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Construction Phase

- Construction of the buildings is 98% complete with all work due to be completed by the end of this week.



- The Site Construction Manager is currently working on the Construction Assessment report with initial indications that the work is of a good standard.
- Building Insurance quotes are currently being assessed with insurance coverage to be implemented by the end of the week.
- The first heavy rains and winds of the wet season confirmed that the overall quality of construction is good with no major leaks. Water did enter the open area of the training building due to the high winds and rain. The installation of plastic sheeting that can be rolled down will overcome this issue.
- The final 5% construction payment will be delayed for 6 months to confirm the quality of construction during the wet season.
- Construction of the final length of fencing is underway with work to be completed by the end of this week.



- 24 Chicken Sheds have been completed. Limestone will be sprayed in the sheds this week in preparation for the arrival of the chickens.



Security

- Farm management have put a proposal together for funding of three security guards to protect the Farm 24-hours a day.



Electricity

- Farm management have held discussions with the construction team regarding the electrical capacity required to power the Farm effectively.

- Government electricity may be available in 1-2 months. Prior to this, two generators will be required.
- Farm management have proposed that one 9kwa generator made in Japan and one 8.8kwa generator made in China be purchased.
- The smaller generator will be used during the day and the larger one at night when more power is required.
- One generator may be sold when the Farm is connected to the government power grid.

Beneficiaries Update

- 29 families have registered with the Farm, however 9 have not remained active. A number have moved away, some are not comfortable to join yet, one husband will not allow his wife to join and one is ill with morning sickness but is keen to join when she is feeling better.
- Following the completion of the chicken sheds, a draw was held on Wednesday 5th June.
- 20 beneficiaries attended the draw and were allocated sheds. They expressed satisfaction with the allocation process and training provided to date.



- The beneficiaries are cleaning and preparing their sheds for the arrival of the first chickens in late June.
- The beneficiaries have formed themselves into groups to work together and have selected a leader and deputy for their groups.



- The call for beneficiaries continues for the extra 4 completed sheds, with a plan to work towards 30 initial members with another 6 sheds constructed as part of their training.
- It is likely that additional members will join when they are able to see the benefits of participation.

Chickens and Feed

- The Farm Manager will visit the key potential source of chickens this week to confirm quality, and if the chickens are satisfactory he will place an order.
- Chicken Feed discussions have commenced with purchase of some instant commercial feed likely to be necessary in the first phase whilst the Farm sources raw materials.
- Research is underway to source sufficient volume of raw materials to make feed and the Farm will also look to grow its own raw materials.

Marketing

- Drafts of the Marketing Materials and initial Contact List have been prepared.
- Contacting of clients will commence in mid July when the plans have been finalised.
- The first fully-grown chickens are likely to be sold in about October.

Training Material

- Draft training materials have been completed.
- Discussions have been held with FLD and the Office of Health and Animal Production, with the findings currently being compiled.
- Materials will be finalised next week in preparation for the arrival of the chickens.

Accounting

- The Farm Accountant has completed all training on the accountancy system and expenses are now being processed smoothly.
- Monthly financial reports will be generated out of the system from the end of June.

Internal Policies

- Internal Chicken Farm policies for staff and beneficiaries are in the final stages of development.
- OH&S and Disaster Recovery Policy for Farm Staff and Beneficiaries will commence development soon.

Business Registration

- Name clearance and registration of DA's Cambodian office is well under way with initial documents submitted.
- Duncan Power will apply for a working visa for Cambodia as part of this plan and will become the registered person representing DA.

CASE STUDY – Thoy Sal

Thoy Sal is 17 years old and is blind in her right eye. She finished Grade 5 and can only read and write a little. She is the oldest child with six brothers and sisters. Five siblings are still at school, whilst the oldest 16-year-old son works in construction in another province.



Thoy Sal and her 40-year-old mother are the primary income earners, as her 40-year-old father lost his leg to a mine in the war and is an alcoholic. Thoy Sal and her mother only earn 200,000-300,000 riels per month (US\$50-75) from scavenging. The family have a very small plot of rice next to their house that generates minimal income.



Thoy Sal registered as a member for the Farm at the beginning of the project and she worked on the shed construction in the early days.

“I would really like to join the project to raise chicken as I really want to have this skill for myself. If I become a member of the Farm, I will get one chicken shed and receive skills training on chicken raising. This skill will help me and my family have better living conditions in future, I believe”.

However, Thoy Sal stopped attending after only a few days. The project team tried to contact her but she avoided them. Finally the team were able to meet with Thoy Sal and her mother and they discovered that she left due to her father. He did not allow her to come and threatened her with violence. Thoy Sal also said that she feared that if she did join the Farm, her father would take the chickens she raised for food.

The team discovered that Thoy Sal’s father was a violent man who verbally abused the family, threw cooking utensils at them and bit them if they did not give him money to buy alcohol. Thoy Sal was living in a cottage at the Dumpsite to escape her father, but he regularly came to the dumpsite in search of her. He was physically violent towards her and dragged her home.

The Farm Team proposed an arrangement where only Thoy Sal would be permitted to come to the Farm to ensure her father was not aware of her activities or able to find her at the Farm. Thoy Sal agreed to join and participated in the draw for a chicken shed, however reminded the Farm Team of the risks she faces.

“Sisters, please do not go to my house if my father is at home because I will not tell him that I have now decided to join this project. Only my mother knows about this and she supports me. If my father knows, I am afraid he will come to the Farm and say bad words to sisters and other Farm staff and he will get my chickens to make his food....”

