**Impact of mines / ERW & Impact of Clearance from FGD in Battambang**

**1. Chaeng Village, Chay Meanchay Commune, Banan District, 20th October 2015:**

**1.1 Impact of Mines**

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|  | **Issue** | **Number of responses** |
| 1 | Fear of accidents |  |
| 2 | Need land for farming (lack of land) | 4 |
| 3 | Need land for development (construction of roads, canals) |  |
| 4 | Accident to cattle | 2 |
| 5 | Incidents – injuries and death | 4 |
| 6 | Request to CMAC to clear the mines |  |
| 7 | Can’t use the land for crops |  |
| 8 | Still mines in the land |  |
| 9 | Shortage of water for irrigation and drinking |  |
| 10 | Bad roads |  |
| 11 |  |  |
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**1.2 Impact of Mine Clearance**

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|  | **Issue** | **Number of responses** |
| 1 | No more fear |  |
| 2 | Gain more produce from farming and cropping |  |
| 3 | Live in safety / safer | 3 |
| 4 | Happy | 6 |
| 5 | Land for farming | 4 |
| 6 | Access to roads | 2 |
| 7 | Safer for children to travel to go to school |  |
| 8 | Happy – land for farming and crops |  |
| 9 | Improving livelihood |  |
| 10 | No accident / safe |  |
| 11 | Land for infrastructure – pond, road and construction and canals |  |

**2. Bor Knol Village, Chay Meanchay Commune, Banan District, 20th October 2015:**

**2.1 Impact of Mines**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Issue** | **Number of responses** |
| 1 | No road / access issues | 3 |
| 2 | Lack of land for farming | 7 |
| 3 | Not safe for the children / fear children accidents | 2 |
| 4 | Accident for cattle | 3 |
| 5 | Risks / Fear for life and of accidents | 5 |
| 6 | Migrate elsewhere |  |
| 7 | Accidents for people |  |
| 8 | Not safe | 1 |
| 9 |  |  |
| 10 |  |  |
| 11 |  |  |
| 12 |  |  |
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**2.2 Impact of Mine Clearance**

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Issue** | **Number of responses** |
| 1 | No fear / happy | 6 |
| 2 | Land for farming | 4 |
| 3 | Road access | 3 |
| 4 | No threats |  |
| 5 | No fear in farming |  |
| 6 | Available canals and roads |  |
| 7 | Safe road |  |
| 8 | Better living |  |
| 9 | Peaceful |  |
| 10 | Easy to do business |  |
| 11 | Graze the animals safely |  |

**3. Kilo Village, Treng Commune, Rattanak Mondul District, 21st October 2015:**

**3.1 Impact of Mines**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Issue** | **Number of responses** |
| 1 | Risk to life | 2 |
| 2 | Hampers livelihood development | 2 |
| 3 | Lack of Knowledge |  |
| 4 | Risk to go into the forest |  |
| 5 | No Land for Residence |  |
| 6 | Fear danger for the children | 2 |
| 7 | Fear of mines | 3 |
| 8 | Fear to collect bamboo shoot and firewood |  |
| 9 | Mines hamper farming business | 4 |
| 10 | Danger |  |
| 11 | Poor / Causing Poverty | 2 |
| 12 | Unable to go to school | 2 |
| 13 | Taking risks by going into the forest to collect wild vegetable |  |
| 14 | Not safe to travel |  |

**3.2 Impact of Mine Clearance**

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Issue** | **Number of responses** |
| 1 | No fear of mine accidents | 2 |
| 2 | Better living due to available land to farm | 3 |
| 3 | Feel safer going to school and more knowledge |  |
| 4 | Happy to be able to travel safely |  |
| 5 | Safety to cultivate on the land | 5 |
| 6 | Better livelihood | 6 |
| 7 | Not so worried |  |
| 8 | Happy, no fear more safety | 2 |
| 9 | Able to construct roads and health centres |  |
| 10 | No fear to collect firewood |  |

