

## **CEDAC Provides Capacity-building for Community Field Assistants (CFA) on System of Rice Intensification (SRI)**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of April, 2011, CEDAC organized a training session on System of Rice Intensification (SRI) for six Community Field Assistants (CFA) at CEDAC's office in Mondulkiri province. This training was facilitated by Mr. Pol Sam Arth, CEDAC Project Officer. The objective of the training was to improve CFA's understanding about SRI so that they could further disseminate the SRI techniques to the targeted areas. During the training session, the SRI training curriculum and promotion action plan were discussed and developed by the participants. As a result of participation, the CFAs gained a better understanding about SRI techniques and how to implement the techniques going into the wet season.

In 2010, 230 families were practicing SRI techniques on a cultivated land area of 29.1 ha in Mondulkiri. These numbers are expected to increase during the 2011 wet season. This action was a part of the framework of the project *Improving Food Security for Women and Rural Poor in Mondulkiri Province*, which is being implemented by CEDAC with funding support from the European Union (EU) . The project aims to enable subsistence farmers and vulnerable social groups, especially women, to improve their economic and social conditions through increased food production and diversified income sources, as well as through improved social cooperation. The project works across 30 villages in 9 communes of two target districts - Kaoh Nheak and Pech Chreada – in Mondulkiri province.

