



Majority or minority - you still decide yourself

*By Søren Thorndal Jørgensen,
Chairman of ADDA*

A majority of the Danish Parliament will most likely approve a cut in public funding of development aid to our partners world-wide. ADDA is against these cutbacks and especially those that affect NGO's. We accept an approval from a parliamentary majority, but you decide if we shall help as much as usual!

As an individual, we all have the possibility to help the poor financially. Three billion DKK saved on the development account corresponds to DKK 600 for each Dane. Is this a lot? Totally, yes, but we can all do without pizza and Coca-Cola for a couple of weeks and eat a home-made sandwich with a glass of water.

So, to all you who do not agree with the decision, it is now the time to react! You can donate up to DKK 15,000 to an NGO that is approved by the tax authorities, such as ADDA, and you get tax relief on the donation. There is no longer a minimum amount for approved donations to get tax relief. ADDA needs your civil registration number (CPR). Read more about this on ADDA's home page (www.adda.dk), which, by the way, is re-designed.

Donations will mean that the important work ADDA does world-wide will be able to continue unchanged. All donations to ADDA go 100% to collaborators and partners without any reduction. Donations are not used on wages and salaries, but on financial help for material that is used in small development projects. More than 100

small projects have been initiated in Vietnam and Cambodia, and they have all had a big impact on all the local societies. If the roast pork and Christmas duck is to be enjoyed with a good taste in your mouths, then we must all say STOP to the reductions and donate a corresponding amount ourselves to the NGO's. This political signal will be very strong, and a lot of people will have a good life in their immediate surroundings without having to flee from poverty and misery in too small boats and other terrible scenarios.

We in ADDA work for a sustainable future, where we help people and the environment. Our method is help to self-help. Jump on the development train – there is room for everyone, who wants positive developments.

ADDA's present projects

Every year ADDA works on seeking funds for new projects from DANIDA, the Danish CISU, EU and other public donors. At the same time, ADDA has intensified our efforts to get private donors to support our projects.

A new project has started in 2015: A CISU funded project in Vietnam. We have finished two projects: ADDA-INFOSE and the FAHU project in Cambodia. In other words, we continual-

ly depend on seeking new projects. ADDA will gladly continue with the long process of writing project applications. Here is an overview of the projects that are running currently, and who funds them. Most projects include 5 – 10% self-financing in their budgets, covered by ADDA and our partners.

Read more about the projects on www.adda.dk

Projekt	Periode	Land	Budget ca. (DKK) - financieret af
CISOM: Strengthening of Civil Society in Oddar Meanchay	01.2013-12.2015	Cambodia	5.000.000 DKK CISU
COCIS: Co-operatives and Civil Society Development in Siem Reap	01.2014 - 03.2016	Cambodia	4.300.000 DKK CISU
CISUP: Empowerment of Civil Society advocating for the rights of the Urban Poor in Siem Reap	05.2014 – 04.2016	Cambodia	2.239.000 DKK EU/ADDA
Contract Farming: Legal Aid to Contract Farming	01.2015 – 12.2017	Vietnam	4.968.000 DKK CISU
CEMI: Climate Changes and Ethnic Minorities in Northern Vietnam	07.2014 – 06.2017	Vietnam	4.544.852 DKK CISU
FIGNAHB: Strengthening of Farmers Groups amongst Minorities in Nghe An and Hoa Bihn Provinces.	01.2013 - 12.2015	Vietnam	4.994.507 DKK CISU
Tanzania: NADO in Focus: Strengthening the Civil Society in Rural Districts	03.2012 – 03.2016	Tanzania	9.723.255 DKK Danida

Source: ADDA

Coalitions achieves results in the CISUP project in Cambodia

By Diane Caroen, ADDA Cambodia
Photos: Diane Caroen

The CISUP project started in May 2014 for 2 years with a co-financing of the EU for Human Rights. For this project, ADDA made a partnership with the local organisation Legal Aid of Cambodia (LAC).

The project is designed to reinforce the results obtained by the previous INFOSE project in urban and peri-urban area of Siem Reap. This includes a lot of villages in the Angkor Archeological Park. In particular the self-help groups are trained to address the expressed needs of the population to know better their rights and to improve their land tenure in a challenging context: land speculation, urbanization and restrictive regulation applying in the temples area, and more constraining rights to association and fewer freedom of expression.

