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This working paper is one of three related papers stemming from a two-year study on food security in rural Cambodia conducted by the Cambodia Development Resource Institute and the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development. The other two papers are Vincent Tickner, 'Food Security in Cambodia: A Preliminary Assessment' (Geneva: UNRISD, October 1996) Discussion Paper 80, and K. A. S. Murshid, 'Food Security in an Asian Transitional Economy: The Cambodian Experience' (Phnom Penh: CDRI, December 1998) Working Paper 6. The CDRI/UNRISD food security project was supported by a grant from DANIDA.

Preface

At the outset of this paper I would like to acknowledge the contributions of research team members Keo Keriya and Chan Sophal. From early September to late November 1996, our team of three conducted qualitative research in two village communities to complement a broader, quantitative CDRI study on rural household food security undertaken in collaboration with the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD).¹ One study village, Babaong, was located in a rice-surplus area in Prey Veng province. The other village, Trapeang Prei, was located in a rice-deficit area in Kompong Speu province.

In this paper I will present findings and analysis that have emerged from our research. More specifically, I will consider household livelihood strategies in family lineages from each of the two communities (see Parts Two and Three for detailed case accounts). The experiences of these particular families represent, for the most part, the more vulnerable households in the communities.

In Babaong, our research team interviewed 71 of the 462 households in the village. Twenty-two of these accounts are written up in this working paper. In Trapeang Prei, our team interviewed 43 of the 64 households in the village. Nine of these accounts are recorded in this paper. It is hoped that discussion of these limited, though detailed, accounts will help us deepen our appreciation of livelihood security and coping strategies in rural Cambodia.

¹ K. A. S. Murshid, *Food Security in an Asian Transitional Economy: The Cambodian Experience* (Phnom Penh: Cambodia Development Resource Institute, December 1998) Working Paper 6.

Glossary

Acronyms

GRET	Group de Recherche et d'Echanges Technologiques
MCC	Mennonite Central Committee
NGO	non-governmental organisation
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNRISD	United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
WID	Women in Development

Place Names

Banteay Meanchey province	ខេត្តបន្ទាយមានជ័យ
Kandal province	ខេត្តកណ្តាល
Kompong Cham province	ខេត្តកំពង់ចាម
Kompong Speu province	ខេត្តកំពង់ស្ពឺ
Phnom Penh municipality	ក្រុងភ្នំពេញ
Prey Veng province	ខេត្តព្រៃវែង
Ratanakkiri province	ខេត្តរតនៈគិរី
Ang Snuol district	ស្រុកអង្គស្នួល
Ba Phnom district	ស្រុកបាភ្នំ
Kompong Trabek district	ស្រុកកំពង់ត្របែក
Mukh Kampul district	ស្រុកមុខកំពូល
Odong district	ស្រុកខដុំ
Peam Ro district	ស្រុកពាមរ
Ponhea Leu district	ស្រុកពញាឮ
Prey Veng district	ស្រុកព្រៃវែង
Samraong Tong district	ស្រុកសំរោងទង

Babaong commune	ឃុំបាបោង
Chanta Sen commune	ឃុំចន្ទសែន
Kambol commune	ឃុំកំបូល
Kompong Trabek commune	ឃុំកំពង់ត្របែក
Ksem Ksan commune	ឃុំក្សេមក្សាន្ត
Phnom Toch commune	ឃុំភ្នំតូច
Prek Pnov commune	ឃុំព្រែកព្នៅ
Prey Kandieng commune	ឃុំព្រែកព្នៅរៀង
Trach Tang commune	ឃុំត្រាចទង
Babaong village	ភូមិបាបោង
Bat Doeng village	ភូមិបាត់ដឹង
Bek Chan village	ភូមិបែកចាន
Kakab village	ភូមិកាកាប
Pal Hal village	ភូមិប៉ាល់ហាល
Pong village	ភូមិពោង
Ponley village	ភូមិពន្លៃ
Prey Kandieng village	ភូមិព្រែកព្នៅរៀង
Prey Totung village	ភូមិព្រៃទទឹង
Prolung Meas village	ភូមិព្រលឹងមាស
Trapeang Kanseng village	ភូមិត្រពាំងកន្សែង
Trapeang Kralong village	ភូមិត្រពាំងក្រឡូង
Trapeang Prei village	ភូមិត្រពាំងប្រើយ
Trapeang Thma village	ភូមិត្រពាំងថ្ម
Treb village	ភូមិត្រិប
Neak Loeng	ឃុំលោង

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