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I. Kraing Kaok Community

1) Mrs. Sin Chhin

No. 1 (IRC Code: 5065)

I lost my husband under the Khmer Rouge Regime. I have one daughter. When the HW1 (Highway One) Project started, I was living with my daughter along the road. At that time, my daughter was 18 years old. She helped me run a store on HW1. We sold cigarette, coffee, cake, and other little things to travelers. We earned 20,000 to 30,000 R (Riel)/day. This was the only way for us to earn cash. We spent 4,000 to 5,000 R/day for food. My daughter also needed 500 to 1,000 R/day to go to school. I owned the land. In 1992, I bought it for 37.50 grams of gold. But I did not have land title. I only had a document signed by the Commune leader to show that the land was mine. We lived close to our neighbors. We had an enjoyable community life.

In 1999, during DMS (Detailed Measurement Survey), IRC (Inter-ministerial Resettlement Committee) told me that the ROW (Right-Of-Way) was 25 m from the centerline of HW1. When I received compensation later, I was told that I would have to move beyond 30 m from the centerline. In 2000, I received 349.60 USD from IRC. This was only about 20% of what I was supposed to get. IRC also paid me 300,000 R. This was special allowance for a woman house head. However, I did not receive compensation for the land. In 2000, I demolished my house. It cost me 1,000,000 R (260.69 USD¹) to move the house. 349.60 USD was not enough to replace all the lost assets. So, my daughter decided to start working at a garment factory in Phnom Penh to send money for me.

In 2000, I asked a landowner to let me stay on his land. At the end of 2000, I borrowed 1,000,000 R (260.69 USD²) from a Braksak Private Bank. The interest was 3.5%/month. In 2001, I borrowed 100 USD from a private moneylender. The interest rate was 10%/month. In 2001 and 2002, I paid 50,000 R/year to the owner to borrow the land. Between 2000 and 2003, I lived in a little hut between the HW1 shoulder and my house now.

In 2003, I bought new land for 1,200 USD at the back of my original house. The size of the land is 10 m x 12.5 m sideways. At the end of 2003, I borrowed 200 USD from a private lender in Neak Leung. The interest rate was 10%. In 2003, I also had to borrow 500 USD from relatives in Neak Leung. The interest rate was 5% a month. I then moved outside the 30-meter ROW.

In 2005, IRC paid me 1,315.40 USD. This was for my lost house. I also received 300 USD for income restoration. IRC gave me land at the Steung Slot Resettlement Site, too. But I used all the money to pay back my debt. I still owe 1,240 USD to private lenders. I have not paid interest for this money. Since I did not have any credit records or collaterals, I could not get a loan from commercial

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² The exchange rate: 1 July 2000.

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banks. I could only borrow money from private lenders. Interest rates are very high. I chose to receive land at the Stung Slot Resettlement Site. This is because I am a leader of the Kraing Kaok Community. My community members will live there. I want to stay close to them.

I lost my small shop. Now, I raise chickens to earn cash. These chickens are called "productive chickens". In 2000, 3 months after the moving, I bought 5 of them. Now, I have 10 of them. It takes me 6 months to raise them. I can then sell them for 80,000 to 100,000 R at a local market.

After the HW1 Project, my daughter started working for a garment factory in Phnom Penh to send me money. Later, she changed her job. She started to work for a cigarette factory. But she lost her co-worker's mobile phone. The factory owner became angry and told my daughter to pay for the lost phone. She had to change her job again. Now, she sells fruits to earn money. She sometimes even crosses the border and goes to Thailand to work. I tried to call her once on her mobile phone, but was told that it was a wrong number. Luckily, an NGO friend called the number and reached my daughter. He told her to come home to see me. So, I feel OK now. But I am still very worried if my daughter will go away somewhere. All of this has started because of the HW1 Project. If not for the Project, I would not have lost my job. Then, my daughter would not have had to go to work in Phnom Penh. I feel that I have lost everything, including my daughter. Now, I am living here with my nephew and niece.

I request money to pay back my debt. I also need money to restore my livelihood. I want to run a store again to sell groceries. I then want to move to the Stung Slot Resettlement Site. Running a shop at the Stung Slot Resettlement Site is not easy. Many people will run shops. But even if income is little, it is better than nothing. I also request land title. Land title is very important. With land title, nobody can kick me out from here. I request land title for both of the land that I have.

