

ADDA is a Danish NGO that was established in 1994 by Danes and Cambodians living in Denmark with personal contacts in Cambodia and Vietnam.

The association has since then carried out a series of development projects in these countries with the purpose of encouraging development in general, and more specifically to support the establishment of sustainable agriculture in order to improve living conditions for the rural population.

ADDA's aims:

- Improvement of living conditions for the rural population through improved production methods, where the yield can be increased on an environmentally sustainable basis
- Improvement in the degree of self-sufficiency for the poorest groups of the population in South-East Asia
- To follow the principle of "help to self-help" which is achieved through targeted capacity development of partners such as agricultural colleges and local farmers' associations

ADDA also wants to disseminate knowledge in Denmark about living conditions in South-East Asia through lectures, articles and an exhibition, which can be borrowed free of charge.

ADDA co-operates with local organisations in the countries where the projects are implemented. Currently these are Cambodia and Vietnam.

Funds for ADDA's projects are primarily provided by Danida and all projects aim at making the recipients independent of help from outside their own countries.

IWEP in Cambodia

Integrated Women Empowerment Project

2005 - 2008

In cooperation with the local NGO Srer Khmer



The project aims:

- To improve the standard of living for poor agricultural families
- To train the women in practical agriculture together with the propagation of knowledge about improved production methods
- To give the women a chance to save up money and to get a cheap loan (micro loan)
- To strengthen the women's status in the family, in the village and in local society
- To increase women's knowledge about AIDS and "trafficking" (selling women)



Community Development Project

Development of ethnical minorities' local society in Northern Vietnam

2006 - 2010

In cooperation with the Vietnam National Farmers Union (VNFU)

The overall objective for the project:

To help the local population to create development in the area themselves by village democracy, through participation and commitment. In practice through:

- Preventive measures against landslides and other forms of erosion.
- Re-creation of the soil fertility
- Increase in the yield of the traditional crops along with forestry production.
- Creating cultivation systems that allow permanent fields on slopes.
- Long-term reduction of the workload in connection with farming and forestry.
- Creating the possibility of re-establishing proper forest areas as a result of giving up the slash-and-burn method and that other areas are released for forestry.

The Organic Project in Northern Vietnam

Development of a framework for organic production and marketing in Vietnam

2004 - 2010

In cooperation with the Vietnam National Farmers Union (VNFU)

The project aims:

- Development of organic agricultural methods adapted to conditions in Vietnam
- Development of a set of local standards and a control systems for organic production, processing and trading in connection with local authorities.
- Dissemination of information about organic production so that marketing of the organic products is also possible at the domestic market.

Completed projects:

Preak Leap

Agricultural college project in Cambodia

1996 - 2004

ADDA's first project was to strengthen the Preak Leap agricultural college with regard to management, organisation, supplementary training of teachers, development of new courses and to spread knowledge about practical agriculture.

The college was quite under-developed at the start even though it was the only agricultural college in Cambodia. After 8 years of running the project, the college is today a modern and reputable establishment that offers Bachelor education in agriculture, and it has grown from 300 students to more than 1000 on an annual basis.

Agriculture is still the most important industry in Cambodia, which means that well-educated agricultural experts with a practical knowledge of agriculture are a key to increase production, and thereby the chances of further development of the country.

IPM project in Vietnam

(IPM = Integrated Pest Management)

1999 - 2005

ADDA carried out this big project concerning vegetable farming for about 12,000 farmers from villages in the region of Hanoi together with the Hanoi Farmers' Union (HNFU).

The typical size of a families land in the area is only 1 – 2 hectares, so it is of great importance how the intensive cropping is carried out.

ADDA's project has therefore had aims of reducing the tremendous use of pesticides and to help the farmers achieve better health and to have increased income through education on improved and more diversified crops.

The project has succeeded beyond all expectations and has given the involved farmers lasting knowledge and experience – not only limited to the project period.

Join ADDA and support
development projects in Asia



You can help ADDA from ONLY Dkr. 50/year

Your membership of ADDA supports our agricultural projects in South-East Asia, where ADDA's working philosophy and motto is "Help to self-help". ADDA is built on a flat organisation, where there are several active members in the association who carry out the tasks. Therefore as an active member you have the possibility of involving yourself in development work.

We issue a newsletter "News & Views" 2 – 3 times a year to all members. Furthermore we inform about our activities on our Internet homepage, make information meetings and lend out our exhibition material about ADDA's projects free of charge. ADDA also informs locally about our projects in the developing world.

As a supporting member you help ADDA in many ways:

Apart from supporting ADDA's work financially, you also help to ensure the popular foundation in Denmark, which is a pre-requisite for Danida's support to ADDA with funds for projects.

On ADDA's home page www.adda.dk you can find a lot of information and news about projects as well as membership rates and a membership application form.



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