Report On

Six National Innovation Platform Convening Under project

Asian Chicken Genetic Gains (AsCGG):

Thursday, 21st November 2024

Time: 14:00-16:30

Reported by LDC Team













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1. Introduction

Asian Chicken Genetic Gains (AsCGG) project is 5 years project which are implementing in Cambodia, Myanmar, and Vietnam. The project is led by the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) with partnership with National of Animal Health and Production Research Institution (NAHPRI) under General Directorate of Animal Health and Production (GDAHP) and Livestock Development for Community Livelihood Organization (LDC) in Cambodia. The aims of the project are to contribute and improved smallholder chicken systems through adapting new and proven genetic technologies and approaches that increase farmer access to locally acceptable and adapted. It also provides a platform for south – south learnings through the African Chicken Genetic Gains (ACGG) initiative implemented since 2014 in Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Tanzania. In addition to government research departments, the project envisages working with a small number of NGOs, partner with private poultry genetics companies to help develop a roadmap for a longer-term chicken genetic gains programmes in each country. There are eight national innovative platform (two national platform convenings per year) over the project lifetime (4 years project). The national innovation platform established with a primary goal of mobilizing public and private sector engagement in the smallholder chicken value chain

2. Objective

- Progress of AsCGG project
- Summary of egg production and chick growth (Go and G1 generations)
- Important activities should be considered on breeding program
- ➤ Plenary Discussion What are the potential solutions and approaches to addressing the challenges.

3. Participants

There were 98 (woman: 26) participants from different actors involve in chicken value chain in four provinces (Takeo, Kampot, Kampong Speu, and Kampong Chhnang). The key actors attended this meeting were national animal health and production research institute (NAHPRI) under general directorate of animal health and production (GDAHP), livestock development for community livelihood organization (LDC), the provincial office of animal health and production (POAHP), a representative from ILRI based in east and southeast Asia and Nairobi, the Royal University of Agriculture (RUA), Internation and local NGO, private companies, VAHWS, Chicken raising group, chicken producers, traders, medicine supplier, and feed suppliers, etc.

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No	Stakeholder	М	F	Total
1	ILRI	3		3
2	NAHPRI	2	1	3
3	International and local NGOs	4	1	5
4	RUA	2		2
5	Private Company	2		2
6	Farm Breeding	3	1	4
7	Officer & VAHWs	18	5	23
8	Chicken Producer	18	10	28
9	Live Chicken Trader and butcher	10	5	15
10	Animal feed seller	10	3	13

4. Meeting method

The 6th National Innovation Platform Convening was organized as a hybrid meeting via the zoom link in which the provincial office was the host for participants from their province while other participants from different institutions were attended by zoom link created by ILRI based in east and southeast Asia.

5. Process and result of the meeting

5.1. Session 1: Welcome and Scene-setting

- Mr. Hoa Hoang Hai, ILRI Research Project Coordinator based in Regional Office for East and Southeast Asia: He is grateful thank to Cambodia partners and nucleus farms to joint activities and make the project successful. The midterm review led by Dr Anna Okello, research program manager and her teams' members are very happy with our project outcome and happy to extend our project to May 2025 and second phase from 2025 to 2029.
- Dr. Tadelle Dessie is AsCGG project leader has given speak remark and welcome to all participants in this meeting. It was great pleasure and enthusiasm to welcome everyone in this meeting. He is also grateful and thanked to all participants, project teams and nucleus farms to successful for the project and continue work with you all especially nucleus farm and extent to our target province for phase 2.
- Mr. Phem Menghak: He is representative of Dr Tum Sothyra, director of NAHPRI as he has urgent meeting with minister of agriculture, Mr Menghak is thank to all participants from oversea and from four target provinces that take the value time to join in the meeting and he is happy to share the project of the project relate to chick performance and eggs production from hen.

