

## Thank you for giving the gift of dry season vegetable growing

Most Cambodians grow what they need to eat, and the vast majority of the people grow one crop: rice. This often results in hungry families, poor nutrition, and too little income for basic needs like medicine, school fees, or building supplies. To cope, many Cambodians leave their families in the village in search of factory wages in the city. This breaks the fabric of family and community life in tragic ways.

World Renew partners with local organizations in Cambodia to address poverty and hunger, seeking agricultural practices that can increase household farmers' ability to feed their families and stabilize their incomes without resorting to migration and the breakup of families. **One way to do this is to train village farmers to grow vegetables in the dry season.** 

Duong Thoeun is a mother of three who wanted to raise her children in their village and wanted her husband to be able to leave his construction job in the city. World Renew and a local partner in Cambodia were working in Duong's village and said "YES!" when Duong asked for help. With training and support, Duong has enlarged her household farm and now earns \$7 a day from her cucumber, peanut, and spinach crops, more than three times her previous earnings. She has been able to add ducks and a pig to her small farm and is eager to earn enough income so that her husband can return to their family.

Your gift of dry-season vegetable growing offers farmers the opportunity to learn about sack, container, circle, and raised-bed gardening—all techniques that are easy to prepare, take up little space, don't need plowing or much weeding, and use much less water than an in-ground garden does.

Your gift offers people like Duong Thoeun an opportunity to move from subsistence to great **abundance**.





