Investing in young people living in rural areas is a key to enhancing agricultural productivity and food security, boosting rural economies and cultivate the future of sustainable agriculture.
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INTRODUCTION

FAEC considers itself as a membership association and national farmer organization in Cambodia for the benefits to any farmer organizations that have voluntarily registered as the members of. FAEC was registered officially with the Ministry of Interior (MOI) of Cambodia in 2009 aligned with the existing Law of Association and Non-Governmental Organization (LANGO).
MEMBERS

FAEC

MEMBER TARGET AREAS IN CAMBODIA

AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE

AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE UNION

FARMER ASSOCIATION

FISHING COMMUNITY
Our Vision

Envision smallholder farmers in Cambodia, including women and young farmers, have a prosperous life and economic security and live in harmony with natural environment.

Our Mission

Support and encourage its members with their equal rights and good governance for improvement and promotion of their smallholder members’ food security, safety, prosperity and for living with good environment.
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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT CONTEXT IN CAMBODIA

- Youth under the age of 30 make up about 65% of Cambodia’s population, according to UNDP.
- Agriculture accounts for 22 percent of Cambodia’s GDP, and employs about 3 million people.
- More than two thirds of young people in Cambodia are relying on agriculture for their livelihoods (OECD, 2018)
- Over 1.3 million Cambodians are working abroad

According to a spokesman for the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training (MLVT)
ISSUE FACING BY RURAL YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE

- Youth is generally seen as having lost interest in farming, considering as hard work, high risk and low income
- Lack of source funding to start farming activity
- Limited accessing to decent agricultural and marketing training, referred to short course practical training
- Government does not yet have specific policies to support rural young farmers
- Difficult accessing to land
- Climate change impacts
FARMER ORGANISATION FOR ASIA (FO4A) PROGRAM

- Duration: 2022-2025
- Funded by: EU-IFAD through AgriCord
- Implemented by: AFDI-FAEC
- Target areas: 10 agricultural cooperatives in Svay rieng, Kampong Speu, Kampong Thom and Battamban provinces.
- Target beneficiaries: 120 young farmer (age 18-40), including 50% women and 10% vulnerable people.
Agricultural technique training (vegetables, native chicken raising, natural compost)

Combination of theory and practical skills

Digital agriculture (access to data, technical and market information, application etc.)

Post-training support to farmer through direct counseling and telegram groups exchange.
• Individual farmer business plan training
• Marketing and selling skills training
• Combination of theory and practical skills
• Social Media Marketing training - how to use social platforms (facebook, telegram, tiktok, youtube) to sell products
FARMET-TO-FARMER KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

- Exchange visit between farmer and farmer at local and national
- Exchange visit between farmer and farmer at international (France, Laos)
• Promote direct selling at farm
• Supply to local market and distributor
• Supply to organic stores in city
YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

- Leadership and Management training, and integrate them into cooperative leader's role.
- Support youth group monthly meeting to share information and collect issues.
- Support youth and cooperative representatives to participate quarterly meeting with commune to raise awareness, concerns and suggestion.
- Support youth and cooperative to attend to national and regional events.
"I used to be a migrant worker in Thailand. I returned to my hometown in Banan district, Battambang province in 2021 and participated in learning integrated farming techniques and marketing through FAEC, under the FO4A program. I am currently working on my farming, growing safe vegetables and raising chickens to sell the market, which I can earn between 450 - 500 USD per day."
NEXT ACTION PLAN

AGRI-TECH SKILLS
- Climate Smart Agriculture
- Food processing

SOFT SKILLS
- Farm as a business
- Entrepreneurship
- Digital agriculture & marketing

FUNDING SUPPORT
- Access to external financing (MFIs, Banks)
- Private sector

EMPOWEMENT
- Youth national network
- Decision making involvement
THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION

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