I have a plan to dig a pond at the back of my house now. I then want to keep fish there to help my community members. When I build my new house at the Stung Slot Resettlement Site, I want to donate this land and house to community activities. Not only my community but also other communities and NGOs can come and have meetings here.

If I had received all the compensation in 2000, my life would be much better now. It could even be better than before the HW1 Project. I would be living here with my daughter. Everything came too late.

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2) Mr. and Mrs. Chan Ki

No. 2 (IRC Code: 5071)

Three of us are living here on the Stung Slot Resettlement Site: My wife, our granddaughter, and I. The granddaughter's mother died. She was hit by the thunder when she was trying to move the house. I am Deputy Leader of the Kraing Kaok Community.

When the HW1 Project began, we were collecting various things in a nearby forest. We sold them at a local market for cash. We also ate them for ourselves. We had an old bicycle and helped people carry things, too. We also depended on people's offerings. At that time, we earned 2,000 R/day (0.52 USD³). This was enough for us to live.

In 2000, IRC paid us 69.59 USD. But this was less than 25% of what we were supposed to receive for our lost house. They did not give us any compensation for the land. It was impossible for us to restore our life. In 2003, we had to borrow 150 USD to buy food. We also had to pay back money, 1,000 to 2,000 R here and there, which we had borrowed from various people. In 2006, we finally received 231.69 USD, the balance of the compensation for our house. IRC also gave us land here.

After we came to the Stung Slot Resettlement Site, however, we can no longer enter the forest to collect things. The forest is far from here. Besides, the forest is now privately owned. We are not allowed to go in there. So, we have been spending our compensation money for living.

Now, our life almost completely depends upon people's offerings at a temple. We have lost our source of income. We also have not paid back 150 USD that we borrowed in 2003. We don't have land title to our land. We only have a document signed by the Commune leader. The paper says that we got this land.

We request rice to eat. We request money to pay back our debt. We want to build a new house, too. The house we are living in now is already old. We are also old. But we still want to farm. We want IRC to give us enough land for farming. Our land here is enough only to build our house.

3) Mrs. Jim Soeun

No. 5 (IRC Code: 6036)

I now live with my sister and her family. My sister and her husband have 3 children. I was also married. But my husband was killed during the Pol Pot Regime.

In 1979, I started to live with my parents in Baphnom District. In 1993, I left my parents and came to live on HW1 near the Stung Slot Bridge. I asked the Village leader to let me run business there. I collected wood in the forest. I then sold them

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on HW1. In the rainy season, I grew rice and harvested vegetables for other people, too. I then earned 10,000 R/day. I spent 4,000 R/day to live. Sometimes, I spent 5,000 R/day or more for cooking. On average, I saved only 1,000 R/day. I was also sick. Sometimes, I had to borrow money, for example 100,000 R, to pay for my medicine. The size of my house was only 3.5 m x 6 m. It was very small. But my life was still better at that time.

In 2000, I had to move away from HW1 because of the HW1 Project. In March 2000, IRC gave me 69.29 USD for the house. However, this was only about 25% of the actual value of my house. They also gave me 456,000 R for allowance. I rented land for 30,000 R/year (2,500 R/month). I lived there for 3 years. In 2003, I started living with my sister. My sister was already married and had children. In 2003, I borrowed 400 USD from a private lender to pay for my medicine. In 2004, I also borrowed 500,000 R. The interest rate was 10% a month and In 2007, I borrowed 200,000 R from other private lenders for my business. The interest 10% a month. I bought pigs.

In 2006, I received 238.68 USD more from IRC. This was the balance of the compensation for my lost house. I also received 800 USD for land and income restoration. I then paid 500 USD to buy land. I also used 300 USD to pay back my debt. I used 100 USD to buy food.

Now, my work is to take care of children for other people. I earn 50,000 R/month. I also catch fish and sell them for 5,000 R/kg. My income now is less than I used to earn before the HW1 Project. I still live with my sister. I have land in Kraing Kaok. But I have no money to build a new house. I also don't have land title to my land. I only have a document signed by the Commune leader.

I request 1,000 USD and 600,000 R to build a new house and to pay back my debt. I also need land title to my land for security.

