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COMMUNITY ACTION FOR SUSTAINABLE FORESTS (CASFor) - PHASE I



Joint patrolling of community forestry and local authorities in Cambodia.

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BACKGROUND

In Cambodia, the management of natural resources will be guided by the newly approved Environmental and Natural Resource Code and the soon-to-be-finalized draft of the new forestry law. To ensure successful implementation, capacity building, and enforcement that aligns with government commitments and policies, development partners and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) will need to provide additional support. Furthermore, it is important to recognize the need for improving the framework that regulates forest user rights and access to forest resources.

However, the implementation of those regulatory frameworks and policies is challenged by the limited capacity of duty-bearers, particularly at the subnational levels that have been given more responsibilities in the frame of the decentralisation reform, but with very limited financial and personnel resources delegation.

Community forestry user groups play critical roles in protecting and managing the allocated forest in a sustainable manner. But they lack access to sustainable income and financing for

executing their protection and management plans. CASFor aims to promote the sustainable management of local forest resources while building resilience and improving livelihoods and ecosystem services to local communities and contributing to national commitments and global action on climate change adaptation and mitigation and biodiversity conservation.

OBJECTIVES

CASFor's overall goal: Community forest user groups are strengthened and improve their livelihoods while actively contributing to climate action and biodiversity conservation; forest resources are sustainably managed.

The project has three outcomes with their respective results:

Outcome 1: Enhanced resilient livelihoods through enabling communities to participate in integrated landscape management.

Outcome 2: Enhanced forest governance through strengthened forest monitoring and an improved enabling framework for community base forest management.

Outcome 3: Improved protection of land rights and continued access to/availability of natural resources for target populations.



Traditional dancing performance of indigenous people at project launching event. Photo© SDC

