

Mission Alliance Change Story Format

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

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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: Active Youth makes the Community Changed

Name of person collecting the story: Mss. You Sopheap, NTFP staff

Name of Storyteller*: Ms. Keng Samon

Contact details: Sanlong Chey village, Reaksa commune, Rovieng district, Preah Vihear province.

Gender: Female

Age: 31 years old.

Role(s) in the project target group: Youth leader

When did the story happen? February 2020

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

Date of story collection: 8/02/2021



Questions

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

I was interested in the project and then I attended the PAR youth in February 2019. I attended Participatory Action Research (PAR) training session. I also attended SKYE and the project design training sessions. After that, the project coached me to practice activities on the ground almost a year, ago. By using PAR skill and methodology, I identified the issues that happened in the community.



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

The most important change for me is about knowledge; skills and value. This made me to see myself and know myself clearer than before. I have dreams for the future. Currently, we are designing the project proposal for doing the activities in the community. I mobilized the youths inside and outside the youth group to raise chicken in accordance with the family technique. Doing so is to create career for youth in order to reduce the migration issue. Aside from that, it is sort of youth plan to participate in the village's activities.





3. Why was this change significant for you?

The most important changes for me, because I received more experiences that can help my community. I am kind of courageous and confident to facilitate the youths and communities to work together. I know the issues in the communities. I could mobilize the communities and youths to do activities in their community. Especially, I applied skills I received in my family. Despite, I don't have higher education at school.



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





The project contributed the change on my capacity development, through coaching, training sessions, provided good idea and various methodologies. Based on these, it gave opportunity for me to learn more through the project's activities.

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?

Sanlong Chey communities participated to complaint to reclaim back the burial forest land plot from the villagers that illegally grabbed the land and it was finally successful. Youths and communities worked together to clean the activities in their village. At the same time, the villagers now get used to wash their hand better than before. Through the youth's activity, they focused on their activities on the poor families. They solicited money from other villagers and rice about 20 kg of rice distribute to one disabled woman. Youths encourage the women to send her children to school regularly.



6. Why was this change significant for the community?

The change is very important thanks to our communities have good solidarity. The activities by youth group was participated by members of communities. There are active youths to assist in the community's development for the continuation of activities after NTFP phase-out. They could find the issues and address the issues together. I am very happy to see the community's



members as well as youths changed, as such. I am determined to continue doing the activities, even NTFP is going to end the project in the future.

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

The project provided the training for youth group about the SKYE program for active citizens. As result of this caused many youths to participate to support the communities a lot. The project also provided training for youth group on the PAR skills so that the youth's members applied the acquired skills to mobilize the community's members to solve issues together. NTFP staff distributed the sanitized materials such as alcohols and soaps to communities to protect themselves from the COVID 19.