4) Mrs. and Mr. Jim Vean

No. 6 (IRC Code: 5063)

We live on the Stung Slot Resettlement Site. Four people are living in this house: Our daughter, our grandson, and we. We also have one son. He is married and works in Phnom Penh. In 1987, we came from Prey Sdach District to live in this area. We lived 100 m in the east from the Stung Slot Bridge, when the HW1 Project started.

At that time, our job was to collect and sell wood. We also caught fish and sold them at a market. My husband and I worked together. We earned 14,800R/day (3.91 USD⁴). But this was not for every day. Sometimes, we could not make any money at all. We then spent 7,000 to 8,000 R/day to buy food to eat. When we could not earn any cash, we had to cut our spending.

⁴ The exchange rate: 1 July 2000.

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In 2000, we had to move our house because of the HW1 Project. We received 76.53 USD for the affected house. But this was about 20% of what we were supposed to receive. IRC also paid us 350,000 R for allowance. We moved 20 m away from HW1. It cost us 305,000 R (78.21 USD⁵) to rebuild our house. We also rented the land for 600,000 R/year (50,000 R/month = 13.03 USD⁶). We had to borrow 300 USD. The interest rate was 10% a month.

But the rent was too high for us. So, in 2003, we moved back to where we used to live. It cost us 500,000 R (135.67 USD⁷) to move the house again. In 2005, we received 322.08 USD from IRC. This was the balance of the compensation for our lost house. We also received 800 USD for land and income restoration. We saved 500 USD in the IRC account and bought land on the Stung Slot Resettlement Site. In 2006, we finally came to live here. It cost us 1,000,000 R (257.77 USD⁸) for the moving. We borrowed 300 USD from a private lender in Neak Leung. The interest rate was 10% a month.

After the HW1 Project, we lost our job before. We are now selling soup here. We also sell liquor and cigarette. We earn 30,000 R/day. This is much more than our income before the Project. But we have to buy ingredients and materials. So, the actual profit is only 2,800 R/day. On rainy days, we have no customers. We are old now. We cannot collect wood in the forest or catch fish in the river anymore. Our debt now is 1,000 USD. We do not have land title to our land. We only have a document signed by the Commune leader.

We request land title to this land. Our children can then live here with more security. We also need money to pay back our debt.

5) Mr. and Mrs. Chay Mol

No. 13 (IRC Code: 6035)

We have 8 members in our family: 6 children and we. Four of our children are living in this house. The other 2 are living with our relatives. One of them is 15 years old. The other is 10 years old. We now live on the Stung Slot Resettlement Site.

When the HW1 Project started, we were running a grocery store. We could make 60,000 to 100,000 R/day. My husband worked as a bicycle driver. He earned 6,000 to 7,000 R/day.

At that time, we lived 200 m in the east from the Stung Slot Bridge. In 2000, we had to move because of the Project. IRC gave us 97.33 USD. But this was only about 20% of the value of our house. They also paid us 304,000 R for allowance.

⁵ The exchange rate: 1 July 2000.

⁶ The exchange rate: 1 July 2000.

⁷ The exchange rate: 1 July 2003.

⁸ The exchange rate: 1 July 2006.

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We moved 50 m away from the HW1. It cost us 500 USD to rebuild our house. We then borrowed 100 USD. The interest rate was 10% a month. IRC's compensation (97.33 USD and 304,000 R) and the debt (100 USD) were still not enough to cover the cost of the house (500 USD). So, we spent some money out of our savings.

However, the new place was easily flooded. In 2002, we decided to move again closer to HW1. It cost us 100 USD. In 2006, we received 353.30 USD from IRC. This was the rest of the compensation for our lost house. IRC also gave us land on the Stung Slot Resettlement Site. We finally came to live here. It cost us over 300 USD to move. In 2007, we borrowed 300 USD. The interest rate was 10% a month.

Because of the HW1 Project, we lost our store. My husband is now a wageworker in Neak Leung or Phnom Penh. He earns 5,000 R/day. But he is sometimes cheated and gets no money. He is also called to help grow rice. He can earn 5,000 R/day for this. His bicycle is broken now. It needs to be repaired. So, our income has considerably decreased. Our 2 children, who now live with our relatives, sometimes visit us on the Stung Slot Resettlement Site. The relatives give them money, usually 100,000 R, and 15 kg of rice to bring to us.

