

# COMMUNITY HEALTH & AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

A program of the Methodist Mission in Cambodia

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## CHAD BREAKTHROUGHS IN 2014

*“Many, O Lord my God,  
are Your wonderful works  
Which You have done;  
And Your thoughts toward us  
Cannot be recounted to You in order;  
If I would declare and speak of them,  
They are more than can be numbered.”*

PSALM 40:5

Health, food security, savings-based credit — God’s hands have been visible through these CHAD programs. Over the years, CHAD has been working against poverty and social justice issues in this nation by bringing in the Kingdom-mindset to His people among 80 target communities.

In 2014, CHAD’s health program has brought better health conditions to 1,431 individuals in the target villages. With the provision of about 295,100 kg of rice stock, rice bank groups have reduced food shortage among 1,441 families. Finally, from approximately 20,300USD in 2013 to 35,850USD in 2014, CHAD’s savings-based credit program has enabled 35 savings group to increase their loan capital by 43% making small loans available to 260 families.

### OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Accomplishment #1:** Church members have taken ownership of their role as “Agents of Change” and more women have been empowered. Out of 307 church members, 147 females attended training in various aspects of holistic ministry.

**Accomplishment #2:** CHAD trainings have boosted the local resource mobilization for initiating and sustaining community actions that promote stewardship and accountability among the participants. Consequently 30% of local resources have been contributed to each newly-established project through Social Concerns Committee (SCC) and Local Social Concerns Committee (LSCC).

**Accomplishment #3:** CHAD and SCC have co-facilitated nine trainings on Principles of Biblically-Based Community Development. The capacity of SCC to initiate and to implement relief and development activities with local Methodist churches continue to grow towards autonomy.

**Accomplishment #4:** SCC has grown in taking leadership and ownership of their responsibilities and have become more independent in performing their duties. Out of 19, 13 SCC members visited project groups within their respective districts to follow-up, to monitor and to provide solutions to existing problems.

**Accomplishment #5:** CHAD has lead the formation of LSCC groups, 29 of which show degree of ownership and accountability to their project groups. As CHAD and SCC co-labor, these groups assist in coordinating and managing relief and development activities in their respective villages expanding experience of physical, social and spiritual wholeness among the communities.

**Accomplishment #6:** LSCCs have taken active involvement and have grown in planning and implementing community-based relief and development activities, in negotiating conflicts and in shared decision-making by men and women. Approximately 85% of the women have been empowered through CHAD training participation; 60% of women have occupied leadership positions.

**Accomplishment #7:** Good Samaritans (GS) and SCC pastors have leveled up in their leadership role in managing referrals at the district, provincial and national level. Thirty (30) people have received CHAD orientation training on patient referral system and procedure.



Following Jesus’ example: demonstration of the lesson of servant leadership (April 2014)

**Accomplishment #8:** Good Samaritans (GS) and Village Health Support Group (VHSG) have worked hand-in-hand visiting families, giving health messages, taking sick people to health centers and blessing 624 patients with public health services.

**Accomplishment #9:** Two medical teams of United Methodist Volunteers in Missions (UMVIM) from United States have blessed the church and community members with free medical and dental care. A total of 1,431 sick people were treated, and 60 patients were referred to NGO and government hospital services for follow-up treatment.

**Accomplishment #10:** GS and local pastors have team-worked to assist 62 patients from various districts of Methodist Mission in Cambodia (MCC) in the provinces with tertiary care in Phnom Penh and equity fund.

**Accomplishment #11:** Families in Kratie, Banteay Meanchey and Battambang have broken through the challenge of accessing clean water and sanitation. Eighty-four (84) families have received water filters and 65 families have been provided with latrines.

**Accomplishment #12:** Eight newly-established farmer groups have taken active involvement in coordinating project activities such as rice farming and small livelihood projects.

**Accomplishment #13:** Access to capital as loans has facilitated farmers to possess new or innovative farming practices. The conversion of twenty-five thousand kilograms (25,000kgs) of rice to cash assets has enabled some savings group to increase their capital.

**Accomplishment #14:** Farmers have grown in wisdom and adaptation to agricultural techniques such as composting and using hand tractors. One major step for an upgrade in farming is the introduction of Integrated Farming System (IFS) program. CHAD has implemented preparatory activities for IFS program.

**Accomplishment #15:** Farmers have sharpen their skills and abilities to utilize local resources to advance farm production. Fifty-six (56) farmers in Takeo, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Thom and Kratie have used local feeds for raising farm animals.

**Accomplishment #16:** Transparency and trust have grown among the established savings and credit groups as financial literacy increase among churches and communities. Fifty (50) of 69 rice bank groups and 24 of 35 savings-based credit groups demonstrated proper record keeping.

**Accomplishment #17:** Discipline and proper stewardship have guided and led small business microloans to continue its growth and to assist more households. Five new savings-based credit groups have been established.

To date, CHAD has established a total of 35 savings-based credit groups. The total amount of capital in the revolving credit funds is approximately 35,850 USD. CHAD continues to focus on strengthening its savings-based credit program to gain more valuable experiences on community-based micro-financing.

One of the things CHAD is looking forward this 2015 is the growth and effect of Integrated Farming System (IFS) program which could help target communities to adapt, mitigate and be more resilient to the impact of changing weather pattern on their livelihood and food security without causing further damage to the environment.

*To GOD be all the glory!*



Participants of *Principles of Biblically-Based Community Development Training* pray for Mr. Leng Thy, CHAD staff (May 21, 2014).

## REACHING THE PURPOSE

IN 2014, CHAD has achieved significant progress:

- ◆ in increasing the number of program beneficiaries who participated in medical care, rice banks and savings/credit loans;
- ◆ in increasing the total capital of saving-based groups which has resulted to reduced borrowings from local lenders and formal banking institutions that charge higher interest rates;
- ◆ in increasing the types and numbers of new community projects implemented with churches/communities, and
- ◆ in increasing the number of MMC church leaders and pastors trained in holistic/transformational development and providing leadership role in community development work.

THIS 2015, CHAD continues to expand the number of target communities within the 153 villages where the Methodist churches are located. CHAD is introducing IFS as a new approach in the light of global warming; therefore, funding grants from interested donors or partners are sought.

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