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Subject: Flooding Update

Hi Everyone,

Sarith this morning reported that the water is going down. It has gone down enough that Poup Steung school will open Monday. In the next two or three weeks he expects that it will recede enough for people to be able to plant "3 month rice" where their other rice was flooded out. This will have enough time to mature before it gets too hot and dry.

The government has provided some rice and seed, but this mostly went to the larger land owners. Sarith said 2 or 3 Poup Steung families got some government rice, but they got it "because they knew somebody." None of the poorest families got any government rice. The good news is that we have raised enough money to supply all 20 of the poorest families with enough seed to plant one hectare with 3-month rice. We were able to supply food rice to all of them as well, and will be able to supply more food rice as it is needed later. For a local report on the flooding, check this out: <http://www.phnompenhpost.com/index.php/2011/11/10752594/Special-Reports/cambodia-remains-an-afterthought.html>

Thanks,

Roger