

“Clean Water for Health Communities” Scholars Successfully Complete Training in Siem Reap, Cambodia

In previous newsletters, we announced the [“Clean Water for Healthy Communities Scholarship”](#) funded by the Still Point Foundation and [profiled two scholarship recipients](#). From 11-14 October, we welcomed all 6 scholars from civil society organisations as well as three of their public sector partners to CLI’s [The Art of Stakeholder Collaboration](#) course in Siem Reap. By building stakeholder dialogue and collaboration capacity among the teams from WaterAid, WaterShed, and ESC Borda, the overall aim is to enhance their respective projects that improve access to clean water for communities. Access to clean water is essential for improving the health of children and families, and contributing to a better quality of life in rural Cambodia. Each team member participated fully and actively in the 4-day course.

Following the course, scholars sent us numerous photos. Here is a selection of their training impressions:



In completing the workshop feedback form, scholars responded to the question: What was the **most valuable learning**? “Understanding the stakeholder collaboration process and identifying future stakeholder involvement” was the response from Sokha Mok of WaterAid. “I appreciate the tools and methods, the Dialogic Change Model,” Sarong Vit-Kory of WaterShed wrote. She added “What I found most valuable is CLI - that there are facilitators focused on teaching ways to improve collaboration in the development context.” All scholars agreed that the training will help them in their **professional context**. ESC Borda’s Ry Borin mentioned that: “We hope we can up-scale the



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project and project implementation after participating this course.” Most scholars also found aspects of the course that were relevant for their **personal development**, such as listening, facilitation, and collaboration skills. Being asked whether they would **recommend this course** to other colleagues or professional partners, not only all scholars, but also the whole group of 18 participants replied with a clear “yes.” “I will share the outcome of this training to colleagues and friends through different learning events and platforms, aiming at influencing sector actors to work together effectively and strengthen systems at national and sub-national level in both rural and urban setting” Sokkung Sou of WaterAid summed up.

CLI will stay in touch with the scholars regarding application of our methodology within their respective projects. In future newsletters, we will share their updates from the field.

CLI is grateful to the Still Point Foundation in the United States. Through their generous donation, it was possible to make this training affordable to civil society practitioners and their public sector partners working in and with communities in Cambodia on access to clean drinking water. More information on how donations to CLI can support in scaling-up collaboration skills worldwide can be found on CLI’s website: <http://www.collectiveleadership.de/article/donors/>.



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