Dear CPSA’s network,

I am delighted to share with you our 3rd quarterly progress report, which is a compilation of our achievements and prospective plans. It can be seen that CPSA is expanding its network and offering more initiatives and activities despite the current situation.

Resilience, adaptability, and flexibility are the extraordinary capabilities that our team at CPSA has in order to complete the tasks and enhance our performance. With that said, our team could manage to overcome the challenges together as promised.

I must also not forget the continuous support and contributions from our partners, and stakeholders. Without the kind understanding and kind cooperation, our accomplishments would not be possible as they are today.

Last but not least, I cordially invite everyone to have a look at our report, and please always take precautions to prevent yourselves and people around you from the pandemic.

Ratha Chan  
Country Director  
CPSA
CPSA has regularly participated in the cashew policy consultation meetings to give inputs on the draft policy and push towards its approval and implementation.

We are also working with our partner, Top Planning Japan, on the development plan for the cashew database.

CPSA-ICCO: Agri-tech Intervention of Horticulture Value Chain in Cambodia: CPSA in collaboration with ICCO Regional Office South East Asia organized an online workshop on "Agri-tech Intervention of Horticulture Value Chain in Cambodia".

We would like to extend our appreciation to our speakers from World Vision Cambodia’s MASE II AVRDC-World Vegetable Center Angkor Green Department of Agricultural Land resources Management, and not to forget our 55 participants from every sector who attended our webinar from the start to the very end.

We are also working actively on the design and printing of vegetable group promotional materials.

CPSA-PISAgro Joint Webinar on "Understanding the opportunities and challenges from the agri-food partnership model with SMEs smallholders in Cambodia and Indonesia" was successfully concluded on the 27th September as planned.

The webinar was an interactive session with sharing sessions from both Cambodian and Indonesian agri-food stakeholders. We would like to thank our speakers and audiences for attending our webinar and your support will motivate us to work harder and come up with more interesting webinars in the future.
Sourcing for new projects through Grow Asia/WEF networks and In-country opportunity

- We have applied for a short-term consultancy with World Bank
- We have applied for IDRC project with Grow Asia (GA)

Participate to 30 national/sub-national events

- We have participated to 30 events since January 2021

Participate to 2 regional/ international events

Participate as speaker in 1 regional event

We have organized 2 meeting/events with the WGs

Organize/co-organize 8 public events of the WGs

- We organized 2 public events in quarter 3.

Increase # partners of CPSA by +30 (annually)

- New partners: 5

Conduct assessment with existing and potential CPSA members
Following several meetings with our partners, World Vision International Cambodia - MASE II and Khmer Organic Cooperative, we have selected the consultant who will work with us on training material development and delivering of the gender training to our team and the farmers under our partners.
Khmer Enterprise – Enterprise Agriculture Cooperative Incubation Programme

From June to Aug 2021, CPSA’s Enterprise ACs team has achieved some results against set milestones. Firstly, Impact Hub completed a training curriculum for participants of batch 1.

Furthermore, the recruitment of participants for batch 1 was completed; consequently, there were 24 youths selected (17 youths from 10 universities and other 7 local youths from 5 targeted ACs areas). Most of the students graduated in 4the year and recently finished their studies. In fact, there were some guest speakers identified to deliver training for batch 1. Mostly, they all are coming from private sectors, INGO/NGOs, government agencies, and research institutions/universities. Those speakers were important to connect theory and practice in the areas of expertise to all participants.

ASEAN RAI

In this quarter, we are working closely with Grow Asia on finalizing the private sector case studies of the three companies in our network. Our team also joined the ASEAN RAI focus group discussion as a facilitator to collect inputs from RAI stakeholders on the RAI learning program development.

MRLG

During this quarter, some fruitful achievements include the literature review of contract farming and inclusive business in the region is finalized and submitted to the Alliance members then the document will be translated into Khmer before sharing with our network. Additionally, case studies and a video documentary regarding farmers’ responsible agriculture investment experience are developed. Similarly, private sector engagement strategies and situation analysis have been making more progress as well and it is expected to complete it by December 2021.
Coming to this 3rd quarter of 2021, a lot of progress and updates have been made by our CPSA team. In order to keep our partners and public audiences informed, our Communications team at CPSA has been dedicating more effort to enhance our social media presence and communication channels.

Our team also issued the 2nd Quarter newsletters as well during this quarter to inform and provide a brief but precise summary of our works and past accomplishments.

As our hard work paid off, we have received more than 2300 followers on Facebook and more than 500 Subscribers on our Telegram Channel. Not to forget to mention our Linkedin profile, there are more than 430 followers. Moreover, we are also sending out the Bi-weekly newsletter to more than 800 subscribers as a part to spread information about local, regional and international news about agriculture and other relevant topics.
CPSA’s Co-chair Meeting
On Wednesday the 28th, 2021, CPSA held a consultative meeting with our Co-Chairs, including the Department of Agro-Industry - MAFF, Amru Rice Cambodia Co., Ltd, and Farmer and Nature Net Association (សុគមបញ្ជិកនិងធានាការបរិស្ថាន). In the meeting, we presented the activities achieved and the next direction that we plan to do, as well as discussions on activities that we should prioritize, especially in the last five months of 2021.

The official launching of the Incubation Program
The official launching of the Incubation Program, Batch 1 of the Enterprise Agriculture Cooperative Incubation Program has been concluded successfully with the auspicious participation and attendance from our honorable speakers and partners from Khmer Enterprise, Amru Rice Cambodia, Agriculture Cooperative from Sombor Meanchey, Impact Hub Phnom Penh.

CPSA-JICA’s delegate joint meeting about Cashew:
CPSA team led by Mr. Ratha Chan, Director of CPSA, welcomed the delegates from JICA led by Mr. Kodoma Hiroshi, JICA Expert and Adviser to DAI/MAFF, and Mr. Tomo Motoda, Director of Rice Holice and Koji Food Creator. Both parties exchanged ideas on the Koji process and application and one key important note is that Rice is the best ingredient for Koji. In addition to that, we also discussed the cashew sub-sector where Top Planning (Cambodia) has invested in building a processing factory in Kampong Thom. Besides that, we also exchanged on the potential Agro-Processing Zone concept. Mr. Ratha also shared his experience in working with multi-stakeholder in agriculture and how we could link up/support the potential investment in agri and agro investment projects in Cambodia. Lastly, Japanese delegates really appreciated the insight of the CPSA Director and looking for further collaboration in the future.

CPSA-ILO Agreement Signing
CPSA and International Labour Organization have officially signed an agreement to work together under the project Enterprise Agriculture Cooperatives Incubation Program mainly supported by Khmer Enterprise.
FINANCE

Between July to Sep 2021 CPSA Operations and Finance Department with support from Grow Asia and a local consultant has been working in the following areas:

HUMAN RESOURCE

To facilitate the workflow and process, CPSA has recruited a consultant on communication and curriculum design for the MRLG project. We also have ACs coordinator for the KE project on board as well to ensure the quality of the incubation program.

ADMINISTRATION

We are in the process to request office location change to the relevant ministries.

TAX COMPLIANCE

The monthly tax and national social security fund (NSSF) was declared.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND REPORTING

At regular intervals, financial information is processed accurately and reported (e.g., on cash management, bank management, accounting bookkeeping, monthly financial report to GA and CPSA internal file documents, monthly payroll).