

Project RF-0025

Project Survey & Report



Beneficiary's Details

Full Name: Mr. Son Xi Mong

Location: Vinh Trach Commune, TP Bac Lieu

Project category: Income Generation Program

Survey Date: 13 / 04 / 2022

Background

Mr. Xi Mong family consist of:

1. Mrs. Thạch Thị Sương (wife, 43-yrs)
2. Sơn Dương (Son, 21-yrs), who work as a waiter in Saigon.
3. Sơn Công Danh (Son, 11-yrs), who goes to school
4. Sơn Thị Như Ý (Daughter, 7-yrs), who is a Down Syndrome kid, Silent, and deaf

The family has a 1500 sqm farmland, which provided an annual income of 60,000,000 vnd. 5 Years ago, the owner of adjacent land to Mr. Xi Mong's land turn his land to a shrimp pond. The pond leaked salt contained water to Mr. Xi Mong's farmland and destroyed his harvest and made the land unusable for planting.

Source Of Income

Mr. Xi Mong works since as a casual road worker whenever work is available. Hence, the family is struggling financially. Hi wife Mrs. Thạch Thị Sương is unable to work as their daughter requires full time care.

After consultation with Mr. Xi Mong, he mentioned that he loves to continue with farming, if his farmland could be improved and brought to reusable state. Then he generates income from farming. His family will be working on the farm, and he can also work on the farm when no work is available as casual road worker.

Project Challenges

After some research, we identified that elevating his land above the shrimp pond level will make the land usable for farming. Since this will require considerable amount of soil to elevate the land by minimum of 1 meter. We decided that most cost-effective option would be to excavate soil from 35% of the land and place on the remaining 65%. This will result to a deep channel on the excavated section, which can be utilised by filling up with water during heavy rain season and pumping some water from nearby river and be used for breeding freshwater fish as an additional income.

Image Gallery

Photos of the family and their farm in current state.



Local Legal Process & Approvals

We checked and obtained permission from Vinh Trach People committee to proceed with the project. We also obtained contact details of a local excavation contractor, who was prepared to carry out the work at 400,000 vnd (AUD 25) per hour.

Project Completion

We engaged the excavation contractor and he commenced work on 24/04/2022. The excavation and elevation took 20 hours and the work completed on 27/04/2022.

In preparation of the land for planting and filling up the long and deep trench, Mr. Xi Mong must wait until September 2022 when the heavy rain starts.

RFL Representative will visit the family later in the year to check and provide update on the progress and effectiveness.

Project Sponsor

Rima Foundation Limited sponsored fully the project by covering the cost of land elevation and provided some cash to the family for preparation of the land for planting (topsoil, fertilizer, mulch, and seeds).







SON XI MONG FAMILY