**4. Ou Chorm Kraom, Kampong Lapov district, Samlout District, 22nd October 2015:**

**4.1 Impact of Mines**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Issue** | **Number of responses** |
| 1 | Difficulties |  |
| 2 | Difficulties in Transport and Travel | 8 |
| 3 | Risk to lives (and animals) | 8 |
| 4 | Can not cultivate land | 3 |
| 5 | No road access |  |
| 6 | Difficult to do business | 2 |
| 7 | Fear for risks to children – looking for firewood |  |
| 8 | Risk to transport and travel |  |
| 9 | More concerned and worried |  |
| 10 | Difficult to farm | 2 |
| 11 | Waste of time and delays when travelling |  |
| 12 | Unable to transport crops to sell in the markets | 2 |
| 13 | Difficult to live |  |
| 14 |  |  |

*N.B.Reveals the high impact of ATMs on old roads in the area.*

**4.2 Impact of Mine Clearance**

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|  | **Issue** | **Number of responses** |
| 1 | Land for farming | 8 |
| 2 | Safe to commute | 8 |
| 3 | Thanks to CMAC |  |
| 4 | Road to access and transport goods to market | 4 |
| 5 | No fear / minimise risk to lives | 6 |
| 6 | Better livelihood and development | 4 |
| 7 | Happy | 3 |
| 8 | Able to do business |  |
| 9 | No risk to animals |  |
| 10 | Roads to be constructed |  |
| 11 | Better economy |  |

**5. Ou Trav Chao Village, Serey Meanchay Commune, Sampov Lun District, 23rd October 2015:**

**5.1 Impact of Mines**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Issue** | **Number of responses** |
| 1 | Risk to life | 9 |
| 2 | Unable to cultivate land | 4 |
| 3 | Unable to construct new roads |  |
| 4 | Fear to commute |  |
| 5 | Affecting people’s livelihoods | 7 |
| 6 | Risk to children who commute to school or travel to far places |  |
| 7 | Making people disabled, orphaned, widow and widowers | 4 |
| 8 | Can not plough with power plough and tractors[[1]](#footnote-1) |  |
| 9 | Unable to maximise benefits from land and other resources[[2]](#footnote-2) |  |
| 10 | Croppys? |  |
| 11 | Roads |  |
| 12 | Affecting society |  |
| 13 | Risk to cattle |  |

**5.2 Impact of Mine Clearance**

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Issue** | **Number of responses** |
| 1 | No risk to life / families (‘my family is free from mine risk’) | 9 |
| 2 | Better family economy |  |
| 3 | Better developed | 7 |
| 4 | Able to cultivate the land | 4 |
| 5 | No disabilities | 2 |
| 6 | Villagers becoming happy |  |
| 7 | Prosperous society |  |
| 8 | No fear | 2 |
| 9 | No fear to farm |  |
| 10 | No fear for children to play or go to school |  |
| 11 | Better / more prosperous living | 2 |
| 12 | More land to grow crops | 2 |

**Impact of mines / ERW & Impact of Clearance from FGD in Pailin Province**

**1. Bor Huy Khmer Chheung, Sangkat Bor Yakha, Pailin District, 26th October 2015:**

**1.1 Impact of Mines**

|  |  |  |  |
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|  | **Issue** | **Details** | **Number of responses** |
| **1** | **Fear & Risk** |  | **9** |
|  |  | Fear | 7 |
|  |  | Fear of accident | 2 |
| **2** | **Hampers Livelihoods** |  | **7** |
|  |  | Difficult to go into the forests (for livelihood reasons) | 4 |
|  |  | Hard to cut trees for use |  |
|  |  | Difficult livelihood |  |
|  |  | Companies can not develop |  |
| **3** | **Encourages Migration** |  | **7** |
| **3** | **Poverty** |  | **7** |
| **4** | **Infrastructure** |  | **2** |
| 5 |  | Can not develop |  |
| 6 |  | No road to access and commute |  |

