

Mission Alliance Change Story Format

Please fill in the requested information and answer the questions below.

The participant may fill in the format him/herself, a designated story collector may fill in the format on behalf of the participant, or a recorder may be used, and the story may be transcribed thereafter. If any of the two latter options are used, please ensure that it is still the participant's words that are used in the story. Please include as much detail as possible.

Important information to the Storyteller:

- The story will be shared with the local implementing organization and with Mission Alliance. The story may also be shared with the financial donor in Norway – Norad through Digni. The purpose of this is to explore what the project has achieved, and to help the project and its donors understand what the participants value and support more of these outcomes. When the Storyteller agrees to share his/her story, he/she automatically agrees to sharing his/her story with the local implementing organization, Mission Alliance, and the donor.
- Mission Alliance also has a number of other private donors and partners in Norway who contribute with funds to the project work. Please tick the box if the Storyteller gives his/her consent to sharing his/her story with Mission Alliance's private donors and partners
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Title of story:

Name of person collecting the story: ...Heng Sokha...

Name of Storyteller*: Ms Uth Sarith

Contact details: O Jay village, Santipheap commune, Siem Pang district of Stung Treng province.

Gender: Female / Female

Age; 38 years old

Role(s) in the project target group: Chief of Farmer Group

Examples: student, mother, farmer, teacher, village elder, etc.

When did the story happen? November 2020

Project and location: Promote livelihood and Education with lifelong learning. At RATANAKIRI province Cambodia.

Date of story collection: January 9, 2021



Questions

1. Tell me how you (the Storyteller) first became involved with the project and what your current involvement is:

I am Uth Sarith, 38 years old. I am living in O Jay village, Santipheap commune, Siem Pang district of Stung Treng province. In my family has 4 people with 2 female. I attended 5 sessions of training on the agricultural technique from the NTFP project under fund support by the Mission Alliance (MA). There are 14 lessons and other lessons which related with agriculture. Beyond that, the project also coached during the actual practice at our gardening farms for a period almost one year, which made our technical skill and knowledge more improved. Our income also got better than before.



2. During the last year, from your point of view, what is the most important change that has resulted from this project for you?

During this last year, for me, the significant change is about the increase of capacity and technical skill to grow vegetable. I am kind of strongly proud that I even clearly understood about the agricultural technique. I have enough vegetable to supply for my family. My family's expenditure is reduced, but increased income.





3 Why was this change significant for you?

The change is very important for me, because the knowledge I received is kind of really particular. Before, I grow vegetable by traditional practice, which learned from our forebears from generation to generation. I never kind of interest with the any technical growing. Now, I grow in accordance with agricultural technique through training by NTFP. Nowadays, my family's income is improved considerably.



4 How, (if at all) has the work of the project contributed to this?

I am an assiduous sort of farmer. I want to learn new things and I mean to devote my time. The project's training was including coaching and practice on the actual ground. The project also conducted sort of exchange visit for the farmers to share experiences amongst other communities. The vegetable training was conducted in 5 sessions, and with 14 topics, which are considered as fundamental of agricultural technique.





5 During the last year, from your point of view, what is the most important change that has occurred in the community as a result of this project?

The O Jay community joined social work together. We brought our vegetable to sell in village and also sold to outside villages. The communities have fresh natural vegetable for food and the left over vegetables from household consumption were sold. We shared our experiences for other farmers' groups, as well. The farmers' group communicated with buyers who come to buy vegetable for wholesale in local market.

6 Why was this **change significant** for the community?

Communities improved solidarity. They shared knowledge. They increased income from vegetable's sale and they have sufficient food to supply their families' nutrition. Obviously, the farmer groups adopted the vegetable grow by using the natural practice, ranking from using natural pesticide to kill the bugs and insects, and the use of liquid and hard composed fertilizers.

7 How, (if at all) has the work of the project contributed to this?

The work is contributing for a kind of study and learn about the actual context and the living situation of people at the target working areas. The project trained farmers about the technical to grow vegetables, help farmers to find market place, help farmers to communicate with wholesalers, with the materials and seed suppliers, and including the activity to facilitate farmers for the exchange visit to learn from the successful farmers. The project's staff worked at the field and stayed with the villagers to understand the community's issues and to build confidence with the communities. Our project's staff works professionally and accountably.