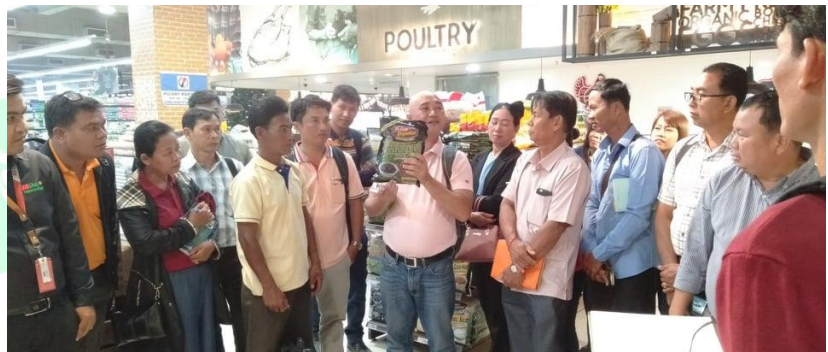


## The Benefits ReCoERDO Brought to Members and Partner of CamboDHRRA

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Farmer and Water Net (FWN) is the first national network of Farmers Water User Communities (FWUCs) which currently from 13 provinces and has 32,495 members with the cultivated area of 38,948ha and was registered in the Ministry of Interior in December 06<sup>th</sup>, 2011.



Learning visit to the Philippines

FWN has participated in ReCoERDO project since 2018 and became a member of CamboDHRRA in early 2019. Since then, FWN had actively

participated in activities that organized by ReCoERDO project such as training on value chain and market empowerment, business plan, constructive engagement, successor generation, gender-sensitive monitoring and evaluation, MEAL and responsible agriculture investment (RAI). The FWN also participated in oversea learning visit that organized by CamboDHRRA in the framework of ReCoERDO to the Philippines to learn about the organization and operation the Savings and Credit under the Cooperative System, the animal raising – especially on breeding of swine; raising free range chicken, and the product processing and access to market and approaches or models in market consolidation of agricultural products and how to bring these to mainstream market. In addition, FWN participated in advocacy activities that organized by AsiaDHRRA and CamboDHRRA such as regional consultation capacity identification workshop on youth and RAI in Hanoi, rapid mapping on the situation of RAI and youth in CamboDHRRA, national dissemination workshop on United States Decade of Family Farming (UNDF) and national capacity identification workshop on RAI and youth.

By participating in ReCoERDO project, FWN has improved their function in providing services to members, the capacity of staff member gradually increased and applied what they has learned in relating to project cycle management, gender-sensitive M&E, agri-value chains and agricultural cooperative development. FWN also has increased agri-business and contract farming partnership with private companies, improved market linkage and being good engagement with Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology (MoRaM).

FWN impressed that CamboDHRRA and AsiaDHRRA should continuing support and strengthen members of the network especially, on institutional development and strengthening, capacity development for technical staff and leaders, awareness on ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and policy advocacy and should also engage more UN agencies and development partners to get additional funding and technical support.

Finally, FWN committed to be full participation in activities at all levels that organize by ReCoERDO, AsiaDHRRA, and CamboDHRRA. They are happy to be a member and to be partner in strengthening agriculture and rural development in Cambodia.