Self- Help Groups create active coalitions

After 18 months of project implementation, ADDA and partner are proud of the progress made by the community: most self- help groups are developing well, their capital increase, they can



Representatives from the village coalitions take part in 'The Plan for the development of the local society'.

lend more money to their members and other villagers, and they develop profitable businesses. Self-help group members have joined hands with other villagers at commune level to establish coalitions that advocate for the needs of the community as a whole, and to settle common land issues in particular. Our partner LAC has analyzed five main land problems, developed and delivered trainings on land law applicable in these five cases and provide legal advice to the coalitions to define and implement sensible advocating strategies.

Coalitions create activities on the commune level

Today 6 coalitions registered at commune level have developed a comprehensive

Community Development Plan, and they are taking an active part in local planning processes and public forums to ensure their priorities are considered. The Municipality for instance took quick action to stop private companies digging in a public dam with negative effects for the farmers (unmanageable water flow and poor water quality), to repair village roads and to support the establishment of waste management systems in the villages. The coalitions have organized with the local authorities local campaigns to improve waste management in the villages, and together they are putting in place waste collection systems with private companies. Coalition members are ready to apply together for land certificates in the temple area, and they are preparing their eviction from informal settlements in the best possible way. Small infrastructure projects (irrigation, waste collecting point, village water filter and water wells) are ready and awaiting external financial support as a supplement to their own savings.



The president of READA, Mr. Sokthea, visits the CISUP project.

Front page text: CISUP-EU project starts up in Ampil commune with large participation.

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THE CHRISTMAS GIFT 2015: GIVE CONTRIBUTION to a well, a rice bank, a chicken house or a waste station

By Tove Bang and Bodil E. Pallesen
Foto: Yun Sinang and Pich Sophin

Give 200 DKK. to ADDA's Christmas Campaign 2015, which goes to smaller development projects in the villages around Siem Reap and in Oddar Meanchay in Cambodia.

Your many contributions in 2014 was a success, and we would like to continue this success, that just makes such a big difference for many poor families. Like last year, you can give a Christmas gift to your family and friends, which support self- help groups in Cambodia. A contribution of 200 DKK or more makes a big difference, and can be tax deductible. Here are some photos from the small

projects, which benefited from the collection in 2014, and which were build up during 2015:

Thousands of poor families have experienced a boost in income and living conditions after they participated in ADDA's projects. The method is based on 'Help to Self Help'.

The farmers learn new farming methods, they include in self- help groups and several form coalitions and cooperatives. They also learn how to market their products, while strengthened in arguing for their rights against the authori-

ties. What we call advocacy. All this is funded by the many grants for projects, which ADDA has received through the years, e.g. DANIDA, CISU (Civil Societies in Development, the Danish Foreign Ministry), the EU, and various private foundations, of which we can mention the Danish FAHU Foundation.

Meanwhile there are needs in the rural population, which are not supported by these grants. It's here the smaller private donations are coming in. The money collected will go uncut to small development projects: wells for clean drink-

ing water and irrigation, safe storage houses for rice, called a rice bank, chicken houses, and as something new: a common waste station in the villages. Follow the campaign in www.adda.dk.

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Rice banks are a great success, and the rice is safely stored. Members of the rice bank earn 'rice' as well, by lending out rice to others in the village.



Sorting of waste and the marketing of valuable waste can give extra income. Some self- help groups wish to get support for the establishment of smaller waste stations.



A well under construction, the entire self- help group is participating



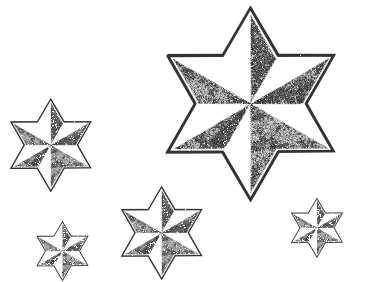
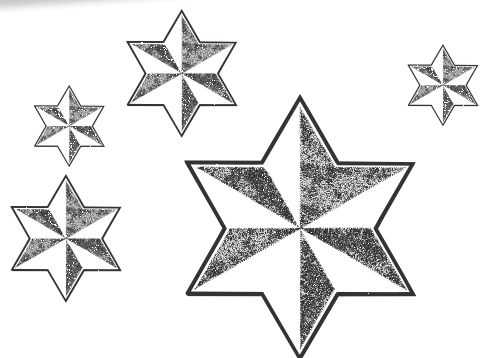
The well is ready to take into use. A happy family in Oddar Meanchay.



Villagers in Phnom Krom were given a contribution for the construction of a chicken house, and here they are at work.



Here the chicken house in Phnom Krom is finished and with chicken, which is giving income to a family.





Coffee farmer in Son La.