5.2. Session 2: Project progress

5.2.1. Project progress by Dr. Chhay Ty

• Objective of 6th NIP

- Project progress since beginning until now
- Share the data of chick performance and eggs production from Go and G1
- The challenging on breeding program especially chick, hen and management

• The three cardinal aims of project outcomes

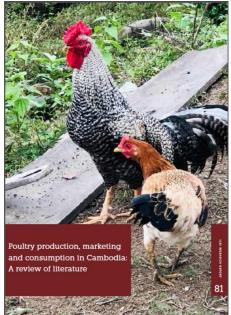
- Employment Creation
- Wealth Creation
- Poverty Reduction

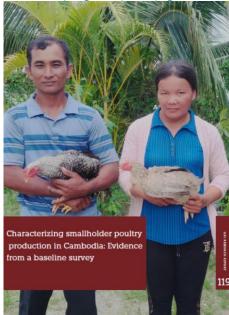
Project activities updated

- Poultry production, marketing and consumption in Cambodia: A review of literature https://www.ilri.org/knowledge/publications/poultry-production-marketing-and-consumption-cambodia-review-literature
- Baseline survey on Characterizing rural smallholder poultry production in Cambodia. https://www.ilri.org/knowledge/publications/characterizing-smallholder-poultry-production-cambodia-evidence-baseline

Guideline for setting up and management of Participatory Indigenous Chicken Breeding Improvement Program (PICBIP) produced. https://www.ilri.org/knowledge/publications/participatory-indigenous-chicken-

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Participatory Indigenous Chicken Breed Improvement Program (PIC-BIP): A guide to setting up and managing an open nucleus breeding program supported by artificial insemination using Skoeuy chicken of Cambodia

- o Monograph study on Cambodian native chicken breed diversity from 10 provinces representing different Cambodian regions. The activities have been done and the paper will be published soon in ILRI website.
- o PICBIP started in Tram Kak, Takeo province by June 2023: 3 Nucleus farms identified to participate in the Skouy breed improving program.
- o Farmer Training on AI, Parent Stock management, Data collection
- National Capacity Building: 5 NIP + 3 CIP
- o PICBIP's Go growth performance results from 0-16 weeks.
- o PICBIP's Go Skouy parent stock selection for cage laying hen and AI system from W18 (1:8 Ratio) to W52
- o PICBIP's G1 growth performance from o- 16 weeks.

5.2.2. Chick performance and egg production by Mr. Phem Menghak

Objectives

- o Employment Creation
- Wealth Creation
- Poverty Reduction
- Enhanced nutrition

• Importance of native chicken

- Household income generation
- o Good market demand and triple cost higher than commercial line
- Ritual culture representing
- Well-adapt to harsh environment
- Developed free-antibiotic production

o Subsidy source of income and protein sources for the majority of Cambodia's rice-production farmers.

• Production Gap of native chicken

- Cambodia has zero score in all aspects of animal genetic resources program Seng M. (2012), selection is not yet practices and random mating is common Nishibori et al. (2006).
- In free-range system, the native chicken has low productivity, and high mortality rate due to lack of proper feeding regime and a spread of diseases (Siek et al., 2016)
- However, Local consumers more prefer local chicken than commercial lines, and there is a need to intensify the native chicken breed into commercial scale for growing local demand.

• Mechanisms for Breed Improvement

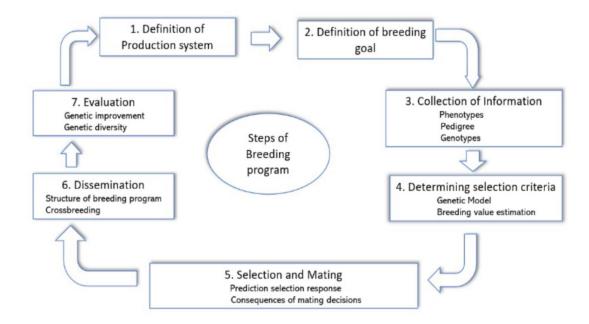
- o Animal Migration
- Cross-breeding
- Genome Editing
- Breeding selection

• PIC-BIP: What is PIC-BIP?

- o Animal breed development programs implemented by farmers
- Farmers participate in setting breeding goals, selecting breeding stock, recording data, evaluating breeds, working with researchers, marketing and distributing animal breeds.
- The program aims to develop egg production, breeder management, and 100% farmer-owned research participation.
- o Animal breeders must preserve good animal breeds forever.
- o Farmers who purchase chicken seeds from breeders also have a role in maintaining the breed, evaluating it, and providing feedback to breeders.