We do not have land title to the land here. We only have a document signed by the Commune leader. We request land title. We also request money to build a stronger house. We want money to pay back my debt, too. We then want money to build a new store. We can run business on the Stung Slot Resettlement Site. More than 300 workers are hired in the nearby tile factory. They will come to buy things like food here. Since 6 to 7 years ago, small factories have started to operate around this area. They are still expanding. We believe that there are business opportunities here.

6) Mr. and Mrs. Pov Jaik

No. 15 (IRC Code: 4075)

We now live on the Stung Slot Resettlement Site. Five people live in this house: My wife, 3 children, and I.

We used to live 150 m in the west of the Stung Slot Bridge along HW1. We lived on the southern side of the road. I ran a horse-trolley to carry things for people. At that time, I earned 20,000 to 25,000 R/day. But sometimes I earned less. My wife sold sugarcane on HW1, too. She needed 10,000 R/day to buy sugarcane. But she managed to get 3,000 to 4,000 R/day as profit. We spent 10,000 R/day on food, sending our children to school, and maintaining my horse-trolley.

In 2000, we had to move our house because of the HW1 Project. IRC gave us only 166.11 USD for the house and 152,000 R as allowance. They did not give us any compensation for the lost land. We decided to rent somebody's land on the northern side of HW1, 300 m away from the road, for 50,000 R/month. It cost us 400 to 500 USD to move to this land. In January 2001, we had to borrow 250 USD.

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This was worth 625,000 R because at that time 1 USD was 3,800 R. The interest rate was 10% a month.

In 2002, we had to move again, because the owner of the land decided to sell the land. We moved 50 m to the west. It cost us 207,000 R (54.54 USD⁹) to move our house. The rent of the land was 50,000 R/month. We had to borrow 200,000 R (54.54 USD¹⁰) from one of our neighbors. The interest rate was 3% a month.

In September 2003, we decided to move closer to where we used to live. It was 100 m in the west from the Stung Slot Bridge. We asked people living there to let us stay at the back of their house. It cost us 103,200 R (27.18 USD¹¹) for the moving.

In September 2006, we finally came to live on the Stung Slot Resettlement Site. IRC paid us 229.41 USD. This was the balance of the compensation for the lost house. IRC also gave us 300 USD and land on the Stung Slot Resettlement Site. It cost us 97,000 R (25.55 USD¹²) to move here.

After the Project, I have become a construction worker. I had to sell my horse-trolley. My wife is jobless. She is sick. We now earn 10,000 R/day. But this is not for everyday. I am a wageworker. Our income has considerably declined after the HW1 Project. We still spend 10,000 R/day. I don't have to maintain a horse-trolley any more. But prices of things, including food, have gone up. So, our daily spending is still the same.

Before the HW1 Project, we had no debt. We already paid back the money, 200,000 R, which we had borrowed in 2002. But we still have the total debt of 500 USD. In 2001, we borrowed 250 USD from a private lender. The interest rate was 10% a month. We have been paying interest for this money. In 2007, we borrowed 100 USD from our relatives. The interest rate was 10% a month. Also in 2007, we borrowed 150 USD from the Christian Micro Finance. The interest rate was 3% a month.

We do not have land title to the land. We only have a document signed by the Commune leader to show that we received this land. We request land title for more security. We also need money to pay back our debt.

7) Mrs. Hong Brok

No. 17 (IRC Code 3082)

Seven people live in this house: My children, my grandchildren, and I. One of my children, a daughter, is married and has 2 children. The other 2 are still single. My husband has already died.

⁹ The exchange rate: 1 July 2002.

¹⁰ The exchange rate: 1 July 2002.

¹¹ The exchange rate: 1 September 2003.

¹² The exchange rate: 1 September 2006.

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In 1985, we moved to this area from Prek Kro Bao Commune in Peam Chor District. We lived 300 m from the Stung Slot Bridge.

I was earning income by harvesting vegetables. I earned 5,000 R/day. My husband unloaded things at a nearby port. He earned 10,000 R/day. Altogether, our income was 15,000 R/day. But this was only for some days. Our income was sometime less.