**1.2 Impact of Mine Clearance**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Issue** | **Details** | **Number of responses** |
|  |  |  |  |
| **1** | **Improved Safety / Less Risk** |  | **9** |
|  |  | No more fear of mine risks | 7 |
|  |  | Reduction of risks | 1 |
|  |  | No fear of becoming disabled |  |
| 2 | **More Land** |  | **7** |
|  |  | Land to cultivate | 7 |
| **3** | **Improving Livelihoods** |  | **9** |
|  |  | Companies to invest |  |
|  |  | Better Living | 7 |
|  |  | Reduce poverty |  |
| **4** | **Reduction of migration** |  | **2** |
| **5** | **Improved Infrastructure** |  | **3** |
|  |  | Road Access |  |
|  |  | Able to construct roads and bridges |  |
|  |  | Better development |  |
| 7 | **Happy after clearance** |  | 1 |

**2. Sre Antak, Sala Krau Commune, Sala Krau District, 27th October 2015:**

**2.1 Impact of Mines**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Issue** | **Details** | **Number of responses** |
| **1** | **Fear & Risk** |  | **11** |
|  |  | Fear / Fear of accidents | 4 |
|  |  | Risks to children |  |
|  |  | Concerned / worried | 2 |
|  |  | Taking risks due to poverty | 2 |
|  |  | Suspect of risk |  |
|  |  | Risks and accident to life |  |
| **2** | **Hampers Livelihoods** |  | **3** |
|  |  | Concerned about livelihood |  |
|  |  | There are *redundant* (?) areas |  |
|  |  | Difficult to farm |  |
| **3** | **Accidents** |  | **1** |

**2.2 Impact of Mine Clearance**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Issue** | **Details** | **Number of responses** |
| **1** | **Happy** |  | **9** |
|  |  | Happy | 7 |
|  |  | Delighted | 1 |
|  |  | Thanks | 1 |
| **2** | **No more fear** |  | **5** |
|  |  | No more fear | 4 |
|  |  | No more concerned / worry |  |
| **3** | **Improving Livelihoods** |  | **6** |
|  |  | Jobs to do |  |
|  |  | Cultivate on the farm – increasing yields[[3]](#footnote-3) | 3 |
|  |  | Improved living | 2 |
| **4** | **Improved Safety / Less Risk** |  | **1** |
|  |  | Safety in family | 1 |
| **5** | **Improved Infrastructure** |  | **1** |
|  |  | Safely construct houses[[4]](#footnote-4) | 1 |

**3. Veal Cheang Village, Ou Andoung Commune, Sala Krau District 27th October 2015:**

**3.1 Impact of Mines**

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|  | **Issue** | **Details** | **Number of responses** |
| **1** | **Fear & Risk** |  | **13** |
|  |  | Fear | 6 |
|  |  | Concerned / worried |  |
|  |  | Risks to life | 2 |
|  |  | Fear to commute / travel | 3 |
|  |  | Hesitate to farm |  |
| **2** | **Hampers Livelihoods** |  | **11** |
|  |  | Difficult to farm | 2 |
|  |  | Poor living / Living difficulties | 8 |
|  |  | Hesitate to live and settle down after spotting mine during clearing of forests[[5]](#footnote-5) |  |
| **3** | **Migration to Thailand to work** |  | **4** |
| **4** | **Poor Access and Roads** |  | **2** |
|  |  | Commuting / travel difficulties | 2 |
| **5** | **Lack of safe land for farming** |  | **2** |
| **6** | **Infrastructure** |  | 1 |
|  |  | Dare not construct houses | 1 |

