



Ms. Nim Ros is, a-40-year old, living in Srae Veoung village, Prey Klar Commune, Koh Andet District, Takeo Province. She lives with a 13 years old daughter, her 38 years old younger sister, a 50 years old elder disable brother, and 83 years old father since she divorced with her husband in 2008. After the divorce, she took a one-year daughter to live with her then went back to live with her parent. But her son lived with her husband, for three years later, her husband got married with a new wife and then her son went back to live with her until he died in an accident in 2019.

She owned 70 square meters of agriculture lands that she only grown rice, which was divided after the divorce. However, she grown vegetables on her father land size 70 square meters and additionally, she could earn approximately USD 150 per year from making sticky rice cake and USD 125 per year from planting vegetables. She insufficiently met basic needs and could not afford for her daughter good education based on the requirements from the school. Moreover, she got discrimination from the community that she was widow because they advised her not to break up with her husband because as women have to be patience with any form of violence from the husband and living under husband dominant. She said, "Sometimes, she doesn't have money to buy foods then herself and her brother who is disable and her sister went to the rice field to find fishes and crabs because she kept money for her children education".

In 2018, she had overcome many challenges by putting high commitment to grow vegetables based on technical support from MASE2 project and strong determination to work hard for her children

education and family well-being. She said, “The bad things are just passed through her lives, she will be fine soon because not only her that faced this challenges. So she never gives up her dream.”

After she had participated in the MASE project, she has increased income from plant vegetables under labor support from her brother and sister, and she got more clients to order her sticky rice cake for the wedding and other event as she had well known as natural vegetables supplier in the village. She learned a lot from the agricultural skills especially how to make natural fertilizers and got coach from the LAA and MASE2 staffs with material support as well. So, she could earn more profits for her family approximately USD 100 per month from vegetables after harvest and USD 125 Max per month from making sticky rice cake. Under coordination by MASE2 project team of World Vision’s support she has signed contract to supply vegetables 51kgs per week during their harvest time to EAC

Currently, her family is living is a better condition by having enough foods to eat, could support her daughter for a good education in grade 8 and additionally attends English class. Moreover, she got recognition from the villagers of her leadership and commitment that could lead her family to generate more incomes and support family members by herself. More than that, she could join every meeting in the commune to get more information and join discussion in the commune related to sanitation, health, microfinance, agriculture, and village commune development. Lastly, she has a dream to have renovate her house and buy motorcycle for using in the family especially to able to support her daughter in high education until finish university degree.

