

# Non-Timber Forest Products Exchange Programme (NTFP-EP) Asia

## Linking People & Forests

NTFP-EP promotes capacity building of forest-dependent communities towards the sustainable management of natural and forest resources.



## Programme Highlights

**Goal:** Promote the meaningful participation of civil society and indigenous peoples (IPs) in the implementation of the REDD+ roadmap and governance structures in Cambodia.

### Objectives:

- Mainstreaming social forestry (SF) through national, state-level community forestry bodies
- Enhancing the effective engagement of the ASEAN Social Forestry Network (ASFN) Civil Society (CSO) Forum
- Facilitating exchanges on inclusive REDD+ processes and other SF and Climate Change (CC) related themes

The NTFP-EP Cambodia undertakes work on **Policy Support, Knowledge Sharing, Capacity Building and Networking.**

**Beneficiaries:** CSOs, IPs, CF groups, women, vulnerable groups

**Lessons Learned/Achievements:** The positive impact as a result of project outputs:

- Networking of civil society groups enables different skills sets to be applied towards a common agenda;
- Capacity building support is needed on REDD+ concept and in undertaking productive and appropriate facilitation on the subject to civil society groups and communities;
- The development, use and dissemination of accessible communication materials (in terms of language, concept and images) is essential in order to promote effective civil society participation.

### Challenges:

- Civil Society and IPs coordination is difficult without a regular communication mechanism. An active focal point to coordinate different civil society groups is necessary.
- The engagement of civil society groups with stakeholders in the national REDD+ strategy development is still limited and requires further advocacy and resource support.
- It is not easy to enjoin different stakeholder groups to pool their resources for the production of common communication materials and inputs.
- Advocating a common position on rights-based concepts in REDD+ will take a long process and different strategies to deliver an effective and persuasive message. Political challenges will also need to be surmounted within the process.



NTFP-EP Cambodia is a collaborative network of over 60 NGOs and CBOs working with forest-based communities to empower them to make use of and manage their forest resources in a sustainable manner.

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