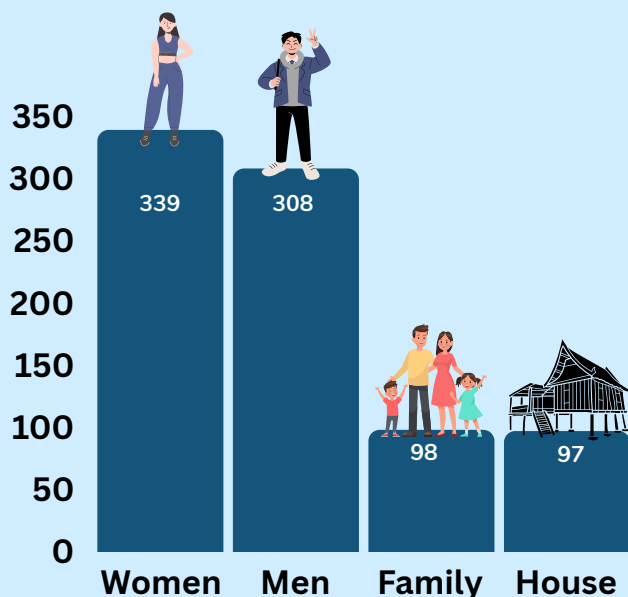


Community Profile



Promote Sustainable Agriculture Production Through Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (PSAPGI) at Song Village, Kham District, Xiengkhouang

Statistic of Village



Overview of Village



Village Song is a small village that relocated from the south neighborhood to a new location 22 years ago. It encompasses a total area of 3,500 hectares. Much of this land is well-suited for cultivating crops like tea and coffee. The villagers themselves are actively working to improve the quality of their production in order to focus on exports and expand their marketing reach. While rice farming, cattle raising, and tea cultivation have traditionally been the main occupations, there's a shift towards focusing on commercial products such as tea, coffee, and cattle.

In Song village, the land was allocated fairly to each family, avoiding internal conflicts. Additionally, after gaining access to gender role training and the legal calendar, the people recognized and understood their rights and roles regarding land use. This includes practices such as recording both husband and wife's names on the land title and dividing the inheritance of land assets equally between sons and daughters. This knowledge has empowered them to claim their rightful ownership roles when companies enter concessions on their land.

Previously, the cultivation of tea and coffee by the villagers remained a traditional practice, resulting in insufficient produce quality and impacting export volumes. After the PSAPGI program arrived, it trained the villagers in various aspects, such as planting seedlings, planting methods, and maintenance. In addition to the training, the project also provided practical support by demonstrating proper coffee roasting techniques to meet the needs of consumer groups. They also provided equipment to facilitate production. If the villagers can implement these practices according to the project's suggestions, Village Two has the potential to become a leading producer of tea and coffee.

Type of Land

Cultivated Land

Farmland

Agriculture Land



Overview of Project Outcome

After various projects have been implemented, it is evident that the villagers have developed the capacity and understanding for practicing quality agriculture and promoting gender equality in land work. This has inspired in them the goal of marketing their produce to external and pursuing equal rights to land ownership. These combined factors will contribute to long-term stability in land use practices. This is the opinion of those beneficiaries from the project.



Panee
Villager

“I chose to participate in the project's activities because I believe knowledge and proper methods are essential for people to take action. We learned valuable lessons about roles, gender equality, land laws, and sustainable agriculture practices that will benefit our village. Ideally, in the future, we would like to see villagers empowered to start their own businesses, be it tea or coffee production, for export, enabling them to earn a sufficient income and build a new life for themselves.”

Since these villages are known for their tea and coffee plantations, the PSAPGI project aims to assist with crop production. The project will focus on improving quality and expanding into the export market. Notably, promoting gender equality and the participation of people with disabilities in sustainable agriculture is also a key priority. Training villagers in coffee production for long-term success is a valuable initiative. Furthermore, if the project helps improve the quality of tea and coffee for export at a premium price, these villages could become model communities in the area. Finally, I believe fostering women's participation in household decision-making is crucial for building strong families



Xorthor Xaocha
CSO staff

“As a provincial government employee, I was very pleased to visit these villages and witness the successful implementation of the project. Since the project's arrival, I've observed a significant increase in awareness among villagers regarding the importance of agricultural production for generating sufficient income to support their families. On behalf of the Provincial Department of Agriculture and Forestry, I want to reiterate our commitment to providing ongoing technical support. Moving forward, we would like to see continued support in the form of budget, improved techniques, and equipment to enhance the villagers' capacity for sustainable agriculture and ensure the project's long-term success.”



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