In 2000, we had to move because of the HW1 Project. IRC gave us 501 USD for the affected house. They also gave us 100,000 R for allowance. However, this was not full compensation. We had no debt. But we had to borrow 200 USD. The interest rate was 10% a month. We moved to the north of HW1, 60 m away from the road. We spent 79,200 R (20.86 USD¹³) to move our house. One month after we moved, my husband died. One of his friends learned how to play magic. This friend tried magic on my husband for fun. Then, my husband died. When we burned his body, we found a knife in his skull. We were living on someone's land. So, I decided to move back where we used to live. I don't remember when we moved. I spent 99,000 R (26.07 USD¹⁴) on this moving.

In 2003, we came to live on the Stung Slot Resettlement Site. But this was only temporary. The place was still under construction. Our neighbors helped us and so we did not have to spend any money for this moving. In 2005, we moved again to where we used to live. This time, too, we got help from our neighbors. We did not spend any money. In 2006, we received 800 USD from IRC. 500 USD was substituted for land on the Stung Slot Resettlement Site. We finally came to live here. We bought a house for 150 USD.

I still harvest vegetables and earn money. I have started collecting crickets, too. So, my income has doubled. Now, I sometimes earn 10,000 R/day. But collecting crickets is only seasonal. Also, my husband died. So, altogether, our income has decreased after the HW1 Project. My son-in-law has become a construction worker. He earns 7,000 R/day. But this is only for some days. He sometimes becomes jobless.

I have been paying interest of my debt every month. The total amount of the debt is now 1,680 USD. I still have not paid the original 200 USD that I borrowed in 2000. Also, I still have not paid 150 USD for this house. Luckily, we don't have to pay interest for this.

I don't have land title to this land. I only have a document signed by the Commune leader. I request land title. I also need help to pay back my debt. I want money to buy animals, too. I want to raise animals for living. I also want land for farming.

¹³ The exchange rate: 1 July 2000.

¹⁴ The exchange rate: 1 July 2000.

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8) Mrs. Veing Sao

No. 18 (IRC Code: 1113)

I lost my husband in 2006. He was crossing the river. He fell into the water, drowned, and died. I now live on HW1 with my youngest son.

In 1985, we came to live in this area. When the HW1 Project started, my husband was running a shop to repair a flat tire of bicycles and motorcycles. He sometimes worked as a construction worker in Phnom Penh, too. He was not at home all the time. I collected wood in the forest with my youngest son. We earned 5,000 to 7,000 R/day.

In 2000, we were told to move because of the HW1 Project. At that time, we were living on the northern side of HW1. We received 200 USD from IRC. We crossed HW1 and moved to the southern side, 40 m from the road. It cost us 300 USD for the moving. However, we were later told to move again by the landowner. So, we came back to the northern side, 50 m from HW1. It cost us 150 USD for this moving. Then, we were told by the landowner to move again. So, we came closer to HW1, only 10 m away from where we lived originally.

In 2005, we borrowed 300 USD from a private lender. The interest rate was 10% a month. In 2006, we received 300 USD from IRC. But IRC did not give us land or compensation for the land.

After the Project, our work was the same. But my husband died. So, the income of our family dropped. Now, my debt is 600 USD. I still have not received any compensation for the lost land. I know that I am now living on state property. I am very worried if I am told to move again. I asked IRC to help me. But they said that my case is not acceptable. If I can get land on the Stung Slot Resettlement Site, I am happy to live there.

I request land with land title. I also need enough money to pay my debt and to restore my life and livelihood. Please help me.

9) Mr. Hem Yen

No. 23 (IRC Code: 3072)

We have 9 members in our family: My wife, 7 children, and I. But only 3 of them are living here: My wife, the youngest child, and myself. We are now living on a bank across a field from HW1.

We used to live in Prey Moan Commune in Peam Chor District. In 1993, we came to live in this area. We lived about 200 m in the east of the Stung Slot Bridge.

I am a bicycle operator. I have 2 bicycles. I carry people and things. I earned 10,000 to 15,000 R/day. But this was for about 3 days/week. I earned less for the other 4 days. My wife is handicapped. She has problems with her left hand. She

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works at home. Out of the 8 children, 5 of them now work in Neak Leung and Phnom Penh. They work as a house servant or a cleaner. They have their own place to live in. They sometimes come back home. One daughter lives somewhere else.