**3.2 Impact of Mine Clearance**

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|  | **Issue** | **Details** | **Number of responses** |
| **1** | **Happy** |  | **6** |
| **2** | **Improved safety / Less Risk** |  | **12** |
|  |  | Safe | 2 |
|  |  | No fear of risk | 10 |
| **3** | **Improving Livelihoods** |  | **7** |
|  |  | Better Living | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |
| **4** | **Available land for farming** |  | **8** |
| **5** | **Improved Infrastructure** |  | **5** |
| 6 | Able to construct the house |  | 3 |
| 7 | Commute / travel |  |  |
| 8 | Roads and Bridges |  |  |
| 9 |  |  |  |
| 10 |  |  |  |
| 11 |  |  |  |

**Impact of mines / ERW & Impact of Clearance from FGD in Banteay Meanchay Province**

**1. Don Nuoy Village, Treas Communue, Svay Chek District, 29 October 2015:**

**1.1 Impact of Mines**

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|  | **Issue** | **Details** | **Number of responses** |
| **1** | **Fear** |  | **16** |
|  |  | **Fear of accident when ploughing[[6]](#footnote-6) / cultivating** | **3** |
|  |  | Fear | 4 |
|  |  | Fear / difficult to cultivate the ricefield | 2 |
|  | **Enforced risk-taking:** When we do / make a living, we fear accidents and step on the mines. But if we don’t go, we would not be able to make a living. Thus, we took risk in order to bring food for living. Thus, for the sake of making a living we do need to take risk | |  |
|  |  | Fear to enter land |  |
|  |  | Fear of accidents | 2 |
|  |  | Fear of risk |  |
|  |  | Fear to commute and travel | 2 |
| **2** | **Hampers livelihood** |  | **4** |
|  |  | Difficult to make income |  |
|  |  | Poor living | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |
| **3** | **Lack of safe land** |  | **6** |
|  |  | Unable to cultivate the land |  |
|  |  | No land to cultivate to support our family | 5 |
| **4** | **Poverty** |  | **2** |
|  |  | Poor | 2 |
| **5** | **Migration** |  | **4** |
|  |  | Migration | 4 |

**1.2 Impact of Mine Clearance**

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|  | **Issue** | **Details** | **Number of responses** |
| **1** | **Happy** |  | **11** |
|  |  | When safe people become happy |  |
|  |  | Happy | 8 |
|  |  | Happy to farm | 2 |
| **2.** | **Improved Safety & Less Risk** |  | 3 |
|  |  | Make a living without fear |  |
|  |  | Safe when plough field |  |
|  |  | No fear |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **2** | **Improving Livelihoods** |  | **7** |
|  |  | Better living | 6 |
|  |  | People increase income in the family and live happy lives |  |
|  |  | Able to cultivate land and do other business |  |
| 3 | **Improved infrastructure** |  | 1 |
|  |  | Communication and travelling (better) |  |
| **4** | **Reduced Migration** |  | **3** |
|  |  | Less migration | 3 |
| **5** | **More Land** |  | **6** |
|  |  | Available land for farming | 5 |
|  |  | Able to cultivate land and do other business |  |
| **6** | **Request CMAC to finalise clearance** |  | **1** |

