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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
RELAUNCH OF NORTHWEST  
PROVINCES (ECOSORN Project)**



- In order to address the project's objectives, 26 main activities and 160 sub-activities including in the implementation of 69 small pilot projects and 29 centralized contracts, have been actively carried out through:
- Preparation of IRDM training and extension programme.
  - Intensifications and diversifications of lowland rainfed rice, irrigated rice, and upland farming systems.
  - Strengthening of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries
  - Development of farmers/producers organizations and capacity building
  - Capacity building of village authorities, CCs, DAOs and PDAs
  - Improving job opportunity by vocational training provision
  - Planning, implementing, and monitoring capacities improved at commune level
  - Development value chains of vegetables, fruits & value crops
  - Easier access to credit, irrigation, access to potable water and better roads
  - Increased capacity to have mine contaminated areas cleared and land titles issued
  - Installed school awareness campaigns for mines, UXO, small arms and light weapons
  - Rapid response teams to meet immediate demands of effected villages
  - commune councils actively involved in land use planning, mine clearance... and so on.



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**Project Profile**  
 Financing Agreement is signed by H.E. Mr. Erich Muller for EC of January 2005 and H.E. Mr. Hor Namhong for RGC of June 2005.  
 Economic and Social Relaunch of Northwest Provinces (ECOSORN), a five-year project (2006-2010), funded by European Union (€ 25,000,000 ), and contributed by the Royal Government of Cambodia (€1,000,000) for poverty reduction in Banteay Meanchy, Battambang, and Siem Reap.  
 Deadline for signature of contracts is determined by 16 November 2007.

The project is executed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, in collaboration with 5 Ministries: the Ministry of Rural Development, the Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Women's Affairs, and the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction (associated).

**Project Approach**  
 The Integrated Rural Development Module is served as the core strategy to help our beneficiaries to access to arable land and social infrastructure, potable water supplies, better and more reliable roads, social amenities and markets and so on in close collaboration and full participation from the beneficiaries and stakeholders.



### Target Group

The target group in 14 target districts (40 villages=90coms) is identified as follows:

- \* 40 of 96 communes = 68,000 households
- \* 55,000 agricultural households = 280,000 people, including:

- 140,000 people with food deficit of 4 months/year,
- 90,000 people with insufficient income to purchase minimum food,
- 67,000 women between 18-64,
- 25,000 youths between 15-17.

\* The 14 target districts selected from the 3 provinces are:

- 1) Banteay Meanchey: (Phnom Srok, Preah Netr Preah, Thor Puok, and Svay Chek)
- 2) Battambang (Kaos Kralor, Sampov Lun, Moung Ruessei, Ratanak Mondol & Bovel)
- 3) Siem Reap ( Srei Snam, Soutr Nikom, Kralanh, Chi Kraeng, and Angkor Thom).

### ECOSORN Targets

*Agricultural, livestock and fisheries production intensified, diversified and increased:*

- 20 – 25 % of improved agricultural technologies adopted by the direct beneficiaries
- Households in shortage of rice for two months per year
- 1.2 – 2.4 t/ ha of lowland rainfed rice yield increased by the immediate beneficiaries
- 1.8 – 3.0 t/ha of lowland irrigated rice field increased by the immediate beneficiaries
- 15-20 % of improved livestock and fish culture technologies adopted
- 1, 200 ha of irrigation developed

*Economic and employment opportunities developed:*

- Provided vocational training to 1,800people,
- 400 people involved in silk production for generating additional incomes,

- 3 Producer Associations supported and developed, on vegetable marketing
- Fish processing: ten-women fish processing units set up,

### Empowerment of local communities:

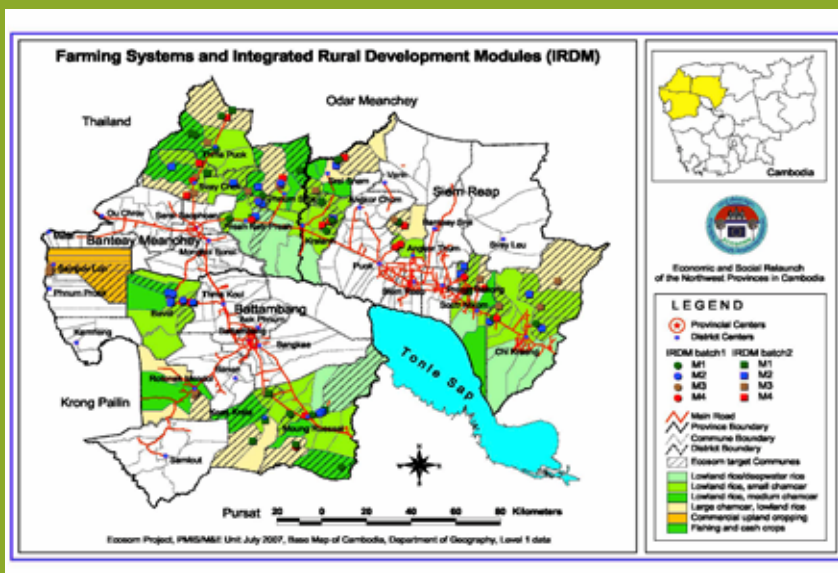
- 40 communes strengthened,
- 270 line department staff strengthened, on capacity building
- Communities and associations set up and re-inforced in 90 villages, and
- 27,000 households aware of water sanitation, health, gender and literacy issues.

### Improved physical access to available social amenities and markets, greater access to potable water supplies:

- Constructed 1,200 water points
- Installed 500 latrines
- Rehabilitated 300 km of rural roads
- Easier access to credit and provide facilitating credit services to 16,000 villagers.

### Safer and permanent access to arable land and social infrastructures:

- 300 ha of land cleared
- 80% of IRDM participants are facilitated with land titles,
- Mine Risk Awareness campaigns conducted in place for 18 active campaign months.



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