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Family Self-Reliance Through Village Empowerment - Global Grant 2343143

Quarterly Report: Jan – March 2024



Location: 3 villages in Trapeang Chorn, Bakan districts, Pursat Province, Cambodia.

Hosted by Rotary Club of Pursat (RCP)

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1. Project Overview

Our Community Development Program plays a important role in enhancing the sustainability of the communities where we implementing. Our programs are centered around critical areas such as water and sanitation hygiene (WASH), and agriculture projects. Collaborating closely with Village Development Committees (VDCs), we provide comprehensive training and support to villagers, empowering them with knowledge and practical skills. We aim to improve their quality of life by addressing essential needs such as access to safe drinking water, education for better life, and the establishment of home gardens to ensure food security.

The WASH project team is actively engaged in assisting residents across three villages. Their efforts focus on delivering high-quality drinking water and enhancing household hygiene and sanitation. We achieve this by supplying essential resources, including bio-sand filters (BSFs), latrines, water wells, community ponds, and rooftop rainwater harvesting supply (RRHs). Additionally, we provide technical training to ensure the proper maintenance of BSFs, effective utilization and cleaning of latrines and maintenance wells and ponds against contamination.

2. Achievements

Open ceremony on Global Grant 2343143

Rotary Club of Pursat cooperated with Sustainable Cambodia to prepare and conduct the Global Grant Project opening ceremony at the Trapeang Chong Commune Council office. There were 31 people from different villages, including one village chief; representatives from the commune council, and a Chief of Department of Pursat Rural Development (PRD). 4 RCP members also participated in this special event.



Photos of 1-4: Grant opening ceremony of GG2343143 in Trapeang Chong commune.

- ✦ During the event's opening, **Mr. San NOUN**, the president of the Rotary Club of Pursat, introduced Rotary and its mission. He briefed on how Rotary works together to bring projects to three target villages. Then, the Executive Director of Sustainable Cambodia presented the project objectives of the Global Grant and shared insights into Sustainable Cambodia's project implementation and organizational strategy. Additionally, he encouraged all stakeholders to do their best to help the people in need in the communities.
- ✦ Following the Director's address, the Commune Council Chief sincerely showed his appreciation to Rotary for bringing the Global Grant to work in the three villages of Bakan, Preah Chambok, and Bou Sragnae in Trapeang Chong commune. These three villages have not previously received support from local NGOs, and he said that these projects are exactly what the community hopes for and needs. As the global grant will kick off in the dry season, it is the best time to address the challenges of water, sanitation, and sustainable ways of living. The Chief hopes that within two years of the project, villagers will experience improved health and a better quality of life.
- ✦ Concluding the meeting, Mr. Phanha Plang, Chief of the Provincial Department of Rural Development (PDRD), expressed strong appreciation and thanked Rotary International, Sustainable Cambodia, and the PDRD for their effective collaboration. Their joint efforts focus on long-term projects to provide solutions to water, sanitation, and consumption in rural areas of Pursat province. On behalf of the PDRD and the Cambodian Government, he said they are committed to supporting the project to their best ability to make it successful. Mr. Plang extended heartfelt gratitude to all donors, sponsors, and supporters. He officially declared the Global Grant implementation to begin on January 23, 2024, in the three villages.

Village Development Committee Training 1:

- ✦ To facilitate sustainable project implementation, the project invited 31 Village Development Committee (VDC) members from three villages to attend a training. The training aimed to equip VDC members with the necessary knowledge to establish a committee responsible for implementing the WASH project. Topics include to train the VDC to have a basic understanding of implementation process of the Economic Development programs. The VDCs received detailed explanations regarding the specific responsibilities of both the VDC and the commune council throughout the project's implementation, and beneficiary criteria selection.



Photo of VDC members, Chief Commune, SC trainers and RC Pursat member

Self Help Group Training:

- ✦ The project team conducted training for Self Help Groups (SHGs) in three villages; Preah Chambak (4 trainings), Bakan (3 trainings) and Buo Srangea (4 trainings). These training sessions emphasized the significance of SHG membership, collaborative community work, and establishing rules and responsibilities. We also encouraged SHG members to participate actively in the project implementation, all other required training, and offer hands to other members in the groups so everyone can achieve the goals of the projects which are to improve the quality of live by first get access to clean water, proper sanitation, food security and finally sustainable incomes. After the training, all members did a vote to select SHG leader and a vice leader. As a result, 11 SHG groups were formed, comprising a total of 405 members.



Photos of villagers attended Self Help Group training.

WASH Committee Training:

- ✦ The WASH Committee training equipped 16 members and Rotary Club of Pursat representatives with the knowledge and skills to install, maintain, and fix clean water systems (filters, latrines, rainwater tanks, and wells) in their villages. They learned how these systems work, from proper ceramic filter use for safe drinking water to well placement and maintenance. The training also covered the importance of proper sanitation, including the risks of open defecation and how to encourage latrine use. Finally, the committee members learned how to monitor the project and communicate any challenges, ensuring the long-term sustainability of clean water and sanitation in their communities. VDC members learned how to monitor vendors during the installation of project components, such as wells, community ponds, rooftop rainwater harvesting tanks, and latrines. This proactive approach ensures that construction follow to specified standards, guaranteeing the long-term quality of these infrastructures for the village. This training followed Rotary International's guidelines.



