

# UNBELIEVABLE STORY: YOUTH CAN DO IT.....!!!

## “YOUTH CLUB CAN ORGANIZES CAMPAIGN BY THEMSELVES”



In the morning of November 22<sup>nd</sup> at Anchagn village, krang Skear commune, Teuk Phos district, Kampong Chnang province, a group of youth which included 20 Youth club members (14 females), were cooperating to organize a public campaign on **“The Importance of Forest and Natural Resource”**. The campaign aimed to increase youth and the local people with the knowledge of the importance of forest and natural resources.

In the event, **Mr. Chea Sokhom** who is the chief of Anchagn village, Krang Skear commune, Teuk Phos district, Kampong Chnang province said *“This is the first time that Anchagn village has the campaign which is directly held by the youth, especially the youth residing in the community”*. *“In the past, there were only organizations and elder people who organized this kind of event. Although it was raining at the beginning, and during the event, many people participated in the event, and there were 117 participants (77 females) who attended the event”*, he added.

**The public campaign has been held many times before; however, it was the first time that the event was organized by our youth themselves for the youth in the community.**

**Ms. Thuch Soborn**, a leader of a youth club said that *“I was so worried because some of us cannot read and write much and it was raining, but what we led us to put our effort in the event was the belief that the work would yield good result and there would be participants”* For me, I was so proud of my group because we could cooperate and help each other. Our team also made the showcase and organized by ourselves.



**Ms. Thuch Soborn** added *“the cooperation between youth club and authority got some results such as the authority had actively participated in organizing this event and promised to against illegal logging in community when the local people raised their problem and gave the value to our youth club’s activities and recognized rights of youth engagement”*.

*Just to remind that this event could successfully be held because of the technical support from KYSD and financial support from Forum Syd organizations.*

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