

## Case Study

### Piglet Rearing Business

Ms. Hul Ang is a local pig rearer, the largest pig rearing client who has been supported and bought piglets from SKIL's



Piglet Production and Training Center. She has also been one of a saving group members in the village. Ms. Ang was the poor farmer amongst others in her village. She joined the saving group because her family and other farmers had food shortage and had debt to other micro credit institutions. With financial support of the Charity Aid Foundation (CAF), FLD selected her to be trained on pig rearing skills for making improvement on her income. She started this business in 2010 with a few heads of pig and wished to become a local supplier for pigs. She is presently living in Kouk Por village, Kdei Run commune, Puok district of Siem Reap

province. Ms. Ang right now reaches 43 years old and married with a girl (already got married) and 2 boys (presently are students).

She produces rice for household's consumption every year. Her main sources of income are however from rearing pigs and wage of his husband who has migrated to Thailand for temporary job. As expressed, she revealed that her success of the business because of gaining confidence from skill application and the best quality of piglets she bought from the SKIL's Piglet Production and Training Center and having access to market information. There are many farmers have reared pigs in her village but most of them failed because they bought piglets from local traders and the piglets might be not properly vaccinated or being drugged to look healthily. A big challenge is that piglets bought were not vaccinated. With piglets from SKIL's Center, they still have less serious sickness within her capacity to cure and only with technical advice from the village veterinary agent. All piglets from SKIL's Center were properly vaccinated.



She is so happy right now when we asked her about business profit, she said *"Rice production just a little bit stuff for eating and cash from pig rearing can help my family to repay previous debts and cover schooling costs of my sons"*. Her family annual income pegged at USD6000 which USD3,000 saved from remitted wage of his husband and a balance from pig rearing business. She sold twice a year with an average of 15 pigs.

Finally, she showed her commitment to improve and expand her pig rearing business, but she needs additional capital to expand her pig's shelter. She has now USD4500 in her saving and may need additional loan from TKK to complete a construction.

When asked how do you think about your own business and your community business? She said “*I would appreciate to CAF project and IGPs Project that supported me and my community and I really want to share my successful experiences to my neighbors*”.



Piglets from SKIL’s Center

**Project Objectives:** IGP7 aim to promote income of IGP beneficiaries and farmers in the area by making supply of quality piglets and technical assistance to enable them improving and expanding their pig rearing business. Specific objectives include:

1. Scale up the existing pilot piglet production into a training and piglet supply center; and
2. Improve pig rearing practices of IGP beneficiaries through a well-established service provider on technical know-how.

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