Vegetable Seed Distribution: 2nd Phase of Emergency Flood Relief in Kampong Chhnang Province

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA – The flood which hit 18 provinces of Cambodia in late 2011 was the country’s worst flooding in over a decade. It left more than 240 people dead and about 10 percent of the country’s rice damaged. During that critical time, FIDR responded actively to the urgent needs of 4,466 flood most affected families Kampong Chhnang Province, one of worst affected provinces along the Mekong River and Tonle Sap Lake, by delivering food packets and clean water products as its first phase of emergency flood relief.

Responding to the provincial request, soon after the flood receded, FIDR began its second phase of the flood relief by delivering vegetable seeds to 3,082 flood affected families from 33 villages in Rolea Pa-ir District of Kampong Chhnang Province on two consecutive dates, 19 and 20 January 2012. FIDR sees this vegetable seed relief distribution as a way to partake in the post-flood rehabilitation of the Royal Government of Cambodia in restoring the livelihood of the flood-affected families in Kampong Chhnang Province.

The families were selected based on their vulnerability to the food shortage. According to the District Agriculture Officers and local authorities of Kampong Chhnang Province, the families’ wet season rice was destroyed by the flood and most of them do not farm any dry season rice. This leads them to confront food shortage.

Each family received a vegetable seed packet that contained 1) 200g of Water convolvulus, 2) 100g of Amaranth, 3) 02 small cans of Chinese cabbage, 4) 02 small cans of Chinese radish, 5) 02 small cans of Cucumber, 6) 02 small cans of Pumpkin, 7) 02 small packets of Wax gourd, and 8) 02 small cans of String bean. FIDR expects that they will use the vegetable seeds for their gardening and thus, will contribute to the family daily consumption.

The two-day vegetable seeds distribution was a success of the second phase of FIDR’s flood relief which received a lot of supports and cooperation from the provincial and local authorities and other stakeholders in the province.

Map of the targeting villages for the vegetable seed relief.
I. On January 19, 2012 (for 1,265 families)
   1. At Teuk Huot Commune Office at 8:30 a.m. for 903 families

The distribution was very successful when 903 families from six villages of Teuk Huot Commune, came to receive the vegetable seeds from FIDR at the Teuk Huot Commune Office.

FIDR’s Relief Team were helping drop the vegetable seeds boxes from a truck.

FIDR’s Relief Team were helping to prepare the vegetable seeds boxes after dropped from a truck. They counted and verified the number to make sure that the seed packets were right.

Hundreds of flood-affected families came to receive the vegetable seeds from FIDR.
(Left) Mr. Chan Monny Rath, Deputy Country Representative was giving speech by encouraging the families to grow vegetable seeds in their home gardens. (Right) Representative from FIDR and H.E Hy Nath, Deputy Provincial Governor (Second from right) were giving vegetable seeds to a village representative.

Villagers receiving packet of vegetable seeds.

2. At Chheu Trach Pagoda, Kork Banteay Commune at 1:30 p.m. for 362 families
At the Chheu Trach Pagoda, 362 flood-affected families from 6 villages in Kork Banteay Commune were the target of FIDR’s vegetable seeds relief.

FIDR Staff arranging and making verification on the vegetable seeds to be ready for distribution.


Representative of villagers received vegetable seeds from FIDR and representative of the Provincial Governor. (Right) villagers were helping one another putting seeds in plastic bags.
II. On January 20, 2012 (for 1, 817 families)
   1. At Uttumpo Pagoda, Svay Chrum Commune at 8:30 a.m. for 571 families

571 families from 14 villages in Svay Chrum Commune came together to receive the vegetable seeds from FIDR.
2. At Tbeng Pahi Primary School, Andaung Snay Commune at 1:30 p.m. for 1,246 families

Representatives of 1,246 farmers from 7 villages of Andoung Snay Commune came with their village head to receive the vegetable seeds from FIDR.