

HW1 Chronology of Major Events (2007 to 2009)

2007

- 28 July:** The Kraing Kaok and Steung Slot (KK/SS) Communities submitted a complaint to OSPF (Received by OSPF on **30 July**).
- 3 August:** SPF acknowledged the complaint and sent a copy to the ADB Management.
- 6 August:** SPF registered the complaint.
- 20 August:** The KK/SS Communities sent to OSPF additional information (Narratives from Community members and a list of 177 other cases for SPF's consideration).
- 29 August:** SPF visited Phnom Penh and met with NGOs at the CDCam office.
- 31 August:** SPF had a second meeting with NGOs at the CDCam office in Phnom Penh.
- 1 September:** SPF met with two leaders from the KK/SS Communities, who had signed the complaint letter, for eligibility check.
- 19 September:** SPF declared the SS/KK Community complaint eligible.
- 1 October:** The two Communities sent a letter to OSPF to authorize CDCam to be their representative.
- 5 October:** SPF acknowledged the receipt of the Communities' 1 October letter.
- 10-12 October:** Bank Information Center (BIC) met with OSPF in Manila and learned that SPF was waiting for a permission from RGC (Royal Government of Cambodia) to visit the country for review and assessment.
- 22 October:** CDCam sent e-mail to SPF, suggesting that SPF conduct review and assessment after 12 November. Jessica/Oxfam Australia visited the KK/SS Communities.
- 23 October:** SPF responded to the CDCam 22 October e-mail, informing CDCam that he was completing Review and Assessment Report (RAR) without a field visit to the KK/SS Communities, because he had been asked by RGC to postpone his next mission to Cambodia. SPF also told CDCam that he would recruit a consultant to explain RAR to the Communities and help them make decisions and comments.
- 24 October:** SPF sent RAR to ADB President, Vice-President, and the Management.
- 26 October:** Mr. Soth Plai Ngarm of the Alliance of Conflict Transformation (ACT), later officially announced to be an SPF consultant, contacted CDCam in his "personal capacity" to offer to communicate CDCam's ideas to SPF. CDCam did not agree to meet Mr. Ngarm. It was later learned that Mr. Ngarm's term with SPF started on this day.
- 31 October:** SPF sent advanced copies (in English and Khmer) of RAR to CDCam through e-mail.
- 1 November:** CARM contacted CDCam and suggested that CDCam request a tripartite meeting with the Inter-Ministerial Resettlement Committee (IRC).

12 November: CARM and IRC met with CDCam and NGO-F (NGO Forum on Cambodia) and agreed, among others, to conduct a socio-economic survey of the 63 KK/SS Community families.

14 November: SPF sent Mr. Ngarm's TOR (Terms of Reference) to CARM.

15 November: SPF sent Mr. Ngarm's TOR to CDCam.

19-26 November: An ADB consultant, Mr. Romeo Cleto, and a CARM staff member, Ms. Sokha Ouk, started a socio-economic survey at the KK/SS Communities. CDCam and Mekong Watch, as well as a Neak Leoung community leader, joined the survey.

28 November: Mr. Ngarm, the SPF consultant, met with CDCam and agreed on CDCam's roles in the SPF processes.

29 November: A tripartite meeting of CARM, IRC, and NGOs to discuss preliminary summary of survey results.

1 December: The SPF consultant met with two community leaders to agree on their roles and responsibilities as well as dates for the consultant's meetings with community members.

7 December: CARM sent tabulated results of the survey (in hard copy in Khmer and English) to CDCam and IRC for verification and comments.

8 December: The SPF consultant met 13 families from the two communities to explain RAR and SPF procedures.

11 December: A tripartite meeting was held to start discussing ideas for solutions. CARM proposed four principles, namely, with community focus, with realistic timeframe, with realistic expectations and achievable results, and with sustainability.

20 December: The SPF consultant met with more families. They were confused over the SPF processes and the tripartite mechanism. They agreed to proceed with SPA and make comments on RAR.

29 December: The SPF consultant met with 8 families. A community leader explained to the consultant that they would like to postpone the SPF processes until they learn more about the survey results summarized by CARM.

Some time in December: CARM issued a PCR.

2008

4 January: CDCam sent to CARM and IRC verification on the tabulated responses from the Communities compiled by CARM.

11 January: CDCam sent a letter in Khmer from the Communities (dated 7 January) to ask SPF to postpone the process (Received by SPF on 14 January). SPF asked CARM to comment on the RAR.

- 14 January:** CDCam received a letter from SPF (dated 11 January, in English in soft copy) to ask the Communities to comment on the RAR.
- 15 January:** CDCam received a letter from SPF (dated 11 January, in Khmer in soft copy) to ask the Communities to comment on the RAR.
- 24 January:** A tripartite meeting was held to discuss proposals.
- 31 January:** CARM provided comments on the RAR.
- 5 February:** CDCam sent a letter (dated 4 February) to confirm that the Communities want SPF to postpone its processes.
- 7 February:** SPF agreed to postpone its processes and urged CARM to agree on a timeframe for future actions under the tripartite mechanism.
- 11 March:** NGO Forum on Cambodia sent a letter to CARM to withdraw the PCR until all the 93 other cases are solved.
- 18 March:** SPF asked CDCam for update on the tripartite processes.
- 21 March:** CARM responded to the NGO Forum on Cambodia letter (dated 11 March), claiming that an PCR has to be issued in 12 to 24 months after a project's engineering completion and that the report took due account of the progress on the 93 cases. CARM also said that it is still committed to resolving the remaining aspect of the 93 cases.
- 24 March:** CDCam, Oxfam Australia, and Mekong Watch met with SPF in Manila.
- May:** CDCam sent a letter to CARM, calling for a tripartite meeting to update all the parties involved. CARM answered that they were designing a livelihood program and would conduct an operations review by mid June 2008. A few families had reportedly sold their land to the creditors by this time.
- 7 May:** ADB finalized its phase 2 audit report.
- 30 May:** ADB's Concept Paper on the Livelihood Stabilization Program (LSP).
- June 2008:** CDCam wrote a letter, asking CARM for more details about the LSP.
- 5 August:** ADB created a Program Information Document on the LSP.
- 28 June:** 63 families submitted their initial comments on the LSP to ADB.
- October:** CDCam updated the 63 families' debt and income levels.
- 20 November:** Mekong Watch submitted its analysis on the LSP to ADB's Southeast Asia Department.
- 7 December:** 63 families submitted their comments on the LSP to ADB.
- 14 December:** ADB's response to Mekong Watch's submission on 20 November
- 23 December:** ADB's response to the 63 Families' comments on 7 December.

2009

- 26 January:** The expected date for the approval of the LSP by the ADB Board.