

## **Animal Health Program in Cambodia**

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The Agriculture in Cambodia based on the draught power and 80 % percent of people are farmers. The government, Non -organization institutions and other donors have focused on livestock production.

The objective is to reduce the mortality rate of animals and to increase incomes for farmers. The mortality and morbidity rate of Animal is high for the last two decade because of the civil war and political unrest. The biggest severe is facing caused by infectious disease and endemic parasites.

The capacity building, the regulations and the guidelines is so important for the infrastructure of livestock development and the management of animal health as well. The transmission of technical knowledge to farmers by training course, demonstration, follow up and extension making them to increase their capacity and skills. The primitive raising animals and traditional treatment should replace step by step by modern technology.

The farmers who trained by technical trainers will become The Village Animal Health Workers. They are playing an important role for providing the contagious disease information and other emergent disease such as avian influenza from their districts to the provincial and then central level. In particular the veterinary measures and prevention have been taken into account immediately.

The investment and recurrent costs is important factor for the project operation. The equipment, training materials, communication equipment, transport means and consultant services have provided for carrying out the project.

The benefits from the livestock section can help rural farmers to make their living standard better and to support the children to go to school. The involvement of the rural farmers for livestock farming can also access with the local markets and internationally as well.