

## Background

In March 2018, BCCP Executive Agencies approved additional funds which added more inputs for coaching and monitoring VDFSGs to build their capacity sufficiently to manage the funds, and providing chicken production technical assistance to develop new business opportunities and improve economic condition of the project targeted communities. The chicken raising activities were commenced from 20th March 2018 which work in 30 villages under BCCP target area.

The objective of this assignment is aimed at strengthening Village Development Fund and Saving Groups (VDFSGs) for growing the turnover of chicken products, developing new business opportunities, and increasing employment in the project's targeted communities. Special importance is accorded to identifying and removing access barriers and constraints that hinder the participation of poor and vulnerable households in economic development. The assignment will focus on strengthening chicken farmers in locations where VDFSGs have been established already in Mondulkiri and Koh Kong provinces.

### Specific Objectives:

- To offer and provide technical training and advice on chicken raising techniques to village development fund and saving groups' members.
- To provide coaching support to VDFSGs in bookkeeping, closing entry and chicken producers in order to improve coordination and organization of production and marketing.



## Expected results

The assignment aims to achieve the following expected results:

1. Establishing at least 30 farmer-led demonstration farms at target villages, and 15 chick producers at target communes
2. Providing strengthening training and coaching to farmers to 30 villages
3. According to relevance and after discussion with PIUs, supporting chicken producers and facilitating production and marketing plan
4. According to relevance and after discussion with PIUs, implementation of 30 field days
5. Preparing gross margin calculations for different production circumstances of 45 demo-farmers
6. Documenting at least 5 case studies of successful farmer
7. An interim and final report, including a compilation of specific needs/constraints faced by farmers in the two provinces that might require future support from PIUs.



## Result of the chicken training assignment

### Major Results of the chicken training assignment:

#### 1. Finalizing training materials and training plan

The training materials developed including selection criteria of the chick and broiler demonstration farmers, farmer's agreement, training guides, recording book, chicken sign boards, etc. These materials are used by the trainers to ensure that the training will be conducted within the same standard.

#### 2. Establishment of broiler and chick demonstration farms

##### a) Establishment of broiler demonstration:

By September 2018, 30 broiler production demonstration farmers (20 women farmers, or approximately 67%) were already completed. Among the thirty farmers, 17 are in the FA areas and 13 are in the MOE areas. Many of them have sold chickens after 2.50-3.5 months raising period. Through these successful demonstrations, farmers have sold chickens and started to order new cycles of chicks from chick producers.



##### b) Establishment of chick demonstration:

Twelve (12) chick demonstrations have been established (8 women farmers or 67% of the total chick demonstration farmers) and have now completed pen construction, installing incubators and hens and cocks have also been bought in at these sites.

#### 3. Providing technical trainings on broiler and chick production

126 technical trainings have been organized, including 93 trainings for the broiler production and 33 trainings for the chick production.

In total, 987 farmers (679 women) have received the technical trainings on broiler and chick production. It is to note that 586 farmers (403 women) were from the CFs and 404 farmers (277 women) from the CPAs. Topics of the technical trainings mainly focused on pen construction, breed selection, chick raising and bio-security, vaccinations, feed and feeding, etc.

In addition to the technical training, the coaching/ follow-up visits were conducted by the assignment trainers to provide additional technical assistance and encouraged farmers to successfully adopt the technical practices in their farms. The coaching team helped farmers how to give nutritional supplement through grasses or chopped greens, recoding in recording books of their business were also included.



#### 4. Organizing exposure visits and farmer's field days

- Two (2) exposure visits were organized for 22 farmers (12 women) from Mondul Kiri and Koh Kong Provinces to visit and learn from successful farmers in Siem Reap, Takeo, and Kampot Provinces. In general, the farmers have gained ideas for improving their technical practices in order to increase productivity and income.
- Twenty one (21) field days have been organized with 272 participants (179 women) for knowledge exchange among the successful farmers in the target villages.

#### 5. Farmer families adopted the chicken raising techniques

In total, 987 farmers (679 women) have attended the technical trainings on broiler and chick production. Among them, 586 farmers (403 women) are from Community Forestry (CFs) and 404 farmers (277 women) are from Community Protected Areas (CPAs).

Most of them are interested in the training topics and they have improved their chicken raising techniques, which resulted in increased productivity and family's income.



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