



## “Mrs. Makara CHHAK Story”

### Women and Girl Empowerment Project

Madam Makara is 35 years old, got married to a farmer in the Tropeangrun village, Prasat Bakong district, Siem Reap/Cambodia. She has 3 children. During the pandemic COVID 19, her family completely lost income due to her husband Mr. SOK Met couldn't travel to work in the city to earn extra income.



Makara was stuck even post-COVID 19 due to she couldn't do any extra work besides their rice field.

In early February 2022, Our CCDO women and girl empowerment program recruit women and girls to join the program. She knew it and decided

to participate in the program for 2 years. She and other women/girls received several training topics on gender equality, financial management, self-development, business/enterprise...etc.

The program is inspiring her, and she is the best model for other women in the village. She never missed any training sessions. The program helps her to build a concept to start with chicken raising with having a proper shelter for those chicks. She had confidence enough to start this project, and finally, she did it with a great result and harvested many times so far.

She also starts to encourage her husband to cut the rattan and use some funds from selling chicken to buy it, and start to do baskets which she learned from another woman in the village. Now, they could gain more income and are able to keep their family's health finance. We are proud of her outputs, and

she currently, volunteers in our program to be a model for other women and girls which we call “SMART WOMEN”. She will be inspired more other women and girls to be like her.

“I have today because of CCDO project, now I do have funds to support my kids for education and family daily expense, and I commit to help other women and girls in my community to get better lives” said by Madam Makara.

Both CCDO and Madam Makara and their family would like thanks to Soroptimist International (SI) for making this project happen in Cambodia, and allowing the CCDO to make those women and girls' dream come true.