



House Reconstruction Project for Landmine-Affected Families

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Of the 12 families being provided with a new village home, or extensive repairs to their existing homes, five identified families have now been interviewed, a construction needs assessment done, materials delivered onsite and construction is underway.

A total of seven families in Koas Krala district, Battambang province, will receive home reconstruction, but due to the severe flood conditions in several parts of Cambodia this year, only five of the seven families in Koas Krala were accessible. The remaining two families will receive their house assessments in February.

Five more families in Sang Dangkor, Phnom Penh will receive their house reconstructions in the latter part of January.

These first five families will all build their homes themselves, with help from neighbors and family members living nearby. No cash has been handed to the families. With assistance from local Cambodian Red Cross volunteers, all the materials were purchased beforehand and delivered to each family's land. Family and Community efforts are now underway to rebuild these families homes.

Two of these first five recipients are women with children. Ki Peng is a widow with three children. Plet Hing's husband left her after she lost her leg to a landmine several years ago. Keo Phel received small business support through the CLMF in November 2010. Their small business had allowed them to be able to save enough money to buy a small piece of land. Four of the five recipients own their land or live on the family plot. Kom Kham does not own his land, but the district office has granted him permission to rebuild on the land where he is situated.

Rien Youm is a cheerful young man, who is well-loved by the whole community. It was delightful to see all the villagers who came round when we visited – they all offered to help Youm build a new house/barbershop!

This initial report provides current family and house photos taken this month in Koas Krala. These recipient profiles will be updated with progress information and completion photos as the project progresses.

Three groups of Rotarians from Ontario district 7010 and 7070 will be visiting some of these recipients and some of last year's recipients of CLMF business support this November and January 2012.

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