



YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN ADAPTATION



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KYSD Overview



Khmer Youth and Social Development (KYSD) is a non-profit, non-partisan Cambodian Youth NGO based in Phnom Penh. It was established in January 2000 and registered with Ministry of Interior on 25 March, 2003. KYSD has considerable experience—twelve years--working with youth and communities in the field of Human Rights, Good Governance, Climate Change adaptation and Natural resources Management. It is an active youth NGO that networks effectively and has good relationships with LNGOs, INGOs and Government.

Since it was established in 2000, KYSD's primary focus has been to mobilize Cambodian youth to become a force for protection of the environment and land and economic rights. Currently it is one of the key youth organizations in Cambodia playing this role and bring the voice of rural youth and community to the national level.

Vision and Mission



People in Cambodia, especially youth and poor people enjoy and exercise their fundamental rights in a prosperous society.

To support youth and poor people to actively participate in social development through building their capacity particularly on human rights and sustainable natural resources management and encouraging relevant authorities to recognize & support their rights.

Past and Present

Past




Present




Youth Involvement in Adaptation



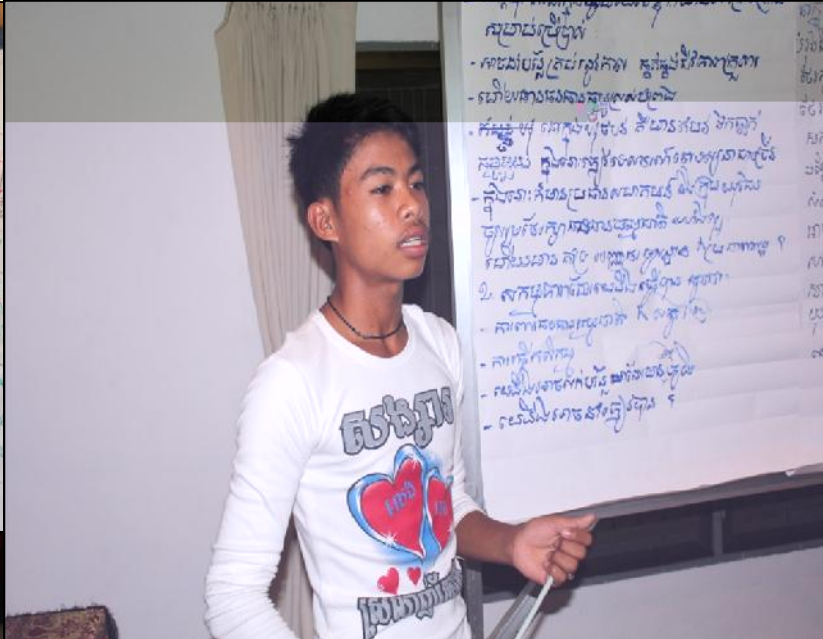
Good Practices for Working with Youth on Climate Change Issues

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- Involve youth from the beginning to identify the problems and the solutions
 - Ensure that girls and young women have adequate opportunities to contribute to discussions
 - Enable youth to define their roles and responsibilities in the project

Good Practices for Working with Youth on Climate Change Issues

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- Provide locally-based mentoring to encourage youth to participate in community planning and decision-making. Mentoring should be provided by adults that youth can relate to and trust
 - Facilitate connections and networks with other youth organization

KYSD's Methodology: Work with Youth



HIGHLIGHT Most Significant Change



Most Significant Change

- Community people in Kampong Speu province have maximized land use for drought resilient vegetable cultivation.



Most Significant Change

- Community people have cooperated with youth to claim back 82 hectares of forest land from tycoon.



Most Significant Change



- The local authorities have provided 20 kg of drought-resilient rice seed to each family as a result of youth club activities.

Most Significant Change

- Youth and community people cooperated and planted 700 small trees and fruit trees that thrive in drought conditions because of the impact of climate change (such as Bengs, Klongs, Tbengs, etc...) These activities show the commitment, and participation by youth and community people to adapt forestry to the impacts of climate change. This has been a new role for the Community Forestry Committee, youth and women in the community.



Most Significant Change

- 12 cases of illegal deforestation were stopped and illegal logging equipment was confiscated in Pech Antong and Chambok tourism communities by youth groups cooperating with community forestry. The Community has marked their forest boundary. According to Mr. Touch Morn, the chief of community forestry in Chambok Commune, since his group has cooperated with the youth club, deforestation activities were prevented. The youth clubs also patrol the forest on a regular basis. He hopes that the forest will be expanded and adapted for climate change.



Most Significant Change

- Gender equity has been improved because of these activities. Women have begun to participate at the community level in forestry and agricultural projects. Both men and women are aware of problems related to Climate change that affect the community. After they participated in KYSD's activities women have voiced their opinions and made a difference in their communities.





Video:

Youth Involvement in Climate Change Adaptation



Thanks for your attention!