Cycles of PICBIP

- o Definition of production system
- o Definition of breeding goal
- o Collection of information (Phenotypes, Pedigree, and Genotypes)
- o Determining selection criteria (Genetic model, and Breeding value estimation)
- Selection and Marting (prediction selection response, and Consequences of mating decisions)
- o Dissemination (Structure of breeding program Crossbreeding).
- o Evaluation (Genetic improvement, and Genetic diversity)



• PICBIP: Defining selection criteria for Skuoy

o Farmer's preferences on Skuoy Characteristics

Trails	Characters
Mature Chicken	Black & white barred/red stripes (Bicolor)
Shank color	Yellow
Egg color	White
Comb type	Pea/strawberry
Feather cover	Fully covered
Market age	3.5 months
Market weight	1.5 kg in males /1.25 kg in females
Shank length	10-12 cm in males/10 cm in females

• PICBIP: Farmer training

- Parent stock
- o Artificial Insemination on hen
- Farm Bio-security
- o Data recording on Nucleus farm







• PIC-BIP: Individual BW recording at W16

- o Referenced flock done
- 1st Generation (next 2week done)







• PICBIP: Growth Performance data

V-PICBIP: Growth Performance Data

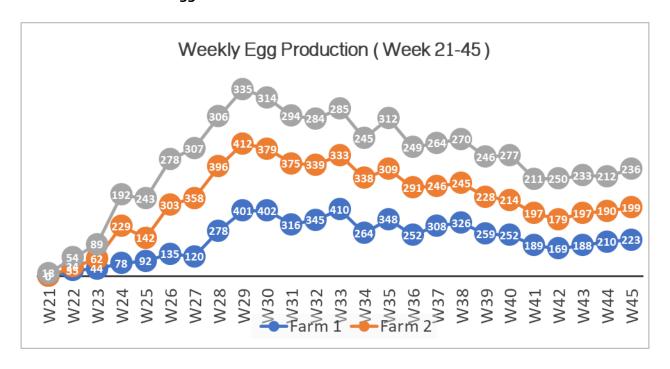
	W0	W1	W2	W3	W4	W5	W6	W7	W8	W9	W10	W11	W12	W13	W14	W15	W16	Sold out	Loss	Total Alive	Mort	ality
Farm 1	1002	1002	1000	997	982	973	970	966	962	960	955	952	951	944	942	936	815	95	10	920	82	8.18
Farm 2	1002	987	987	971	971	965	957	949	947	941	938	933	932	932	929	924	913	0	11	924	78	7.78
Farm 3	1000	1000	997	993	989	985	979	964	952	937	930	912	908	905	900	896	803	30	65	898	102	10.20

	Farm 1		Far	m 2	Farm 3		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Number (head)	371	444	500	413	344	459	
Number (%)	45.52	54.48	54.76	45.24	42.84	57.16	
Average (g)	1564.66	1179.95	1719.70	1291.86	1382.12	1085.95	
Max (g)	2400	1800	2700	1800	2750	1800	
Min (g)	750	600	1000	650	700	600	
Std (g)	247.52	194.37	277.91	196.30	334.30	233.08	

	Male chicken	1			
	Farm 1	Farm 2	Farm 3	Average	Selection Interval (%)
Unselected (g)	1564.66	1719.70	1382.12	1555.50	18.13
Selected (g)	1732.00	1996.67	1953.13	1900.00	10.15
	Female chick	en			
Unselected	1179.95	1291.86	1085.95	1185.92	0.05
Selected	1217.02	1381.31	1271.00	1289.78	8.05

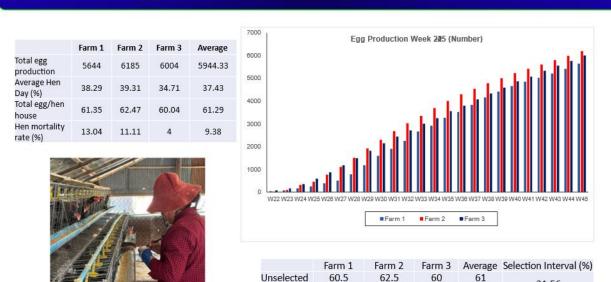


• PICBIP: Egg Production Data



• PICBIP: Egg Production Data (cont')

