pigs
13	Castrated piglets for poor households for free and explained to them how to castrate so that next time, they can do it themselves.	156 piglets
14	Provided follow-up, consultation, and coaching to farmers in livestock activities at their homes.	767 families
15	Cooperated with the National Biodigester Program (NBP) to support some parts of biogas for farmers who want to build biogas in the Romdoul district of Svay Rieng. CAO and NBP join together to motivate farmers to think about the environment and save energy for cooking and costs.	17 Biogases
II. P	oor Household Development Program	
1	CAO provided a revolving fund without interest to poor households for chicken raising, which benefited 87 families, and 64 families for pig raising. We also included free vaccines, coaching, and working follow-up.	156 loans (120 are women) total of US\$ 25,175.00
2	Similarly, CAO Additionally, provided a revolving fund without interest to 214 families for rice production and 7 families for vegetable planting. We offered technical support, coaching, and follow-up for free.	221 loans (197 are women) total of US\$ 29,355.00
3	CAO also provided revolving funds without interest to poor households for running small-scale businesses.	64 loans (60 women) total of US\$ 10,325.00
4	As of 2023, a total of 134 revolving funds from animal husbandry (livestock), 206 revolving funds from rice production and vegetable planting (agronomy), and 49 revolving funds from small-scale businesses have been returned to the project.	389 revolving fund total of US\$ 55,650.00

5	Currently, we have ongoing revolving funds in the community that have not yet finished their activities. There are 81 revolving funds for animal husbandry, 140 revolving funds for rice production and vegetable planting, and 37 revolving funds for small-scale businesses. Most of them will return their fund after rice harvesting, and some after selling their animals. The funds have been returning for the last 6 months after being provided. Monitor and collect data from self-help groups of women by	258 revolving funds total of US\$ 37,655.00 15 groups		
6	organizing group meetings to ensure that their issues are resolved on time.	(131members) total of US\$ 17,378.85		
III. Health and Sanitation Program				
1	CAO provided scholarships of \$35 per person per year to 80 underprivileged students, with priority given to single-mother families and orphans. These scholarships were provided at 7 specific schools which include Kampong Samrong High School, Kampong Chak High School, Pong Teuk High School, Sao Yat Secondary School, Svay Chek Secondary School, Thna Thnong Secondary School, and Men Chey Secondary School. The scholarships will be active from the 16th of May 2021 until the 20th of May 2022	80 pupils (15 are orphans)		
2	Additionally, CAO supported 100 poor students from 14 primary schools in the Rumduol district of Svay Rieng province by providing them with bicycles. These bicycles will help them travel to school and help their parents earn a livelihood as well.	100 pupils (11 are orphans)		
3	CAO facilitated the poorest students to find individual donors, or godparents, who can provide them with financial support for their education.	1 student		
4	We have established three libraries, one in Veal, one in Svay Rumpea, and another one in Ta Sak village. Each library is located in a student's house. We have provided training to the students on how to manage the libraries, promote the books, and invite their friends to visit. They can now run the libraries themselves. This program aims to help students in these villages to gain knowledge through reading books and cultivate good reading habits.	3 libraries		
5	We conducted health education programs in communities on body hygiene and prevention of dengue symptoms.	21 courses with 218 beneficiaries and 152 are women		
6	We collaborated with the Provincial Department of Women's Affairs of Svay Rieng to provide training and awareness about domestic violence, prevention of sexual abuse, gender, and the promotion of girls' knowledge. The course was conducted in the village and school.	18 courses with 461 beneficiaries and 292 are females		
I	V. Other			
1	CAO has raised funds through its personal Facebook page to purchase food items such as rice, fish sauce, soy sauce, seasoning, sugar, pepper, and soft drinks, as well as household supplies. The collected funds will be used to help single mothers, widows, people with disabilities, orphans, and the elderly who are living in poverty in Rumduol district, Svay Rieng province.	7 families (US\$ 360)		

2 Every staff member donates one dollar per month to CAO's staff fund project.	96 dollars
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