

## **Process Framework for Involuntary Restrictions**

**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022**

**CEPF Grant CEPF-112733**

**Grantee: My Village (MVi)**

### *Project Title*

***Strengthen indigenous youth and women network in Fishery Conservation particularly Endangered Fish Species in Key Biodiversity Area (PIPCEF)***

### **Project Location**

***Project Location: 14 villages, six communes, three districts, Stung Treng province***

## **Grant Summary**

1. Grantee organization: My Village (MVi)
2. Grant title: Strengthen indigenous youth and women network in Fishery Conservation particularly Endangered Fish Species in Key Biodiversity Area (PIPCEF)
3. Grant number: CEPF-112733
4. Grant amount (US dollars): USD40,000.00
5. Proposed dates of grant: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024
6. Countries or territories where project will be undertaken: Cambodia
7. Date of preparation of this document: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

The Process Framework will describe the project and how restrictions of access to natural resources and measures to assist affected communities. Affected communities should have the opportunity to participate in the drafting of the Process Framework. Typically, the Applicant will prepare a draft Framework that will then be shared and discussed with local communities and other relevant stakeholders. Based on the consultations, a final Framework will be prepared. CEPF may provide guidance on development of the Framework and will review and approve the final Framework prior to approving the final project proposal application. The Process Framework should include the following elements:

### **A. Project background**

The fishery biodiversity threats were identified by a number of factors: illegal fishing, lack of law enforcement, and lack of capacities of some indigenous women and youths.

There were still occurrences of illegal fishing in particular in Lower Sesan 2 reservoir. With the intervention of the previous project, illegal fish had decreased 30% in particular in Lower Sesan 2 reservoir, but some illegal fishing still occurred in some areas. Some causes of illegal fishing were geographic barriers, lack of some material for fishery conservation, lack of financial resources for fishery resource conservation, limitation of the human resources of fishery administration cantonment.

The lack of capacities of indigenous women and indigenous youths were identified. Currently, 28 indigenous women and 28 indigenous youths (11 indigenous youth females) in 14 villages have become community leaders known as Indigenous Women Focal Persons (IWFP) and Indigenous Youth Focal Persons (IYFP). Some knowledge has been equipped with them such as gender analysis and community planning, social media, but some gaps of their knowledge were regarding negotiation with authorities, documentation of fishery issues to prove for their negotiation, local resource mobilization for fishery resources and also fish ecology and integration of fish ecology in community planning.

There was a lack of financial resources and materials to protect fishery resources. Some equipment was supported for communities in order that they could use to patrol and crackdown on illegal fishing. But they require some financial resources to support their conservation activities such as petrol or gasoline, food for fish resource guards. The limitation of the local resource in particular finance still needed to be improved. The income activities needed to be introduced.

The fish ecology activities were less prioritized in CFi management plans and implemented. CFi management plan development followed strictly the guideline of CFi management plan with less flexibility. Local CFi committees have limited knowledge of fish ecology.

The proposed project will provide additional values to the previous project. The proposed project will continue to address: (1) the pending fishery issues, (2) change the behaviors of the remaining people who committed illegal fishing crimes, (3) continuation of support more steps of community fisheries in order that these CFi are registered with MAFF and an agreement between CFiC and CFiC was signed.

The indigenous youth networks and indigenous women will collaborate with authorities and fishery administration at sub-national levels and national levels to respond to fishery resource conservation and addressing the fishery resource threats. The functioning roles of indigenous women network and indigenous youths are elaborated below

At community level or village levels, there are three groups working on fishery protection: community fishery committee, indigenous youth focal persons, and indigenous women focal persons. They will complete their roles and also collaboratively work to protect fishery resources. First, the Community Fishery Committee (CFiC) will lead community fishery resources through planning, implementation and monitoring and reflection. Secondly, Indigenous Youths Focal Persons (IYFP) will mobilize indigenous youths to participate in fishery resources, plan with youths to protect fishery resources, work with community fishery on fishery protection activities. Third, Indigenous Women Focal Person (IWFP) will mobilize indigenous.

## **B. Participatory implementation**

The information on the project will be shared with indigenous people and other stakeholders. The half-day workshop will be organized in July 2022. Indigenous people representatives will be invited to join the workshop. All information will be shared in the workshop so that they are aware of the project. The CFi committee, indigenous youths and women network will pass the project information to community members, FiAC and authorities

MVi will invite the indigenous people to join all project activities. The indigenous people will be supported to develop their plans in fishery conservation and governance and they will be supported to carry out fishery conservation activities.