V-PICBIP: Egg Production Data (cont')



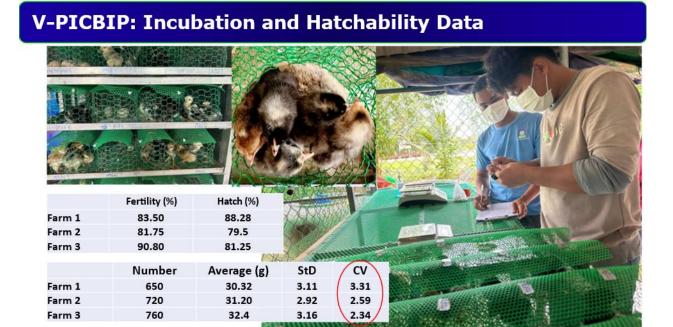
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• PICBIP: Incubation and Hatchability Data



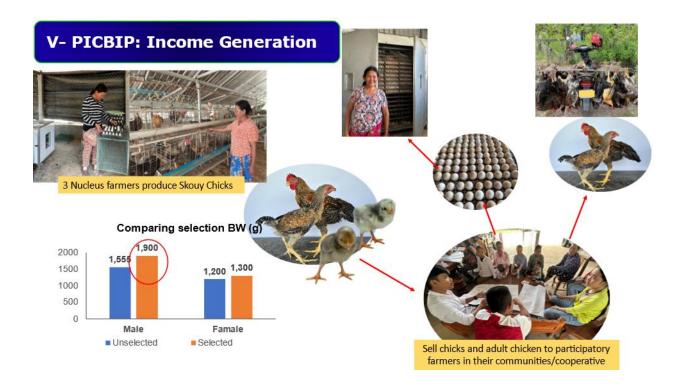
• PICBIP: BW at W16 (Go vs G1)

	Farm	1	Farm	arm 2 F		Farm 3		
	Go	G1	Go	G1	Go	G1	Go	G1
Average	1.18	1.46	1.29	1.37	1.09	1.38	1.19	1.40
Max	1.8	1.80	1.8	1.80	1.8	2.75	1.80	2.12
Min	0.6	0.90	0.65	1.00	0.6	0.7	0.62	0.87
Std	0.21	0.13	0.20	0.15	0.23	0.14	0.21	0.14
Male								
Average	1.56	1.68	1.72	1.85	1.48	1.67	1.59	1.73
Max	2.4	2.40	2.6	2.60	1.8	2	2.27	2.33
Min	0.75	1.30	1	1.00	8.0	1.2	0.85	1.17
Std	0.25	0.20	0.28	0.18	0.33	0.16	0.28	0.18



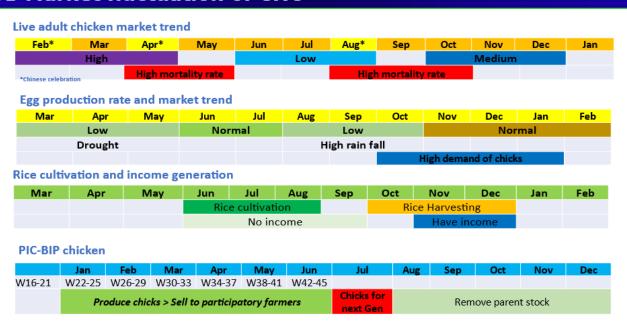
• PICBIP: Income Generation

- o 3 Nucleus farmers producer Skouy Chickens
- Sell chicks and adult chickens to participatory farmers in their communities/cooperative



• VI-Market fluctuation of native chicken

VI-Market fluctuation of CNC



• Constraints on native chicken

- o Live adult sale and encounter sale problem even the market demand still
- o Compete with low-cost imported local chicken from Thailand and Vietnam
- Compete with supply season of free-range chicken and fish
- Layer hen is preferable by central market wants due to meet with fat deposit

- Unwanted male chicken at the market, male shares 50% of the flock
- o High expenses for feed cost mainly for >50 adult chicken farm
- o Not proper housing and feeding, may encounter feather problem
- o Biosecurity and disease occurrence problem
- o Labor intensive in Nucleus farm
- o External harm; global economic issue

