

# ROYAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE

Center for Agricultural and Environmental Studies (CAES)



## Programme Highlights

**Goal:** Building capacity of lecturers and students of agricultural institutions in Cambodia on climate change and REDD+ program, and also improving scientific research in Cambodia.

### Objectives:

1. To build the capacity of lecturers, government officials and students on climate change and REDD+;
2. To raise awareness of adaptation technology to relevant stakeholders in Cambodia.

**Beneficiaries:** Lecturers, students and related stakeholders.

### Lessons Learned/Achievements:

- The need for a clear definition of responsibilities in each initiative, based on the capacity of the institutions. The modeling and 'academic' studies related to climate change were managed through the Royal University of Agriculture (RUA) and Chea Sim University in Kamchaymear (CSUK) and agricultural institutions in Cambodia.
- At the same time, having good relationships with the provincial and commune levels of the relevant government agencies taking responsibility for extension is essential. This clear definition of responsibilities, together with regular information exchange and meetings with stakeholders, minimizes the potential for misinformation or misunderstanding on climate change and REDD+.

**Challenges:** Overall coordination on climate change and REDD+ readiness. Capacities need to be developed to allow effectiveness of all lecturers, students and government institutions.

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