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1. Introduction

- Cambodia became a member of ITPGRFA in 2002
- Farmers Crop diversity management are important for food security especially in the context of climate change.
- In Sep 2011, GDA signed an agreement with SEARICE to start up a project called “Democratizing Agricultural Research and Extension (DARE) ” to implement in Cambodia from 2012-2015.
- Through this project, PGR and farmers took high priority both at the ground and national levels.



2. Supporting Farmer's right by GDA

- The Director General of GDA strongly supports PPB programme and encourage the technical committee to consider farmers' role in the development and use of varieties that are suitable to their local ecological condition.
- Seed law of Cambodia was reviewed with support from SEARICE and other development agencies to develop seed policy. Now, the Cambodian seed policy is being reviewed by MAFF and the rights of farmers are highly integrated.



3. Engaging and build capacity

- 53 Provincial Department of Agriculture staff, students from Agricultural Universities, and NGO networks had been engaged and included in the capacity building on PGR conservation and Participatory Plant Breeding through ToT, and consultation workshops.
- Over one thousand farmers had been trained through Farmer Field School on participatory rice varieties selection and development and many seed producer groups were formed and tapped by other development agencies and local seed companies for seed production.
- Linking the farmers seed producer groups to the local seed companies or distributors.



- Two outstanding farmers were awarded by the Minister of MAFF in 2014 for their effort to produce good quality seed and developing new varieties for their community.
- The central and provincial staff still support and follow up with advanced farmers who have high interest in the participatory varietal selection, varietal development and seed production.



Pictures at ToT





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4. Future plan

- Consider to put PPB as the strategic programme of Rice Seed management and development for improving seed quality and diversity of rice variety in Cambodia.
- GDA welcomes all interested stakeholders to continue their activities for promoting farmers 'right in development and use of good quality seeds in Cambodia.
- Cooperate with national and international research institutes such as CARDI and IRRI for accessing breeding materials, lines and cultivation techniques for sharing with farmers in the communities to be evaluated and selected.
- Try to access more financial support from Government and development partners to promote farmer participatory varietal selection, participatory plant breeding and production of good quality seeds.



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Thank you!