• HPAI Positive case

- On the 3rd September Culling of sick chicken 207 heads of 2-3month chick culled (Unselected flock)
- Al Vaccination for Skouy 84 heads of Parent stock, and 689 heads of chick
 2-7week age

Priority for next step

- o Molecular selection for Growth, FCR, High Egg production, Heat stress tolerance, removal of slow-feather gene.
- Forming farmer group for improving production planning, processing and market linkage.
- Strengthening 3 nucleus farmers performance, farm biosecurity, based on their current capacity, resources and challenges
- Test GxE interaction of selected Skouy and Referenced flock (site based on Scoping visit)
- o Poultry Nutrition Study/Experiment
- o Improve male chicken marketing; eg. male chicken should go processing and meat cuts etc.
- Recommend proper house space and nutrient to improve feather development during high temperature period
- Strengthening biosecurity at Nucleus farms by providing proper facilities and routine practices, mainly applied for visitors

5.2.3. Important point to be consideration by Dr. Wondmeneh

- Emerging issues regarding the ongoing Skouy breed improvement program
- Brief description of the alternative chicken breed improvement programs in six countries such as Ethiopia, Nigeria, Tanzania, Kenya, Cambodia and Viet Nam.
- Commitment and continuous interest in the breeding program by participatory farmers
- Interest to make income by selling requires multiplication flock.
- The chance of selling improved chicken/negative selection
- Emerging preferences:
 - o body weight after improvement
- Disease outbreak/pandemic
 - o A need to follow up and strict biosecurity control Hoa's expertise
 - o The need for a backup flock in Kampong Chhnang/ additional work
- Acceptability of the breed while losing its feathers:
 - Adaptation to environment is very important, but chickens such as Horasi do not do
 - o Evolutionary adaptations vs Local adaptations needs to be investigated
 - o Live chicken sale can be affected
 - o Additional study in relation to Menghak PhD

- New traits into the breeding program:
 - o Feed efficiency Ty's support
 - o Apply ILRI-Feed App to consider non-conventional feeds resources available
- Complementing new technologies:
 - o Genomic tools to better understand the breed
 - Use the technique to improve the breeding program
- Data management:
 - o Use a centralized data management system
 - o Better control and use of pedigreed data in the future

5.3. Session 3: Discussion

- Chickens are overweight
- Disease
- Featherless chicken
- Expensive food

Overweight	Diseases	Featherless	Expensive feed
- Weight is not an issue. If the market likes it, farmers should adjust according to the market (1.3-1.5 kg).	 Implement biosecurity measures at the farm and vaccinate against important diseases. 	- Selling ready- made chicken	 Farmers should be advised to use industrial feed for chicks under 21 days old. Raising free-range chickens reduces feed, but faces disease risks
- the market demand for chickens is between 1.3 kg and 1.5 kg, so farmers should sell quickly to make a profit.	- Increase biosecurity and other risk factors, such as not buying chickens or other birds to raise or eat.	- Another point for featherless chickens is that we should add extra vitamins to their water or feed when they are young, or use high-vitamin yellow and green feed.	- Use a feed formula that is correctly calculated and has a clear level of protein, energy, minerals, and amino acids according to the age of the chicken. In particular, the raw materials used should be locally available, so as to reduce production costs.

5.4. Session 4: Next steps and closure

- Kampong speu province
 - o There should be shared the results of breeding using natural breeding
 - o Economic analysis using existing data
- Kampot province
 - Want to conduct artificial insemination in all target provinces (4 provinces)
 - o Wants 3 nucleus farms to share experience on artificially insemination
- Kampong Chhnang province
 - o Brief the results from breeding program and simple's ways to each target province.

