

# 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
- Sometimes Mission Alliance may share a story on social media (Facebook, Instagram) or on Mission Alliance's website [www.misjonsalliansen.no](http://www.misjonsalliansen.no). Please tick the box if the Storyteller gives his/her consent to sharing his/her story on Mission Alliance's social media channels and website

Title of story:

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

Name of Storyteller\*: Nav Srey Mao

Contact details: Svay village, Talae commune, Seasan district of Stung Treng province.

Gender: Female / Female

Age: 35 years old

Role(s) in the project target group: Healthy and Nourished Vegetable for Smart Children

When did the story happen? Nov 2020

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

Date of story collection: January 13, 2021

## Questions

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



My name is Nav Srey Mao. I am a farmer. I am living in Svay village, Talae commune, Seasan district of Stung Treng province. I am Tampuan ethnic, a widow with a 4 years old son. I have an old mother in my burden. I am responsible for all daily household sustenance and including any sickness. Having under such penury, it pushes me to become a commercial vegetable farmer. My vegetable growing's career is already period for a year from now, under the support and the assistance from NTFP and from myself as well, until it is successful as today. The project's development by NTFP in Svay Rieng village, I observed that farmers began to change their mindset a lot. They changed the way they grow the vegetable traditionally by adopting their growing the agricultural technique, which as result it generated more income to support their families, significantly, for instance like myself. Before, I am sort of very miserable, now a bit relieved, not like the past day.



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

For me, 1) the significant change is about the increase of capacity and technical skill to grow vegetable more than before. 2) I have daily and monthly income. 3) I am kind of wise to innovate vegetable for the left-over vegetable from sale. I made pickle to sell it for more income. 4) I know how to link and to seek market to sell the vegetable.

3. Why was this change significant for you?

The change is very important for me, as I gain income to support my family economy for a more better than before. The knowledge I received is kind of really special that before I didn't know the technique to grow vegetable. Now, I can grow it based on the agricultural technique and increased more money. I am very happy. I entirely enjoyed the accomplishment which I received from the NTFP's training. Before, I have never thought I could develop myself as such.

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

I am determined and diligent. I will try to learn new things and devote more time so that to promote my family's economic in a more successful in the future.





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?

While I am successful, I participated the training session organized by NTFP for 5 sessions. First session was about the importance about the importance to grow vegetable and to increase the numbers of vegetable. 2<sup>nd</sup> session was about recording and grass controlling. 3<sup>rd</sup> session was about land management and seed selection, including nursery. 4<sup>th</sup> session was about water management, Substance for the vegetable's nourishment, Insect and disease's management. 5<sup>th</sup> Session was about technique to harvest produce and post-harvest, cleaning vegetable waste after harvesting and new vegetable grow for next time.



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

The farmer group in Svay Rieng village has good solidarity, no any cronies among other farmers and villagers. Farmers assisted each other by sharing their experiences and coached those who don't know, in order to promote the other villagers' livelihood equally. They also helped to follow up and identify method to address various challenges the villagers and farmers encountered such as the issue of vegetable market.



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

The study to understand the situation of farmer group is inevitably required, thanks to all farmers entirely depends on the agriculture sector, apart from their paddy field and farms' works.