

STORY CHANGED OF MR. NOUN HOEUN

Mr. **Noun Hoeun**, 36 years old, is a farmer, and his wife, Mrs. Thing So, 38 years old, has two daughters; the older daughter has Down syndrome, and they stay at home with their parents. His family joined KBO's community development project in 2019. Mr. Noun Hoeun's hometown was in Prey Preal village, Anchanh Rung commune, Boribor district, Kompong Chhnang province.



His family's living condition is so poor, with a small thatch house. Mr. Noun Hoeun and his wife are farmers interested in vegetable planting and animal rearing. Their cultivation is based on convenience, not technicality; they used a small part of the land, around 300 m² for vegetable planting, and every morning she collected a small pack of vegetables to sell in the community; she earned 2 USD to 2.5 USD to support his family and children to school. Besides his family work with a rice field of 1.5 hectares for rice planting.

During that time, Mr. Noun Hoeun and his wife situation have faced difficulties due to their crop plantation – rice and vegetables, and the domestic animals were not well-harvested due to not having agricultural materials supported, and not enough knowledge and techniques in agriculture and livestock farming.

In mid-2019, Mr. Noun Hoeun and his wife decided to join the group with KBO's community development project as SRI farmers, and in June 2025, she joined a Self Help Group member in Prey Preal village with 30 farmers working for the SRI group, which was the time that both of them got to know clearly about Karuna Battambang Organization. Among the project's activities proved and elaborated by Mr. Noun Hoeun and his wife, they were interested in the System of Rice Intensifications and Organic vegetables, and agricultural propagation, domestic livestock – poultry, pigs, and cow rearing.



Mr. Noun Hoeun and his wife always participated in any training the SHG-SRI farming conducted and facilitated by the KBO's community development project. Mr. Noun Hoeun is commitment person and worked hard in the field farming, preparing the pile of compost that he collected from the cow dung and the rest of the chicken and pig. In 2021, his group of SRI-SHG received a machine water pump to support his group for SRI Rice planting and SRI propagation in his village. In 2024, Mr. Noun Hoeun's family received a cow that was supported by the Community Development Project, in order to save cow manure for preparing compost for their vegetable and rice field.



Mr. Noun Hoeun 's family changed their living condition is better than before; he prepared 0.40 hectares of land for SRI rice planting and 300 m² for organic vegetable cultivation near his house. These activities earned her income from rice planting, organic vegetable cultivation, and livestock rearing; she was very happy, and she has one proper house for her warm family.

At the end of December 2025, after harvesting, the yields increased by 1740 kg in the 4800 m² rice field (with more than 3 tons of compost), better than the last 2 years (2023 and 2024) just only 1250 kg from the same-sized field, because there was

not enough water for rice cultivation. His family sold their organic rice production of 740 kg, and he kept 1000 kg for supporting their family and some forage for pigs and chicken, she made 300 USD from organic rice planting.

In the 1st semester of 2026, Mr. Noun Hoeun 's family earned 520 USD from selling their pigs, and they bought 4 more piglets to feed for the next cycle. Mr. Noun Hoeun 's family, through the knowledge and technical support on SRI organic and livestock rearing which our team provided for the last 4 years, produced organic liquid fertilizer and compost for field farming. He could manage her crops better from the insects and be able to produce liquid organic medicines for prevention for her livestock to get a better harvest.



From Jan to June 2026, Mr. Noun Hoeun earned also from her selling 2 batches of 65 kg poultry for 250 USD to support the family and children going to school. She understood that their continued doing these agricultural activities, "At least we could get income from small home vegetable planting and domestic animal monthly and daily to supply the need of her family, the 35 poultry/ 15 hens for reproduction in the chicken house, and the next month she will sell 10 kg more for the neighborhood order for a party" Mr. Noun Hoeun in mentioned this".



Mr. Noun Hoeun 's family expressed that their income from these sustainable agriculture practices has increased since it saves costs from insecticides and chemical fertilizers by changing to homemade

insecticides and composting, which they can collect easily from around the house compound and from their animals' waste because they also have 2 cows. Furthermore, we will do domestic animals since we have enough knowledge and technique to handle their diseases."

"To the Karuna Battambang officers and donors, farmers' leader, thank you for your efforts and support to my family during the difficulty, not only the technical organic of SRI methods, some domestic home farming, many materials for vegetable farming, but also food emergency support. We continue to commit to the free chemical agriculture practice from what we have learned". This was gratitude expressed

By Mr. Noun Hoeun 's family