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DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Hellen Keller once said “alone we can do so little; together we can do so much” and this is one of the sayings that aligns with CPSA’s mission and values. CPSA is a firm believer in cooperation and multilateralism. Hence, we have always put a strong emphasis on the importance of multi-stakeholder by connecting our donors, partners, both regionally and internationally with our working groups to work together.

On this occasion, I would like to convey my sincere appreciation to our partners from public sector, private sector, government agencies, civil society, farmer organizations, and financial institutions for the generous support and collaboration to assist us in implementing our activities in accordance with our plan. I also want to admire my team for the effort, flexibility, and adaptability so far and I hope we can continue to achieve more together as a team.

There’s always a silver lining amidst any crisis. CPSA will try our best to carry on our mission and sustain our progress to support and promote the sustainable agricultural practice in Cambodia.

Ratha Chan
Country Director
CPSA



WORKING GROUP SUMMARY

Pepper



CPSA participated in Cambodia Pepper and Spices Federation (CPSF)'s meeting with exporter and processor members. The objectives of the meeting was to:

- Understand the possibility of quantity of pepper planned to export in 2021
- Understand the challenges faced by processors and exporters during Covid-19 pandemic
- Understand about the possible solutions and mitigation strategies during Covid-19 pandemic.

Cashew



CPSA organized a series of consultation meetings on Cambodia Cashew Policy with representatives from the Ministry of Commerce and other main actors to gather inputs and comment on the current draft policy. With such active collaboration and hard work, we are positive the policy will be pushed forward soon.

Vegetable



CPSA has successfully conducted the Vegetable Group Consultant Workshop at Era Phnom Penh Hotel on January, 5th, 2021 to design a three-year strategic plan for the vegetable group. We hope to set a concrete plan and work to achieve our goal that benefits all of our members.

The strategic plan was developed and finalized by the consultant and the VG consultant group. In March, we have two meetings with the lead and co-lead to discuss how to disseminate the strategic plan and the next prioritized activities to be carried out.

Agri-Food SMEs



CPSA successfully completed a learning event on Digital Marketing Solutions for Agri-Food SMEs. Our main speakers were representatives from Khmum eShop. About 50 people coming from different backgrounds including agriculture, agri-food SMEs and other types of small businesses, participated in the event. They were especially interested in the e-commerce platform and some were able to get connected for future collaboration and business.

INDICATOR

Sourcing for new projects through Grow Asia/WEF networks and In-country opportunity

- We have applied for a short-term consultancy with World Bank
- We have applied for IDRC project with GA

33%

Participate to 30 national/sub-national events

- We have participated to 12 events since January 2021

47%

Participate to 2 regional/ international events

100%

Participate as speaker in 1 regional event

100%

Organize/co-organize 12 core group meeting/event of the WGs

- We have organized 5 meeting/events with the WGs

75%

Organize/co-organize 8 public events of the WGs

- We organized a series of meetings with the cashew policy task force

50%

Increase # partners of CPSA by +30 (annually)

- New partners: 11

48%

Conduct assessment with existing and potential CPSA members

100%

ATTENDANCE TO MEETING

37

IN Q1&Q2

**GENERAL/
LEARNING EVENTS**

11

IN Q1&Q2

**WORKING
GROUP MEETING**

448

IN Q1&Q2

**EVENT
PARTICIPANTS**

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

Our team has worked closely with GA to discuss gender mainstreaming in 2021.next quarter. We have had several meetings with our partners and vegetable group lead and co-lead from World Vision International Cambodia-MASE II and KOC to review curriculum and discuss work plan for gender training for female vegetable farmers. We look forward to an official agreement for the training in the next quarter.



PROJECT PIPELINE

Khmer Enterprise – Enterprise Agriculture Cooperative Incubation Programme

From March to June 2021, CPSA's Enterprise ACs team has been actively engaged with key relevant stakeholders as well as the Khmer Enterprise (KE)'s team in order to move the project implementation forward. The project team conducted eight virtual meetings with universities to provide an orientation of the project and open batch 1 application to students. For preparation of AC selection criteria, the project team organized four virtual meetings with two farmer organizations (FNN and CFAP), one NGO (Heifer International Cambodia) and the Department of Agricultural Cooperative Promotion. For project human resources, M&E officer, Incubation Coordinator and Senior Finance, Project Manager and Admin Officer were on board in February, March, April and June respectively. A preliminary M&E plan was submitted and approved by the KE. It is a key document to measure progress against indicators set in the project agreement. Indeed, CPSA already updated the baseline information in this framework after a baseline survey completed for batch 1.

ASEAN RAI

In this quarter, we are working closely with Grow Asia and a consultant to work on sustainable investment case studies with three private companies. In addition, our team has taken part in the MRLG land forum as a presenter; we were able to share about the high level findings from our case studies with participants working on sustainable, agricultural investment from across ASEAN.

