



The ACCESS project: Advancing CSOs' Capacities, Enhancing Solutions for Sustainability

Presentation of the overall context

In 2017, ADG in partnership with WWF and two local NGOs, developed a new project funded by the EU with the overall objective to strengthen the role and participation of Cambodian forest dependent communities, including improved governance, inclusive policy dialogue, and natural resources conservation. The project is to ensure the active contribution, of Mondulhiri Province's forest dependent membership-based communities, to national policy dialogue and the implementation of reforms and legal actions related to the accessibility, sustainable use and management of forest resources.

The ADG Action

The main actions covered by ADG are to improve the organizational and management capacities of 18 CPAs, including efforts to better engage women to contribute to decision making in management committees, and that CPAs' members and representatives gain capacities and skills to contribute to policy dialogue and implement local actions for the protection and conservation of forests. WWF is the project leader to ensure that CPAs are engaged in national policy dialogue and action for the protection and conservation of forests through intensive dialogue with law makers, relevant authorities and private sector.

The proposed Action focuses on supporting 18 Community Protected Areas (CPAs) in Mondulhiri, a province of Eastern Cambodia, home to one of the last large dry forest landscapes in South-East Asia. This critical ecosystem provides services to the people of Cambodia and sustains the livelihoods of vulnerable local communities. WWF and ADG have been supporting forest-dependent communities organized in CPAs in Mondulhiri for several years, in their efforts to access land rights and to sustainably manage and protect their natural resources. The partnership WWF-ADG will facilitate the engagement of CPAs toward better conservation of their resources through improving their ability to represent their members and their sector interests, expand their roles in public-private dialogues, and to foster sector-specific policies needed to achieve economic growth and poverty reduction.

Beneficiaries

1) 10,000 persons (2,000 families) from 18 Community Protected Areas (CPAs) and 34 villages in Mondulhiri Province



2) Seven CSOs involved in forests specific themes and engaged in the Mondulkiri Province NGO Network (MNN)

Duration

60 months from 2017 to 2022

Budget

2 830 185 EUR

Target Provinces

Mondulkiri province



Partners of ACCESS :

- World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
- My Village (MVi)
- Community Legal Education Centre (CLEC)

