

Project Update: November 2009

We started the Field Planting Services Project on October 10, 2009. We have changed one of our sites (Suak Baro Village) because they planted paddys in September, which did not fit with our rule of using the same seed at the same time and condition but with different models. That's why we decided to change Suak Baro village to Situfa Jaya Village which is still doing land preparation.

Right now, the project has implemented the second phase of land preparation. Using hand tractors or buffalos, we used manure from animal muck as an input of much as 50 kg for each plot. We have sowed about 500 kg of this manure on 10 plots for each village.

Field rice that we are planting belongs to the villagers. A place in the middle of communities is set aside as a rice field area, so that villagers will see the project being implemented in these rice fields.

There is interest from farmer groups about this project, they ask for help from our trainers about things that they don't understand, especially about organic material that will be used in the paddy planting process.