In 2000, we were told to move from where we used to live because of the HW1 Project. We received 87.87 USD for the house from IRC. But this was less than 25% of the actual value of the house. We also received 304,000 R (79.25 USD¹⁵) as allowance. But IRC did not give us compensation for the land. We moved our house but still stayed close to HW1. We wanted to live close to HW1. It is because this bank is cut off from HW1 in the rainy season. The water floods the field between HW1 and this bank.

In 2002, we had to borrow 600,000 R (163.62 USD¹⁶). We needed money. My wife became sick and had to go to hospital. The interest rate was 10% a month. In 2003, we became a member of the Kraing Kaok Community. In 2005, we received 272.63 USD more from IRC to cover the cost of our lost house. We also received 800 USD for land and income restoration. In 2006, we bought this land from the owner. We paid 300 USD. The land is 375 m². We also bought a cow. It cost us 200 USD.

My job is still the same. I drive a bicycle. I earn 10,000 to 15,000 R/day. Our children send some money, too. We then spend 8,000 R/day. This is for food, raising the cow, and for the child. Our income has not declined. But we have debt. Our debt is now 880,000 R (224.10 USD¹⁷). We have tried to pay interest. But we cannot pay regularly. For example, in June and July this year, we were not able to pay interest. We do not have land title to this land. We only have a document signed by the Kampong Seung Commune leader to show that this land belongs to us.

We request land title to our land. It is necessary for our security. We also request money to pay back our debt.

10) Mrs. and Mr. Sok Heng

No. 26 (IRC Code: 5050)

We have 5 members in our family: My wife, 3 children, and I. We are living on a bank across a field from HW1. My husband and I catch fish for living. We sometimes work as a construction worker in Phnom Penh, too. I also collect wood in the forest. We used to earn about 4,000 to 5,000 R/day. My husband used to work for the military.

In 1992, we came to live in this area. One of our friends gave land to us. We lived about 300 m in the east of the Stung Slot Bridge.

¹⁵ The exchange rate: 1 July 2000.

¹⁶ The exchange rate: 1 July 2002.

¹⁷ The exchange rate: 1 July 2007.

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In 2000, we were told to move because of the HW1 Project. We received 83.43 USD for our house. But this was not full compensation. IRC also gave us 304,000 R as allowance. Besides, we were not given any compensation for the lost land. Luckily, the Commune leader gave this land to us. So, we moved here. In 2006, we received 225.57 USD more to compensate for our lost house. We also received 800 USD for land and for income restoration. We built a house. This house is bigger than the house before. We also bought 2 cows.

Our income is still the same. We earn 4,000 to 5,000 R/day (1.02 to 1.27 USD¹⁸). In 2006, we borrowed 150 USD. This year, we also borrowed 100 USD for our son's wedding. Now, our debt is about 500 USD. We do not have land title to this land.

We would particularly like to request land title to this land. Land title is important for the security of our life here.

11) Mrs. and Mr. Meak Morn

No. 36 (IRC Code: 6034)

I am 67 years old. Now, 4 people are living in this house: My husband, 2 daughters, and I.

When the Pol Pot Regime collapsed in 1979, my family was living in Tropang Chhuk Village, Romjek Commune in Preas Sdach District. The size of our land was 100 m x 80 m. The government gave this land to us. We had 5 daughters and 5 sons. Out of the 10 children, 8 got married. So, we divided the land and gave it to our children. In 1985, we came to Kraing Kaok Village. We started to live next to HW1. It was only 10m from where we live now. The size of the house was 5 m x 6 m. The roof was made of tin. The walls were made of palm tree leaves.

I was selling porridge and noodles on HW1. I earned 3,000 R/day. My husband collected wood in the forest. He caught fish, too. He earned 3,000 R/day. We then spent 5000 R/day. We also had the debt of 1,200,000 R.

In 2000, we had to move our house because of the HW1 Project. IRC gave us 114.20 USD. But this was only part of the compensation for our house. IRC did not give us compensation for the lost land. So, we moved our house to someone's land. It was 300 m from where we used to live.