Fair deals between farmers and the agricultural industry in Northern Vietnam

By **Arafa Khatib**,
Project Coordinator in Vietnam
Photo: **Arafa Khatib**

”Legal Assistance to Contract Farming” – this is the title of ADDA’s new project in Vietnam. It was approved by CISU in July, and started officially on August 1st. The project will be implemented together with our partner Vietnam Lawyers’ Association (VLA). ADDA and VLA have been partners since 2007 and the first project – “Legal assistance for the rural population” – started in 2008.

During the course of the projects ”Legal assistance for the rural population” phases 1 and 2, the rural population in Northern Vietnam, and especially the ethnic minorities, have mentioned a need for assistance with regard to several legal aspects, amongst others land rights. During the work carried out in the rural districts and at meetings in the local

legal assistance clinics, individual farmers, farmer groups, and representatives for farmers expressed the need for mediation between them and the agricultural industry. VLA and ADDA looked into the various problem areas that occur between small farmers and businesses, and decided that we initiate a project proposal that could benefit both the farmers and the agricultural industry.

What is ”contract farming” ?

The aim of contract farming is that both parts, farmers/farmer groups and buyers, benefit from the contracts they sign. The farmers will ensure that there are customers for their products,

The partnership agreement between ADDA and VLA was signed in August 2015.



and the buyers will ensure that they can get an agreed quantity and quality of the products, which will be delivered at an agreed date. Bigger businesses will sometimes support the farmers’ production with technical consultation. You also come across buyers who can supply seeds and fertiliser. Farmers and wholesale dealers will typically make contracts for crops with high value, and in the project areas this will be coffee, tea or rubber. These agricultural products are also exported.

The project aim

The aim is to help poor farmers who work with contract farming, or who are considering making a contract with a company, to ensure that they get newer and better contracts. All who are involved in contract farming need more knowledge. The target group is the ethnic minorities in the northern provinces of Lao Cai, Lai Chau and Son Lai. Poor farmers in selected districts in the three provinces will have access to impartial legal advice when contracts are drawn up with agro-industrial companies. Local authorities will also be invited to participate in the project and their legal expertise will be boosted, so that they can mediate and tackle disagreements and conflicts. Farmers and companies must enter in to fair deals, and it is the intention that the companies will extend their social responsibilities and understand the importance of righteous contracts.

Start-up in Lao Cai

Both VLA and ADDA are pleased with the new project, and the partnership agreement about the project is signed, and the first planning workshop in Lao Cai province has been held. All three provinces and the local advisory centre in Hanoi, the coordinator of the project, met to discuss the start-up of the project. The local advisory centres in the three provinces are now working on more thorough and updated investigations in the districts regarding, amongst other things, the number of agricultural businesses and the concrete problems between farmer groups and the businesses. Some of the problems in the project are as arise from the companies that delay finishing the contracts with the farmers. The farmers sometimes sell their crops to other buyers and therefore cannot deliver the agreed quantities, when the wholesaler comes to collect. But the idea of contract farming is that it is a win-win situation for both parts, and it is exactly this we try to ensure through ”Legal Assistance to Contract Farming”!



A farmer group show their sunflower field. (Matiganjola, Njombe region, Tanzania)

Visiting farmer groups in Tanzania

By: **Marianne Nørgaard Jensby**,
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Photo: **Marianne Nørgaard Jensby**

In July 2015, Marianne travelled to the Southern Tanzania to visit the ’NADO in Focus’-project, which is ADDA’s current project in cooperation with the local farmers’ organisation NADO (Njombe Agricultural Development Organisation). The project last until April 2016 and is now in the final phase. Besides working with the development of the organisation and facilitate a two-day workshop for NADO, she got the opportunity to spend three days visiting 13 farmer groups.

Why farmer groups?

ADDA’s method for the development work with Farmer Field Schools ends with the farmers, after being trained in improved agricultural practices, organize themselves into small groups, typically of 15-30 members. The purpose of the organisation - a self- help group - is that the farmers can support each other in building small businesses such as honey production, breeding of ani-

mals like chickens and pigs, as well as investing in small technical tools – business, which due to low incomes will be very difficult for an individual farmer to afford to start. In other words, it is the farmer groups, which help to make ADDA’s projects sustainable after the projects end.

Status of group work

When you come out to visit the farmers, you will be really well received with dancing and singing. The groups had already prepared a report that explained what they had achieved and which challenges they faced. Many of the groups had achieved good results and had greatly benefitted from the project. Among other they have multiplied their harvests as a result of the improved techniques and agricultural practices, like many had a big drive and commitment to new business. However, I could also sense a kind of frustration among several of the groups that the development is relatively slow. Despite the small and stable businesses, there are still many very poor farmers. It takes a long time for them to save up for the investments that they would like to be able to make to improve their business concept.