SC WASH staff explain about water filter and Water Tank first flush system



Village Development Committee Follow Up Training:

- ✦ Building on the initial training of VDC, SC staff conducted a follow-up session for the Village Development Committee (VDC). This session focused on empowering the VDC to become proactive leaders in sustaining project long-term success. The training delved deeper into strategies for effectively supporting Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and project beneficiaries. VDC members gained valuable insights into fostering communication, collaboration, and problem-solving within the community. The SC staff then show the basic principal how Community Economic Development works including the process of setting home gardens, and animal pass-on.

VDC members learn how to improve communication and problem-solving among Self-Help Groups and project beneficiaries. They learned valuable insights through group discussions on creating a supportive environment where community members can participate in solving their problems, especially on food security and income.

SC staff also introduced the VDC to the basic principles of Community Economic Development. This included practical guidance how to help families grow their own food in home gardens and earn extra money. They also showed them how to create a cycle of income generation by raising livestock. Staff provided detail on training plan and process to passing on livestock offspring to new families. This follow-up training was like giving the Village Committee (VDC) a toolbox for long-term success. They learned new skills to help their beneficiaries in the SHGs work better together and solve problems.



Photo of activities during VDC training

Community Pond

- ✦ Dry season is a perfect time to start digging out for community pond. RC Pursat members and SC staff has been working closely with WASH Committee to dig two large community pond, one in Preah Chambok, and one in Bakan village. The procurement committee consist of Rotary club's president, Primary and Secondary contacts, and leaders of Sustainable Cambodia, this committee work to ensure the that the pond are dug with quality and follow the pond design. Before digging the pond, the procurement committee met with community pond beneficiaries to make sure the pond are locate in the site that beneficial to all concerned. Currently, these two ponds are undergoing excavation, with approximately 60% completion.



Photos of the procurement committee monitoring the community pond excavation

3. Way Forwards

- Provide 113 ceramic filters with 3 training sessions for high-need beneficiaries in Preah Chambak village.
- Manufacture and install 30 RRH tanks.
- Build school latrines and incinerators for Preah Chambak Primary School and an incinerator at Buo Sragnea Primary School.
- Continue work on excavating 6 community ponds.
- Install 32 latrines for families in Preah Chambak village.
- Install 5 deep wells and 5 shallow wells.

4. Financial Report: incomes and expenses between July 2023 to March 2024

	Cash	USD
	GG#2343143 Project Grant Funds as of 31 July 2023	10.00
24/10/2023	Fund wired from GG#2343143 (GG#6)	4,970.00
27/10/2023	Fund wired from ROTARY CLUB OF GALGARY	1,965.00
13/11/2023	Fund wired from ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON HEGHTS	3,490.00
16/11/2023	Fund wired from PRIOR LAKE ROTARY FOUNDATION	2,024.00
17/01/2024	Fund wired from Rotary Foundation Australia	143,036.02
	Interest Income-Grant Accounts	147.60
	Total Grant Contributions as of 31 March 2024	155,642.62
	Expense	
	60000 · Bank Service Charges, Wire fee	
01/03/2024	Bank charges on Interest income	5.90
01/01/2024	Monthly Aceda Bank maintenance fee	4.50
	Total 60000 · Bank Service Charges, Wire fee	<u>10.40</u>
	68310 · Conference, Convention, Meeting	
	(910) Conduct kickoff meeting for GG2343143 with the local authority, VDC, and school principal (costs for honorarium, refreshments, and banner printing)	73.64
01/02/2024	Total 68310 · Conference, Convention, Meeting	<u>73.64</u>
	71140 · Training and follow up for VDC	
	(913) Conduct training for VDC on GG2343143 project details. (Transportation cost for 12 Village Development Committee members, refreshment and lunch for staff and participants: 26 people, copy document)	184.34
30/01/2024	Total cost: \$184.34	
	Total 71140 · Training and follow up for VDC	<u>184.34</u>
	71150 · Training on Self Help Group	
08/02/2024	(927) Conduct 4 trainings on Self Help Group formation and management for 180 families in Preah Chambok village.	161.19
26/02/2024	(934) Conduct 3 trainings on Self Help Group formation and management to 126 families at Bakan village	108.93
26/02/2024	(933) Conduct 4 training on Self Help Group formation and management to 150 families at Bou Sragnae village	136.41
	Total 71150 · Training on Self Help Group	<u>406.53</u>
	71210 · WASH Committee Training	
13/03/2024	(954) Conduct WASH training to WASH Committees with commune council, VDCs, and SHG leaders	205.92

19/03/2024	(952) Conduct VDC training with commune council, VDCs, and SHG leaders on the details of project implementation for Economic Development and WASH programs	150.92
	Total 71210 · WASH Committee Training	<u>356.84</u>
	79500 · Exchange Rate Loss / Gain	
01/02/2024	Exchange Rate Loss	0.01
13/03/2024	Exchange rate Gain	<u>(0.01)</u>
	Total 79500 · Exchange Rate Loss / Gain	<u>-</u>
	Total Expense	1,031.75
	Bank Reconciliation as of 31 March 2024	
	31 Sep 2023 Opening Bank Balance	-
	Grant Funds Received	155,642.62
	Grant Expenses	1,031.75
	31 March 2024 Closing Balance - Calculated	154,610.87
	31 March 2024 Closing Balance - Actual	154,610.87
	Discrepancy:	-



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