

A Model Farmer Becomes More Professional through CISOM Project

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Mr. Yan Seab is a Community Professional (CP) under the supervision of our local NGO partner KBA and he is responsible for helping the farmers in 3 villages of Lom Tong Commune. Mr. Seab is not only a CP, but he is also a model farmer and he transfers agricultural techniques to the farmers in his communities.

After being selected as CP, Mr. Seab followed an in-depth training from CISOM projects on agricultural techniques, SHG management, financial recording, basic law, human rights and advocacy. He also transferred his knowledge to many farmers, SHG members and other villagers. Moreover, he does not only know the theories, but he also applied it in the real practices. For instance, after joining advocacy training, he also used his knowledge to settle a land dispute between his neighbors and a third party successfully.

Furthermore, Mr. Seab is acknowledged as the educated farmer in his communities and known as a skillful farmer. His reputation came up to the other NGOs, hence, he was invited and paid as a trainer to share his experiences to other people outside his communities. For instance, he used his knowledge to help 23 ordinary farmers to shift from family scale vegetable production (home vegetable garden) to commercial scale by using drip irrigation.



He, himself, can earn 10 million Riel (2,500 USD) in three months from vegetable production. That's what decided him to focus on strengthening his vegetable production rather than doing other business. It is observed that not only the people in his community visit his garden but other people introduced by NGO, local government entities and companies also visit his garden for the purposes of learning new techniques from him and buying his products.

Mr. Yan Seab said: "My success today is from the knowledge and experiences I learned from CISOM, especially learning from my senior coach, Mr. Sinang Yun. I also would like to express my sincere thanks to KBA for giving me opportunity to join CISOM project."

In conclusion, the success of farmers came from the knowledge offered by CISOM, in agricultural techniques but also in terms of laws, people's rights and capacity to advocate and share. It helps people to become capable farmers to develop themselves and offer supports to other farmers in the community. The stronger communities are, the stronger society will be.