Farmers get their land back through advocacy!



By Yun Sinang og Pich Sophin,
ADDA Cambodia
Photo: Yun Sinang

A success story about advocacy as result of the FAHU- project, which has just ended.

The farmers lose their land

Two Self Help Groups (SHG) have located in O Leu Village, Spean Thnot Commune, Chikreng District. The members of SHGs, as well as the general population, own some farmland for rice field in the rainy season. Since 1979 up to 2013, there were not any significant land disputes in this area. The land owners never had any problems with other person. On the other hand, from early 2014, eleven families were not able to farm on the land, because a broker took the land and sold it to a company. The company dug it to build a canal surrounding the size of 100 hectares, including the land of the amount 11.39 hectares of the eleven families, who are the members of SHG. The villagers confirmed, that they did not sell the land to the broker, in contrast they went to meet him to seek the reason. As result, the broker promised to exchange other land for the villagers to do rice field for four

years. The people just kept calm, because they dared not to continue further complaint.

Villagers raise the question of land rights

On 9. September 2014, the ADDA-READA (Rural Economy and Agricultural Development Agency) organisations in cooperation with LAC (Legal Aids of Cambodia) had arranged a training on rights and laws. The villagers raised the questions about land right issues, and the facilitator recommended them to report it to the village chief to ask for support. People waited and the result was up in the air. Then the villagers decided to bring this issue to the Public Forum, but it was stopped by the broker, as he already had promised to give a compensation. However, nothing happen after the event ended. On 12 May 2015, the ADDA-READA organizations in cooperation with LAC had arranged a training for the villagers, which was about advocacy and conflict

resolution. The farmers reiterated their case of land grabbing, and ended up asking the project (FAHU) for help.

Training in advocacy is giving results

The project staff collected information and helped the SHGs in writing a letter, which was describing the land's location, size and history. They signed the letter with fingerprints, and brought it to the city council.

In the next 'Commune Forum' where all the SHGs in the commune participated, the commune chief promised to study the case and seek a solution to it. Only the promise of the authorities could make the happy! The good news spread in the commune and among the members of the SHGs. This event was organized by ADDA/READA, and it took place the 23. July 2015.

On 11. August 2015 the commune invited as promised the two parties to the commune hall with the precondition and thumbprint, that required the broker to return the land to villagers. As the location of land is near to the river, it is too hard to demarcate it in the rainy season, and the Commune Chief promised again to all members to wait until the dry season. Actions of the commune council helped the farmers to get justice in land disputes. The group members, who were victimized from the disputes are very happy with the result. A membership of SHG can really help the members to find services and to help them get justice.



Mrs. Lim Loeum in her fine poultry.

Mrs. Lim in the Self Help Group has success with her poultry

By: Yun Sinang and Pich Sophin,
ADDA Cambodia
Photo: Yun Sinang

Mrs. Lim Loeum is a farmer, 54 years old, a widow and a mother of four children. She is also responsible for four nephews and three grandchildren. They are all living at Thnal Keng Village, Spean Thnot Commune, Chikreng District in Siem Reap Province. Mrs. Lim participated in the FAHU- project and now she joins the COSIS- project.

Mrs. Lim gets 'Help to Selfhelp'

She has been a member of the SHG since 2007. She is a curious member and wants to gain more knowledge about farming and crops in order to improve livelihoods. Besides doing paddy rice farming and growing vegetables, she decided to raise chicken as the main activity. The chicken raising has supported her family since the last 3 years. It is observed that the numbers of chicken are hugely increased by comparing to the previous year. She started with five hens, and she had neither chicken house nor vaccinati-

on. Some chicks were bitten to death by dogs and rats. In average, she could sell 10 to 15 chickens per year. She attended the training on technical chicken raising from the project (IWEP), including market opportunities. She was motivated by the project staff, and she started strengthening and expanding the scale of chicken raising by getting a loan from the SHG to build a chicken house and a cage for chicks.

The income increase and Mrs. Lim can support her family

As a result Mrs. Lim has 300 chickens and other 15 hens, which are currently laying eggs. She also has 20 hens for breeding, and they are ready to produce more eggs. She is now selling 25 to 35 chickens in every 2 months, which can

earn from 450,000 riels to 600,000 riels, and she is keeping some chicken and eggs for consumption. Besides raising chicken she is also raising ducks. With the income from selling chickens and ducks, she can use the money to support her nephews to study and use some money to fill up her land with crops in order to improve the living standard as well. Being a pitiful lady, living in both village and in SHGs, she is friendly and sharing her knowledge to members in general, who want to learn how to raise chickens. As it is said, the success is to learn from the point of failures. That's how she build up her farm. Now there are some buyers to book for the chicks as well. Her perseverance, not the least participation in SHG has led to success in her life.





