

Minutes of Stakeholder Consultation Meeting 28th December, 2025

Project: Hygiene and Environmental Care for Tanks and Overhead Reservoirs (HECTOR) – Safe Drinking Water Project

Standard: Gold Standard for the Global Goals (GS4GG)

Project Proponent: Expert365 Pty Ltd (Australia)

Country: Cambodia

1. Meeting Details

- **Date:** 28 December 2025
- **Time:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- **Venue:** Salar Chourtean, Ta Yur 76 Village, Ta Yur Commune, Tang Somrong, Sruoch District, Kampong Speu Province
- **Facilitator / Presenter:** Ms Nimon Ly, representing Expert365 Australia
- **Participants:**
 - Village Chief (representing three villages)
 - Community members from surrounding villages
 - Total workshop participants: Community representatives (with 12 participants joining lunch post-meeting)

2. Purpose of the Meeting

The stakeholder consultation was conducted in accordance with **Gold Standard stakeholder consultation requirements** to:

- Introduce the **HECTOR safe drinking water project**
- Explain project objectives, scope, and benefits
- Provide a platform for community members to raise questions, concerns, and suggestions
- Record stakeholder feedback for incorporation into project design, implementation, and monitoring

3. Agenda & Proceedings

The meeting followed the schedule below :

- **10:00 – 10:15 AM:**
Introduction by the facilitator (Ms Nimol Ly) and explanation of the purpose of the meeting and Gold Standard consultation process.
- **10:15 – 10:45 AM:**
Presentation of the HECTOR project, including:
 - Current water challenges faced by the community
 - Overview of the proposed overhead water tank and safe drinking water system
 - Explanation that the system would provide **free access to potable drinking water**
 - Expected health, hygiene, environmental, and social benefits

- Clarification that the project is supported through international climate and sustainability mechanisms
- **10:45 AM – 12:00 PM:**
Interactive Question & Answer (Q&A) session with participants.
- **12:00 PM:**
Lunch provided for villagers who had traveled from distant villages (some departing their homes as early as 6:00 AM).

4. Key Questions Raised by Stakeholders

Community members actively participated and raised the following key questions and concerns :

1. Confirmation on whether the water tank would be constructed **free of charge**, as such sponsorship was previously unknown in the area.
2. Clarification on **how many families** would be served and whether benefits extend beyond meeting attendees.
3. Expected **timeline for project implementation**.
4. Possibility of **community financial contribution** to accelerate implementation.
5. Feasibility of **individual household pipe connections** using personal funds.
6. Potential resistance from **existing water sellers** whose businesses might be affected.
7. Whether villagers would face any issues if they **stop purchasing water** from current sellers.
8. Opportunities for **community members to volunteer or work** on the project.
9. Registration eligibility for **family members who could not attend** the meeting.
10. Availability of **staff or security** at the water tank to ensure safe and uninterrupted access.

5. Responses & Clarifications Provided

The facilitator explained that:

- The project is designed to provide **free and safe drinking water** to the community, not limited to meeting participants.
- Detailed implementation timelines would be shared once site assessments and approvals are completed.
- Community engagement, including volunteering and cooperation during installation and operation, is encouraged.
- The project prioritizes **open, equitable access** and will work closely with local leadership to address any social or operational risks.

6. Statement from Village Leadership

The Village Chief, speaking on behalf of participants and neighboring villages, delivered a formal statement highlighting the community's long-standing water scarcity challenges :

- Chronic water shortages have forced families to purchase water at high cost.
- Drinking water is often unsafe, requiring boiling or purchase from local shops with questionable quality.

- Clean and safe water is critical, especially for **children's health and overall well-being**.
- The community **strongly appeals** for the project to be implemented in reality and at the earliest possible time.
- The project is viewed as a **life-changing intervention** with long-term benefits for health, dignity, and livelihoods.

7. Key Outcomes

- Strong **community support and acceptance** for the HECTOR project.
- No opposition recorded during the consultation.
- Clear demand for rapid implementation.
- Valuable stakeholder inputs documented for integration into project planning and risk mitigation.

8. Next Steps

- Incorporation of stakeholder feedback into the Project Design Document (PDD).
- Continued engagement with village leadership during implementation planning.
- Submission of full stakeholder consultation documentation to the **Gold Standard validation team** as part of the upcoming validation and FAR response process.