Appendix 1: Agenda

Time	Agenda Item
14:00-14:30	Session 1: Welcome and Scene-setting (30 mins)
	Opening Remarks – Dr. Fred/Mr. Hoa, IRIL (10 mins)
	Opening Remarks – Dr. Tadelle /Dr. Wondemeth,ILRI(10 mins)
	Opening Remarks – Dr. Tum Sothyra, NAHPRI (10 mins)
14:30-15:30	Session 2: Project progress, egg production, and chick growth
	6. Project Progress – Dr. Chhay Ty (10 mins)
	7. Summary of egg production and chick growth (Fo and F1 generations) Mr.
	Phem Menghak (15 mins)
	8. Important point to be consideration by Dr. Wondmeneh (15 mins)
15:30-15:50	Session 3: Discussion
	9. Plenary Discussion – What are the potential solutions and approaches to
	addressing the challenges raised above? – Dr. Wondmeneh (20 mins)
15:50-16:00	Session 4: Next steps and closure
	Summary of the meeting results and plans for the 7th IP meeting— Dr. Chhay
	Ty (5 mins)
	Closing Remarks –Dr Sothyra Tum, NAHPRI (5 mins)

Appendix 2: Attendant list

No	Name	Sex	Position				
Internatio	International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)						
1	Dr. Wondmeneh Esatu	М	Scientist - Livestock Genetics				
2	Dr. Talelle dessia	М	PI and Project Leader, Nairobi, Kenya				
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General D	irectorate of Animal Health ar	nd Prodi	uction (GDAHP)				
National A	Animal Health and Production	Researc	ch Institute (NAHPRI)				
4	Dr. Bun Chann	М	Vice-Director				
5	Dr. Ren Theary	F	Vice-Director				
6	Mr. Phem Menghak	М	Officer and PhD student				
Royal Univ	versity of Agriculture (RUA)						
7	Mr. Prak Kea	М	Vice Dean of Animal Science Faculty				
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14	Mr. Oum Phor	М	Happy Farmer Chicken Raising Cooperative				
15	Mr. Ky Thy	М	Chicken Producer				
16	Mrs. Sim Pang	F	Chicken Producer				
17	Mr. Seang Sophal	М	Animal Feed supplier				
18	Mr. Toch Ratanak	М	Chicken Producer				
19	Mr. Mat Sokyan	М	Chicken Producer				

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20	Mr. Keo Sovandy	M	Animal Medicine supplier
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22	Mr. Khorn Khun	M	Officer
23	Mrs. Kon Sreyoun	F	Officer
24	Mrs. Soa Bith	F	Animal Feed supplier
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37	Mr.Chhan Longdy	М	Chicken Producer
38	Mr.Sing Bunheng	M	Animal Medicine supplier
39	Mrs.Hok Chanphea	F	Chicken Producer
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45	Mr.Deop Englai	M	Village Animal Health Worker
46	Mr. Deop Englong	М	Village Animal Health Worker
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54	Mrs. Chhea Chanthou	F	Chicken Producer
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56	Mr.Chan Pisey	F	Live Chicken Trader
57	Mr. Muth Sreymao	F	Live Chicken Trader
58	Mr. Thoem Sophanneth	F	Animal Feed supplier
59	Mr. Ek Leakena	F	Animal Feed supplier
60	Mr. Sor Chabnat	M	Chicken Producer
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70	Mrs.Yoeung Sophally	F	Officer
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72	MrTep Sinoeun	М	District Vet
73	Mr Chhihn Mean	М	Chicken producer
74	Mr Ouch Buntha	М	Chicken producer
75	Mr. Tim Channa	М	Chicken producer
76	Mr.Mak Yoeung	М	Village animal health worker
77	Mrs.Ket Somaly	F	Live Chicken Trader
78	Mrs. Bun Thea	F	Live Chicken Trader
79	Mr.Ses Soy	М	Animal feed seller
80	Mr.Ku Chhoeungkim	М	Animal feed seller
81	Mr.Nov Hoeun	М	Animal feed seller
82	Mr.Norn Som	М	Chicken Producer
83	Mr.Hin Sern	М	Chicken Producer
84	Mr.Se Im	М	Chicken Producer
85	Mr.Sok Vit	М	Chicken Producer
86	Mrs. Men Mony	F	Chicken Producer
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Non-Gove	ernment Organization		
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90	Mr. Mao BophaMakara	М	Researcher in LDC
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95	Mr. Nhot Bunrong	М	Data collector
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Figure 1: Participants joining at Kampot province





Figure 2: Participants joining at Kampong Chhnang Province





Figure 3: Participants joining at Kampong Speu Province