In 2003, 2 daughters started to work as a housekeeper. Altogether, they earned 160,000 R/month. In 2003, we borrowed 300 USD. The interest rate was 120,000 R/month (32.56 USD¹⁹). We used the money to buy medicine. At that time, my husband was sick.

¹⁸ The exchange rate: 1 July 2007.

¹⁹ The exchange rate: 1 July 2003.

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In 2005, we moved the house again. We came closer to HW1. Now, the size of our house was 3 m x 3 m. The roof and the wall are made of palm tree leaves. In 2006, we received 225.70 USD from IRC. This was for our lost house. But IRC still did not give us land compensation.

We now collect wood in the forest and sell them on HW1. We earn 3000 R/day. Our income has dropped after the HW1 Project. We spend 7,000 R/day on eating meals. We also have to pay 50,000 R/month (12.73 USD²⁰) as interest for the debt. Now, our debt is 600 USD. We want IRC to give us land and land title. We also request 1,700 USD to start a shop to sell groceries, to buy cows, and build a new house.

12)Mrs. Haim Chanthorn

No. 37 (IRC Code: 6002)

We shifted back our house because of the HW1 Project. We still live on HW1. Three people live in this house: My husband, my daughter, and I.

We used to live in the Stung Slot Village in Neak Leung. In 1990, we came to live on HW1. We bought land here. It is located 50 m in the east of the Stung Slot Bridge. We paid 700 USD for the land. The size of our land was 20 m long and 16 m sideways. At that time, I had a store to sell groceries and gasoline. I earned 30,000 R/day. My husband worked for the military. He earned 50,000 R/month.

In 2000, we had to move our house because of the HW1 Project. We shifted back the house 10 m away from the HW1 shoulder. But we still lived on our land. It cost us 990,600 R (260.69 USD²¹) to move our house. IRC gave us 247.00 USD for the house. They also gave us 100,000 R for allowance. But they did not pay us for the lost land. The compensation for the affected house was also partial. After having received the compensation from IRC, we moved our house again. We were told to move beyond 15 m from the HW1 shoulder. Altogether, we lost the land with the size of 15 m x 16 m. This was 75% of our original land. After the 2nd moving, we are still staying on the remaining part of our land. It cost us 508,300 R (130.34 USD²²) for the 2nd shifting. I spoke with IRC about land compensation. IRC told me to wait until someone comes to help us.

In 2006, we received 670.73 USD more from IRC. This was the amount deducted from the compensation for our house in 2000. But IRC still did not pay us any compensation for our lost land. They did not give us new land, either. We tried to send authorities a letter to request land compensation through a community leader. However, the letter was lost. In 2007, our family joined the Kraing Kaok Community.

²⁰ The exchange rate: 1 July 2007.

²¹ The exchange rate: 1 July 2000.

²² The exchange rate: 1 July 2000.

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In 2003, we borrowed 1,000,000 Riel. The interest rate was 10% a month. We have already paid back this money. In 2006, we borrowed 500,000 Riel. The interest rate for this money was also 10% a month. We still owe this money to the lender.

Because of the Project, I lost my store. I don't have a regular job now. I raise chicken and sell them at a market 3 times a year. I earn 30,000 to 50,000 R each time. All together, I earn about 150,000 R/year (12,500 R/month). My income has considerably dropped after the HW1 Project. My daughter helps me sometimes, too. My husband still works for the military. He earns 50,000 R/month.

I had a document to show that this land is mine. The Commune leader signed the document. But I lost the paper in the flood. Since then, I have not received any document on this land. I want to know why we cannot get compensation for the lost land. I also request land title to this remaining land. I need money to pay back my debt, too. I also need money to start a store again.

13)Mrs. and Mr. Eab Muykea

No. 39 (IRC Code: 3161)

We have 7 members in our family: 3 children, 2 grandsons, and us. One of our children is already married. We came to live here in 1987.

I used to have a grocery store on HW1. I also sold fruits. My husband has been a motorcycle driver. He has a wagon. He carries people and things to earn cash. Before the HW1 Project, we earned about 6,000,000 R/year (500,000 R/month = 130.34 USD/month²³). It is difficult to estimate how much money we spent at that time. But just sending the children to school cost us 24,000 R/month (63.158 USD²⁴). After paying everything, we were able to save 2,000,000 R/year (166,667 R/month = 43.86 USD²⁵).