MVi will join the technical working group on fishery to update the project progress, lesson learns, challenges, and next plan and join planning in every two months.

MVi will support CFiC, IYFP and IWFP to collaborate with local authorities and commune polices to patrol in CFis, conservation area, and deep pool conservation area.

MVi will support CFis to develop the endangered fishery resource signboards to install in the village. In this, CFiC, IYEP and IWFP will cooperate with commune council for installing and conduct the awareness raising to CFi members of objective of signboards development and kind of endangered fishery resource and also mobilize CFi members to join in endangered fishery resource protection.

For project sustainability, MVi will work with IWG and IYG, CFiC to collaborate with commune council (CC) to allocate commune budget for supporting some activity of fishery resource management.

For getting support and build closely relationship with stakeholders (FiAC, FiA, DoAFF) and local authorities, MVi will produce the quarterly report and share to them.

**C. Criteria for eligibility of affected persons**

MVi has conducted meeting with local communities in project target to identify the venerable group and criteria that project was not included them in 18 March 2022 through Zoom online meeting that it was attended 25 participants (15women, 08 youths). In this, venerable groups were identified such as women, youths, poor 1 and 2, IP and people with disabilities and the criteria were included the group of people that other project was not included.

**D. Measures to assist the affected persons**

- Participation and inclusion: Women, youths, poor 1 and 2, IP and people with disabilities will be invited to join the project orientation, develop planning, implementation and reflection.
- Communication and transparency: Women youths, poor 1 and 2 and people with disabilities will be shared the project information through six monthly and annual reflection workshop. MVi will produce the report with khmer translation and share among CFis, IWFP and IWFP, local authorities and stakeholders.
- Feedback and respond: MVi will organize a reflection workshop. The community representatives and stakeholders will be invited to join in that. Safeguard action plan implementation and progress will be reflected in that workshop. MVi will create a complaint mechanism to get a complaint from community members, indigenous people, and stakeholders. The board of complaint mechanisms will be posted at MVi office and project sites. The focal person of MVi will be in charge of collecting complaints from communities.

**E. Conflict resolution and complaint mechanism.**

All projects that trigger a safeguard must provide local communities and other relevant stakeholders with a means to raise a grievance with the grantee, the relevant Regional Implementation Team or the CEPF Secretariat.

This grievance mechanism has been included as below:

- Email and telephone contact information of MVi
  - Email: myvillage@mvicambodia.org, Tel: (+855)12 371 003
  - Email: mvistungtreg@mvicambodia.org, Tel: (+855)97 47 28 838

- Email and telephone contact information for the CEPF Regional Implementation Team.
- The email of the CEPF Executive Director: [cepfexecutive@conservation.org](mailto:cepfexecutive@conservation.org)

Contact list above will be shared to target communities during meeting/training/workshop/events and it will be put in the materials like signboards, posters and training kits...etc.

## **F. Implementation Arrangements**

In order to pursue the smooth implementation of projects proposed in the proposal, the implementation arrangement will be done below:

MVi will conduct one half-day provincial workshop in quarterly 1 of the first year of the project. It is projected that 30 including 15 females will join in that workshop. These participants include indigenous youth, indigenous women, community fishery committee, STG fishery administration official and commune councilors.

MVi will develop the project information summary which include the project beneficiaries, project goal, project objectives and project summary. The slide presentation on the project summary will be presented to participants. The questions and answers will be reserved in the workshop in order that the participants can question on the project and clarify the project information for participants. The grievance mechanism of the project and MVi will be presented as well.

MVi will assign one staff to lead the project activities under supervision of Stung Treng Team Leader. Project framework will be provided to project staff to ensure that staff has confidence for project implementation and monitoring.

MVi will organize monthly program team meeting to monitoring on project progress and challenges during the implementing.

MVi will conduct field visits to monitor the project. Meanwhile, we will also use the format to get any progress of project.

MVi will organize a reflection workshop. The community representatives and stakeholders will be invited to join in that. Project action plan implementation and progress will be reflected in that workshop.

MVi's policies were produced to support My Village (MVi) Organization's commitment to organizational and staff development and provide employees of MVi with a statement of MVi's Personnel, Regulation and Finance Policy on the terms and conditions of employment and to outline the standard operating procedures. All staff must read and clearly understand these manuals. Before signing the employment contract, an employee must accept the policies and procedures contained in this manual. This manual is available in both Khmer and English. The benefits described herein apply to full time staff of the MVi; included benefits for consultants/volunteers/interns/counterparts will be described in the fixed term contract.