



PROGRESS REPORT

**ENABLING RURAL POOR FAMILY ACCESS TO
PROPER SOURCE OF WATER, AND INCREASE PRACTICES OF
HOUSEHOLD SANITATION & HYGIENE
(northwest Cambodia, border area near Thailand)**

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INTRODUCTION:

Covid-19 is grave and far reaching. Until now, nobody know how long it will last. Although Cambodia is having not much Covid-19 incidence but it is shock the whole country. Everyone has to be precaution. Government was putting movement restriction and several activities were cancelled. Incomes and earnings have plummeted and losses for every citizen. Rural poor groups are hit the most vulnerable, and assistance is much-needed to alleviate their hardship.

Sadly, the impact of ongoing Covid-19 pandemic is aggravating rural poverty. For many rural farmers who depended on daily income became the most difficulty. They are staying at home, or eventually living without pay because of the traveling or movement is restriction so they are having no works opportunity.

Government provided assistance but not very much. Poor parent has to be responsible or supported their children by themselves. Thousands of Cambodian migrant workers are blocked at the border, some are returned home but no opportunity to find incomes because of the government putting 14 days isolation. Some family economic players became inactive because of companies were mostly closed. Tourism is zero, and most businesses closed, it has already been couple months that most have had no income whatsoever. While some fathers are sitting-waiting laboring jobs, but mothers had already lent money from their neighbors in order to buy food for their families, cooking pots for food for whole families members.

In addition, in the period of Coronavirus-pandemic from January to April this year (2020) there was no rainfall. It is another difficulty for rural poor at CFS targeted areas. Some streams or ponds become dried up, no water at all, see pictures below:



(CFS photo: Stream dried up)



(CFS photo: Pond dried up)

Water shortage is pushing people to move out in order to find whatsoever water sources. Practically, Children or parents are carried water home from far distances. They used whatsoever means to bringing home water including small drinking bottles.



(A rural poor girl is seeking water sources)



(The boys are carrying drinking water bottle),



A poor boy whose aged is 11 year old carried an old drinking bottle. He has learned in grade 4 at a rural public school. Surprisingly, he did not reply correctly to the meaning of what is hygiene? He used to drink water that putting in his bottle as picture here. It was so said to see his drinking bottle, pity he is,

According to this interview, it is very clear to tell us that raising awareness of water and sanitation among rural poor is needed.

In March 2020 community villagers and district government officials requested Cambodia Family Support (CFS) for urgent help to install communal water wells at Lomphat and Tasen villages, two places that are having the most water difficulty.

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កម្មវត្ថុ: សំណើសុំអណ្តូងស្ទប់ថ្មី (VN6) ចំនួន ០២ ជូនប្រជាពលរដ្ឋប្រើប្រាស់សម្រាប់ដោះស្រាយបញ្ហាតម្រូវ
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យោង : តាមការចាំបាច់របស់ប្រជាពលរដ្ឋដែលខ្វះទឹកស្អាតប្រើប្រាស់។

តាមកម្មវត្ថុ និងយោងខាងលើ ខ្ញុំបាទមានកិត្តិយស សូមជម្រាបជូនលោកប្រធានអង្គការឧបត្ថម្ភ
គ្រួសារកម្ពុជា មេត្តាជ្រាបថា: ប្រជាពលរដ្ឋដែលរស់នៅក្នុងភូមិលំផាត់ ឃុំអូរដា និងភូមិតាសែន ឃុំត្រាង
ស្រុកកំរៀងគឺកំពុងជួបនូវបញ្ហាប្រឈមខ្វះទឹកស្អាត និងកំពុងត្រូវការជំនួយក្នុងការផ្តល់ប្រភពទឹកប្រើប្រាស់ប្រចាំ
ថ្ងៃជាចាំបាច់ ហេតុដូច្នេះ ដើម្បីដោះស្រាយបញ្ហាប្រឈម និងចូលរួមចំណែកជួយប្រជាពលរដ្ឋ រដ្ឋបាលស្រុក
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ភូមិលំផាត់ និងភូមិតាសែនប្រើប្រាស់ក្នុងជីវភាពប្រចាំថ្ងៃ។

អាស្រ័យដូចបានជម្រាបជូនខាងលើ ខ្ញុំសូមធ្វើការស្នើសុំលោកប្រធានមេត្តាជួយឧបត្ថម្ភអណ្តូងស្ទប់
ជូនប្រជាពលរដ្ឋដោយក្តីអនុគ្រោះ។

ខ្ញុំសង្ឃឹមយ៉ាងមុតមាំថា លោកប្រធាននឹងជួយចូលរួមចំណែកក្នុងការឧបត្ថម្ភអណ្តូងស្ទប់ជូនប្រជា
ពលរដ្ឋតាមលទ្ធភាពឆាប់រហ័ស។

សូមលោកប្រធានទទួលនូវការគោរពរាប់អានដ៏ជ្រាលជ្រៅអំពីខ្ញុំ។

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(District Government request letter to CFS-director)

CFS was very grateful to have got very generous supports from Rotary Club of Western Endeavour for digging 2 bore wells. This support enabled CFS to commit to the project.

ACHIEVEMENT:

CFS has achieved 2 bore wells as planned. Below are photos which are showing the results.

First bore at Lomphat village, Oda Commune, Kamrieng district.



CFS staff and local leaders showing place and proceeding water bore



Bore well supported by CFS is being used

Second bore at Tasen village, Trang commune, Kamrieng district:



CFS & local leaders visiting place for bore Water bore processing-drilling



Finally, bore well is being used by villagers

On behalf of CFS and local villagers, I would like to acknowledge with great thanks the Rotary Club of Western Endeavour members for your very generous and continued support to us. It would not have been achieving like this without your generosity.

With best regards, 🙏
Dr. Eng Samnang, CFS director