**2. Khvav Lech village, Svay Chek Commune Commune, Svay Chek District, 29th October 2015:**

**2.1 Impact of Mines**

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|  | **Issue** | **Details** | **Number of responses** |
| **1** | **Fear & Risk** |  | **27** |
|  |  | Fear to travel | 1 |
|  |  | Fear to cultivate on contaminated land | 4 |
|  |  | Fear of accident and disability (hand and legs) | 2 |
|  |  | Fear of mine accidents, especially when soil become soft because of rain | 1 |
|  |  | Fear of mine whilst cultivating | 1 |
|  |  | Fear of risk when cultivating after clearing forests | 1 |
|  |  | Fear to go to the field especially mines along the road | 1 |
|  |  | Fear | 3 |
|  |  | Fear of accidents and mines | 1 |
|  |  | Fear to clear agricultural land | 1 |
|  |  | Fear of risk to lives | 1 |
|  |  | Fear of risk of mines | 1 |
|  |  | Fear of remaining mines[[7]](#footnote-7) | 1 |
|  |  | Fear of accident during cultivation | 1 |
|  |  | Dare not to clear the forests | 1 |
|  |  | Fear to step on mines | 1 |
|  |  | Fear to do business | 1 |
|  |  | Fear of being widowed / widower | 1 |
|  |  | Fear of risk collecting firewood | 1 |
|  |  | Fear of accidents to animals | 1 |
|  |  | Risk to enter the minefield | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| **2** | **Hampers Livelihood** |  | **4** |
| 3 |  | Poor living | 1 |
|  |  | Difficult / poor living | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |
| **4** | **Lack of Safe Land** |  | **3** |
|  |  | Unsafe to cultivate | 1 |
|  |  | No land to cultivate | 2 |
| **5** | **Migration** |  | **1** |
|  |  | Migration | 1 |
| **6** | **Poor Access & Roads** |  | **6** |
|  |  | Difficult unsafe to travel and communicate | 6 |

**2.2 Impact of Mine Clearance**

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|  | **Issue** |  | **Number of responses** |
| **1** | **Happy** |  | **4** |
|  |  | Happy | 3 |
|  |  | Happy to do business | 1 |
| **2** | **Improved Safety & Less Risk** |  | **8** |
|  |  | Safe to travel | 1 |
|  |  | No fear to plough or transport | 1 |
|  |  | Free from accidents / fear of accidents | 2 |
|  |  | No fear of risk | 3 |
|  |  | Safe | 1 |
| **3** | **Improved Infrastructure** |  | **3** |
|  |  | Easy / safe to travel | 2 |
|  |  | Access by roads | 1 |
| **4** | **Improving Livelihoods** |  | **7** |
|  |  | Better living | 5 |
|  |  | Able to cultivate | 1 |
|  |  | Make activity to collect firewood | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| **4** | **More Land** |  | **6** |
|  |  | Land to cultivate | 5 |
|  |  | Safe to cultivate land | 1 |
| **7** | **Thanks** |  | **1** |

**3. Ta Mang Village, Kork Romiet Commune, Thmar Pouk District 30th October 2015:**

**3.1 Impact of Mines**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Issue** | **Details** | **Number of responses** |
| **1** | **Fear & Risk** |  | **18** |
|  |  | Fear to travel | 4 |
|  |  | Risk / Scare to cultivate | 4 |
|  |  | Risks to lives | 3 |
|  |  | Fear to live | 5 |
|  |  | Scared of mines |  |
|  |  | Risks while opening forests for new land | 2 |
| **2** | **Migration** |  | **4** |
|  |  | Migration | 4 |
| **3** | **Lack of Safe Land** |  | **2** |
|  |  | Lack land to cultivate | 2 |
| **6** | **Poor** |  | **1** |
| **7** | **Hampers Livelihood** |  | **8** |
| 8 |  | Dare not to collect bamboo shoot |  |
| 9 |  | Poor Living / difficult to make a Living | 7 |

**3.2 Impact of Mine Clearance**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Issue** | **Details** | **Number of responses** |
| **1** | **More Land** |  | **8** |
|  |  | Land to cultivate | 8 |
| **2** | **Improved Safety / Less Risk** |  | **8** |
|  |  | Free from fear of risks | 2 |
|  |  | Safe to travel | 3 |
|  |  | Safe Road to commute / travel | 2 |
|  |  | Safe cultivation on the land |  |
| 3 | **Happy** |  | **9** |
|  |  | Happy | 8 |
|  |  | Happy because freedom from fear | 1 |
| 4 | **Improving Livelihoods** |  | **4** |
|  |  | Better living | 4 |
| 5 | **Reduce migration** |  | **1** |
| 6 | **Thanks** |  | **1** |