MRLG

During this period, the literature review of contract farming in the region is completed and submitted to the Alliance members for review prior to finalizing and presenting findings to the members. Our team also conducts research and development concerning private sector situation analysis. Additionally, a case study related to farmers' responsible agriculture investment experience is identified and developed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND VISIBILITY

In this 2nd quarter, our social media channels have been more active and recognized by more audiences. Our bi-weekly news roundups with the purpose of sending out news and updates to our network about the latest agricultural news in Cambodia and in the region as well as our activities and events, have been performing well.

As the second quarter has passed, we are sending out the 2021 April-June Report to our network to gain better insights about our events and activities. We are working hard to update the newsletter and our contents to be more resourceful and interesting.



1600+
Followers



270+
Followers



300+
Subscribers



800+
Subscribers



6500+
Visitors

ACTIVITIES

Sustainable Farming Solutions

CPSA in collaboration with CE SIAN and SmartAgro organized a webinar on "Sustainable Farming Solutions - Soil Health for Sustainable Crop Production" on 13th May 2021. Around 80 participants attended the learning event, and they came from different areas but all interested in agriculture, more especially sustainable soil usage.

CPSA, together with Smart Farm Assistance, Solar Green Energy Cambodia and Green Agri-Innovative Solution, has successfully carried out the webinar on Sustainable Farm Solutions - Smart Irrigation on 17 June 2021. The event focused on how smart technologies can help facilitate farmers' work in irrigation and save them time and energy, and at the same time save the environment.

Food Security - Cambodia's Future in Agriculture

CPSA has taken part as a panelist in the International Business Chamber Cambodia's opening meeting on Food Security - Cambodia's Future in Agriculture on 5th May 2020. The meeting generally discussed food security issues faced in Cambodia and possible solutions such as incorporating Agri-Tech and building collaborations between key actors.

CDC's Supplier Database with Sustainability Dimension

On Wednesday May 12, CPSA has successfully facilitated the Launch of the Supplier Database with Sustainability Dimension (SD2) co-organized by The Council for the Development of Cambodia and World Economic Forum. During the event chaired by H.E Sok ChandaSophea and joined by around 100 participants from Chamber of Commerce, Business Associations, Domestic Suppliers, CPSA's director gave an overview of the supplier database, and more importantly why domestic suppliers including Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) should register in the database.

Sharing Session on the Enterprise Agriculture Cooperative Incubation Programme

CPSA organized a Zoom sharing session on the Enterprise Agriculture Cooperative Incubation Programme on Friday 17 May, 2021 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. We aimed to provide orientation about the program to potential applicants and most importantly to have an interactive session where we can answer their questions instantly. Around 50 youths participated in the sharing session, and become more interested in agriculture and our program.



OTHER POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES

CPSA's Co-chair's meeting

As CPSA's ritual has arrived, we plan to conduct a physical meeting with our Co-chairs to present the activities achieved and the next direction that we plan to do, as well as to have discussions on activities that we should prioritize

The Official Launching of Incubation Program, Batch 1 of the Enterprise Agriculture Cooperative Incubation Program

As stated in the project's pipeline summary of the Enterprise Agriculture Cooperative Incubation Programme, we plan to recruit participants and we will have a launching to welcome them on-board as well as to officially mark the start of the program to the public audience and relevant stakeholders.

CPSA Webinar on Agri-tech Intervention of Horticulture Value Chain in Cambodia

CPSA and ICCO will co-organize a webinar on the Agri-tech Intervention of Horticulture Value Chain in Cambodia.

Learning Event with Partnership for Indonesia Sustainable Agriculture (PISAgro)

We are planning to carry out a cross-country learning event with our regional partner in Indonesia, PISAgro, in September. The learning event will focus on opportunities of market for SME/Smallholder's sustainable agrifood. We will aim to have in our event representatives from Cambodia businesses, Indonesia businesses and SMEs or smallholders.

FINANCE

HUMAN RESOURCE

To facilitate the work flow, CPSA has recruited a communication intern to coordinate the work flow for Grow Asia and CPSA as a whole. Moreover, we have also shortlisted communication and curriculum design for MRLG project. For KE projects, we have recruited a project manager and senior finance officer; we also shortlisted an ACs coordinator.

ADMINISTRATION

In accordance to the administrative process of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we are in the midst of processing the office relocation documentation process.

TAX COMPLIANCE

We have declared the monthly tax and national social security fund (NSSF).

FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND REPORTING

At regular intervals, financial information is processed accurately and reported (e.g., on cash management, bank management, accounting bookkeeping, for monthly financial report, we have submitted the documents, CPSA internal file documents, monthly payroll to Grow Asia.

