

Trip Report for USAID for Baseline Survey in Cambodia

Country Visited: Cambodia

Dates of Travel: June 15-July 30, 2016

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Purpose of Trip: Conduct baseline survey for Cambodia

Places Visited: Phnom Penh city; Takeo, Prey Veng, Kampong Thom, and Battambang provinces

June 15: Sydni began travel from Blacksburg, VA to Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

June 18: Sydni arrived in Phnom Penh in afternoon, George and Harvey arrived at night.

June 19: Had initial meeting to go over the plan for the week.

June 20: Met Keam Makarady at CEDAC office in the morning to review and revise the draft of the survey. Discussed the team makeup of enumerators and supervisors. In the afternoon, met Buyung Hadi from IRRI at GDA office. Discussed how Rica Flor, with IRRI, will continue surveying using our questionnaire plus additional questions, starting in September. Discuss how locations will be selected. Locations that IRRI will use were chosen.

June 21: Traveled to Takeo province to test the questionnaire with a village chief. Discussed potential revisions.

June 22: Returned to Phnom Penh. Made revisions to survey. Found and printed copies of pictures of pests to use during the survey interviews.

June 23: Met at CEDAC to go over survey questions. Discussed questions and made revisions. Met group of enumerators. Discussed which pests are likely to be important, found a list of pests' common names to use during the survey interviews. Buyung finalized choices of districts. Rough travel schedule was created. Communes and villages were randomly selected for Trang district in Takeo province.

June 24: Continued meeting at CEDAC to revise survey. Survey was finalized. Enumerators practiced the survey by interviewing each other. Communes and villages were randomly selected for Bati district in Takeo province. Harvey left Cambodia.

June 25: George left Cambodia.

June 27: 100 copies of survey were printed. Village chiefs in Trang district were contacted.

June 28: Morning: Traveled to Takeo province. Picked up CEDAC contact and village chief to help us contact other village leaders. Afternoon: Arrived in village, village chief retrieved list of households, randomly selected 12 farmers from the list. Surveyed 10 farmers in Ou Ta Sek village, Trang district, Takeo province.

Note: In general, six villages were randomly selected per chosen district. (Two districts were chosen per province.) Five villages were used per district; six were selected to provide an extra in case the selected village was unable to be visited due to inaccessible road conditions or lack of farmers who grow rice. In some cases, an additional village was randomly selected from the district because two or more villages were inaccessible or lacked rice farmers.

Throughout travel days, Supervisor contacted village chief the day before visitation to make arrangements. Upon arrival, village chiefs procured a list of households within the village. Twelve households were randomly chosen from the list. Households were surveyed until ten rice farming household surveys were completed per village.

Once surveys were completed, Sydni checked them for quality assurance. Questions, mistakes, and errors were reported to the enumerator from the respective survey, were corrected, and given back to be looked over again until no errors remained.

Below is a schedule of villages, districts, and provinces visited; ten rice farming household surveys were completed per village.

June 29: Morning: Kantout village, Trang district, Takeo province. Afternoon: Andaeng Sang Chvea village, Trang, Takeo.

June 30: Morning: Ta Soeng, Trang, Takeo. Afternoon: Putth Sam, Trang, Takeo.

July 1: Morning: Tuol Slaeng village, Bati district, Takeo province. Afternoon: Traveled back to Phnom Penh.

July 4: Morning: Pean Meas Khang Kaeut, Bati, Takeo. Afternoon: Trapeang Kieb, Bati, Takeo. Traveled back to Phnom Penh in the evening.

July 5: Morning: Ta Su, Bati, Takeo. Afternoon: Chambak, Bati, Takeo. Traveled back to Phnom Penh in the evening.

July 6: Afternoon: Thkov village, Peam Ror district, Prey Veang province.

July 7: Morning: Prasat Cheung, Peam Ror, Prey Veang. Afternoon: Prey Angkunh, Peam Ror, Prey Veang.

July 8: Morning: Chan, Peam Ror, Prey Veang. Afternoon: Chak Khlanh, Peam Ror, Prey Veang. Traveled back to Phnom Penh in the evening.

July 11: Morning: Traveled to Kampong Thom. Afternoon: Banteay Yumreach village, Santouk district, Kampong Thom province.

July 12: Morning: Ti Pou, Santouk, Kampong Thom. Afternoon: Samnak, Santouk, Kampong Thom.

July 13: Morning: Puk Yuk village, Steung Sen district, Kampong Thom province. Afternoon: Trapeang Veang, Steung Sen, Kampong Thom.

July 14: Morning: Tbaeng, Santouk, Kampong Thom. Afternoon: Tuol Vihear, Santouk, Kampong Thom.

July 15: Morning: Sla Kaet, Steung Sen, Kampong Thom. Afternoon: Ou Kanthor Cheung, Steung Sen, Kampong Thom.

July 16: Morning: Kampong Krabau, Steung Sen, Kampong Thom. Afternoon: Traveled to Siem Reap city.

July 18: Traveled to Battambang from Siem Reap.

July 19: Morning: Samnanh, Banan district, Battambang province. Afternoon: Chamkar Svay, Banan, Battambang.

July 20: Morning: Bat Sala, Banan, Battambang. Afternoon: Heavy rains delayed the team from leaving the village.

July 21: Morning: Kouk Trab, Thma Koul, Battambang; and Thma Koul Cheung, Thma Koul, Battambang. Afternoon: Kaksekam, Thma Koul, Battambang. Traveled to Banan district. Surveys done in Kampong Lech, Banan, Battambang.

July 22: Morning: Paoy Ta Sek, Thma Koul, Battambang. Afternoon: Rung Chrey, Thma Koul, Battambang. Traveled to Banan district. Surveys done in Kor village, Banan, Battambang.

July 25: Enumerators traveled to the district of Preah Sdach in Prey Veang province. They split up, and surveyed in the following villages: Satthea, Prey Rumchan, Chhneath Chey Leu, Krang K'ok, and Pilea. Sydney met Rica Flor (from IRRI) in Phnom Penh to collaborate on questionnaire design, questions, and notes. Sydney checked completed surveys.

July 26: Enumerators returned from Prey Veang and handed off completed surveys to Sydney. The team met with Keam Makarady at CEDAC to close out the project. Final questions and notes were discussed with Mr. Makarady. Discussed method of safe-keeping of surveys. One staff member from CEDAC was designated to scan the surveys and upload them as PDF files on a shared Google Drive.

July 27: Sydney checked surveys for errors. Enumerators looked over surveys, filling in survey ID numbers and correcting errors. Staff member scanned finalized surveys.

July 28: The team worked together at CEDAC to check and correct surveys. Staff member scanned finalized surveys.

July 29: The team worked together at CEDAC to finalize survey corrections. Staff member scanned finalized surveys.

July 30: Sydney left Phnom Penh and traveled to Singapore. The stop-over was used as a vacation point.

August 9: Sydney returned from Singapore to the United States, arriving in Charlotte, NC at night.

August 10: Sydney returned from Charlotte, NC to Blacksburg, VA.

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