**4. Prasat Tbaeng Village, Banteay Chhmar Commune, Thmar Pouk District 30th October 2015:**

**4.1 Impact of Mines**

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|  | **Issue** | **Details** | **Number of responses** |
| **1** | **Fear & Risk** |  | **8** |
|  |  | Fear of accidents / death | 4 |
|  |  | Risk | 2 |
|  |  | Fear of mines |  |
|  |  | Worried |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **2** | **Lack of Safe Land** |  | **4** |
|  |  | No land to farm | 4 |
|  |  |  |  |
| **3** | **Poverty** |  | **2** |
|  |  | Poor | 2 |
| **4** | **Accidents / Incidents** |  | **1** |
|  |  | Accidents cause injuries - disability |  |
| **5** | **Hampers Livelihoods** |  | **8** |
|  |  | Poor living | 4 |
| 6 |  | Damage properties |  |
| 7 |  | Difficult to farm | 3 |
| **8** | **Request CMAC to clear the land** |  | **1** |
| 9 |  | Want CMAC and HALO to clear mines in my village |  |

**4.2 Impact of Mine Clearance**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Issue** | **Details** | **Number of responses** |
| **1** | **Improved Safety / Less Risk** |  | 6 |
|  |  | No fear whilst ploughing |  |
|  |  | No fear when clearing trees from the land |  |
|  |  | Safe / Easy to farm | 2 |
|  |  | Free from risks | 2 |
| **2** | **Happy** |  | **8** |
|  |  | Happy | 7 |
|  |  | Happy to be able to cultivate the land |  |
| **3** | **Improving Livelihoods** |  | **3** |
|  |  | Better Living | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **4** | **More Land** |  | **3** |
|  |  | Available land to farm | 3 |

1. This is an interesting one as people in this village and some others were saying they do cultivate suspect land, but cultivate it differently until cleared i.e. using hoes and hand tools (mostly where they suspect presence of ATMs). This means they use the land less efficiently and effectively. This is a similar phenomena to Lao PDR where people cultivate ‘more carefully and don’t dig as deep’. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. This is similar perhaps to 1. above. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. This has been said in a number of FGDs and was confirmed in the final FGD in Veal Cheang Village, as below. Namely that people often cultivate suspect land, and cultivate it differently to how they would do it normally, namely by using hoes. Once it is cleared they can use power ploughs or tractors that increases productivity and efficiency etc. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. As opposed to unsafely constructing small shacks on risky land as was the previous practice in both Sre Antak and Veal Cheang villages. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Like Sre Antak, Veal Cheang is a ‘new village’, settled in the ‘frontier’ of the Cambodian West in the last 20 years. The people (often landless and driven by poverty) have come from all over Cambodia and have migrated to suspect land on the promise of cheap land. They have ended up clearing the forests to make residential and agricultural areas – those who came first grabbed large areas of land and have sold them on to those who came later. People are mobilized to settle these areas through networks of families and friends, and sometimes agents. Those who came first took big risks clearing mined areas, but many of them were former soldiers (Govt), and the implication is possibly that the regime has encouraged former soldiers to settle the western areas, partly to give them opportunity and partly to enhance their political and social control. The settlements may also be linked to and motivated by the logging of the forests for profit, and perhaps this is part of the ‘offer’ from the Cambodian state to the landless. This was suggested as a motive in itself by the Sala Krau Deputy District Governor in a meeting on 27th October. Regardless, those who came first and those who continue to farm SHAs took high risks, and it is ironic that now CfR II and other donors / operators are implementing clearance work – for development - of roads etc – AFTER the people have settled the area and done much of the clearance work spontaneously. This shows a failure to understand where the high-risk communities were in the past. NB It is disturbing to think of mine action agencies ‘clearing for development’ tasks that have no mines, whilst poor vulnerable people were hacking out new communities on minefields without any former support, even beyond the ‘view’ of the formal sector which is finally catching up with their reality, a reality which at 15 – 20 years old is hardly new. In Veal Cheang clearance only started in 2000. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Again reveals that risky land is being ploughed. d [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Implying there has been informal clearance of land under cultivation [↑](#footnote-ref-7)