In 2000, we were told to move because of the HW1 Project. We had land between HW1 and the pond at the back of our house. The land size was 20m * 30m. So, we shifted back our house away from HW1. In 2000, IRC paid us 430.50 USD for our house. But this was less than 30% of what we were supposed to receive. IRC did not give us compensation for the affected land. The compensation was not enough to build a new house and a store. In 2000, we borrowed more money 500 USD from a private lender. The interest rate was 50 USD / month. We finally built a new house. But we did not have enough money to put strong polls at the back of the house.

In 2006, we received 1,004.50 USD more from IRC. IRC said that the money was only for moving the house. So, they still did not pay us money for the lost land. They also did not pay us money for the trees that were cut.

²³ The exchange rate: 1 July 2000.

²⁴ The exchange rate: 1 July 2000.

²⁵ The exchange rate: 1 July 2000.

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Because of the HW1 Project, I have lost my store. I have started raising pigs since 2000, too. It takes 10 months to raise them to become big enough. Then, I sell them at a market and buy baby pigs. My husband still works as a motorcycle driver. Two of my children, daughters, now run business. Now, we earn 5,000 R/day (150,000 R/month). So, our income has considerably dropped down.

In 2000, I borrowed 500 USD from the private lender. The interest rate was 50 USD/month. In 2003, I borrowed 500 USD from ACLIDA Bank to pay back to the private lender. The interest rate was 3%/month. In 2004, I borrowed 500 USD from private lender to pay back to ACLIDA Bank. The interest rate was 50 USD/month.

Now, our debt is 900 USD in total. 700 USD is from ACLIDA, in 2003. 200 USD is from a private lender, the among of this debt I did not pay back all. We need 20,000 USD to rebuild a house with the same size as we had before. We do not have land title to this land. We only have a document to show that the land belongs to us. The Commune leader signed the paper. The document is now with ACLIDA.

In 2007, I joined the Kraing Kaok Community. But we live away from the Stung Slot Resettlement Site. Since the HW1 Project, my experiences have been terrible. Most recently, 2 of my daughters drowned and died in the pond at the back of our house. It is a small pond but it is 7 m deep.

I request IRC compensation for the lost land and the trees that were cut down. I also request land title for security. I want to build a new house and a store. I want to run a store again as I did before the HW1 Project.

14)Mrs. Pich Harn

No. 41 (IRC Code: 2045)

Five people live in this house: My husband, 3 grandchildren, and I. I am 63 years old. We used to live in Kamchay Mea District. At that time, we were selling fish for living. We then came here to live. At first, we stayed on state property.

I used to run a grocery store on HW1. I earned 10,000 R/day. My husband used to work for military. He was injured and is now handicapped.

In 2000, we were told to move away from HW1. We received 257.00 USD for the affected house. But this amount was less than 50% of what we were supposed to receive. IRC also gave us 860,000 R as allowance. However, we did not receive any compensation for the land. We borrowed 500 USD from ACLIDA. The interest rate was 3%. Also, we borrowed 1,000,000 R (260.69 USD²⁶) from the Brasak Bank. In 2001, we paid 687,500 R (180.17 USD²⁷) and bought this land. It is 148.5 m². We then moved our house here. We spent 1,000 USD to build a new house.

²⁶ The exchange rate: 1 July 2000.

²⁷ The exchange rate: 1 July 2001.

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In 2006, we received 366.15 USD more from IRC. This was the balance of the compensation for our lost house. But we had to use this money for my illness. I lost weight. I suffered high blood pressure. I had to go to hospital and buy medicine. Now, I suffer diabetes.

Because of the HW1 Project, I lost my store. Now, I work mostly at home. I still make cake and candies and sell them at a stall on HW1. But I can only earn 1,000 to 2,000 R/day now. My grandchildren sell fish to help me. They can sometimes earn 5,000 R/day. But they sometimes cannot earn any money at all. So, our income has decreased after the HW1 Project.

Now, our debt is 599.76 USD. This includes interest. We do not have land title to this land. We only have a document with a thumbprint of the seller and the buyer. The Commune leader also signed this document. The original paper is with ACLIDA. I keep a photocopy. If I have enough money, I want to start a grocery store again.

My request is land title. I also need enough money to pay back our debt and to restart business.