ADDA's Office Manager in Hanoi, Mr. Hung, on the way up during a visit to the CEMI project.

Organic production is progressing in Vietnam!

By Ove Gejl Christensen, Vice Chairman in ADDA

Photo: Ove Gejl Christensen

ADDA started an 8-year project in 2004 in cooperation with VNFU (Vietnam Farmers Union): "Development of production and marketing structures for organic farming". The aim was to develop organic production and improve sales of vegetables in the Hanoi area. The project was funded by DANIDA.

Organic production – a difficult start with several challenges

There was a lack of organic products, and polluted water and soil, and these are still the biggest problem, as well as lack of infrastructure and passable roads in the wet season. It was a challenge to convince shops and supermarkets that the more expensive organic products could be sold. There were no standards or certifications for organic production in Vietnam, when the project started up. It was an assignment to develop and get approval for a Participatory Guarantee

System (PGS), a standard for organic production like the Danish organic marketing system.

Organic products have gained recognition

During my visit to Vietnam in September 2015, I could see that the areas multiplied many times, and that there was so much demand for organic products, that the farmers could not produce enough. VNFU has therefore approved support for changing to organic production, which has resulted in a large increase in organic production. The

Ove Gejl Christensen together with two organic farmers who have doubled their production area since the project ended in 2012



support also includes wells, and packaging and weighing equipment, etc. The farmers has achieved raising of their income, but it isn't multiplied. The most interesting thing about the organic production is that it has meant a drastic fall in cases of poisoning. The farmers have also ensured a stable income, as they have, in cooperation with the buyers, made a production plan for a whole year. Therefore they are assured of sales of their production, and they know their earnings during the year.

Is there a future for organic production in Vietnam?

Consumers are not satisfied with polluted and poisoned food, so many of them are willing to pay 3-4 times as much for organic products. The number of consumers who can afford organic products is rising. The development of prosperity in Vietnam is increasing fast. ADDA's organic projects have left a lasting fingerprint in Vietnam.

Read about the project on "Finished projects" on www.adda.dk

ADDA's short news

News from the Secretariat and Information Office!

ADDA has focussed on promoting the association and its meaningful work for many thousands of people.

New home page: www.adda.dk

The Secretariat, which is also the Information centre, has been busy with developing a new home page for ADDA. It is published now on www.adda.dk, and we hope you find it fresh and user-friendly. You can read about the projects, the organisation, and see several photos

and videos, read News & Views, become a member, support ADDA, etc. There is also an English version of the home page.

New layout of the newsletter

ADDA has also updated the Newsletter layout in connection with the new home page. They are send online to your mailbox. Subscribe on www.adda.dk. (Existing subscriptions have been transferred).

Workshop about ADDA's self-help groups!

We have sent an application to CISU about support for developing and making workshops in 2016 in institutions like schools, colleges, folk high schools, which work with international development.

NB! ADDA's office has moved:

ADDA, Nørrebrogade 52C 2tv, 2200 Copenhagen N.

New exciting value chain project in Denmark

From September 2015 and to March 2017, ADDA is participating together with 11 various Danish organisations in sparring and capacity building with regard to agriculture and value chains in the South. It is primarily ADDA's Tanzania group which participates, and the new organic project with Vantage Organic Foods as well as local NGO partners will also be included. See News and Views no. 29.



ADDA says "Welcome to Hellen"

Hellen Maina is Kenyan and has recently started as a volunteer at ADDA. She has more than 8 years' experience with development work in various local and international organisations in Kenya. Hellen is eager to improve living conditions of the poor rural population. She is assigned to the ADDA- Tanzania team.

– *Altid med et smil*



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Billedtekst: The FAHU Board and ADDA's Project Manager visit a self-help group in the Sotr Nikom District in Cambodia.

The FAHUproject is finished

The two year project has ended - and has meant big results for 64 self-help groups in Siem Reap. More than 1350 poor families have experienced improvements in their life conditions. They have increased their income from their small farms. They have learnt to save and have been able to re-invest their money several times. They integrate better in the local society, and they have achieved more influence in the village. They are now ready to continue in the COSIS project with the establishment of cooperatives.

ADDA and READA as well as the recipients of the help say a big Thank You to the FAHU foundation for this important support..

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Support the rural population in Siem Reap and Oddar Meanchay



The families and self-help groups have great need for small development projects, such as wells, rice banks, chicken houses, and waste centres. See www.adda.dk