

Case Study 1:

**“Chicken and Pig Made My Dream True”**

“I lost my husband in 1978. My son got married and has been living with his wife in Takeo province. I migrated here in 1998 only to eat three times a day. I was worried for myself. This NGO (showing the GEF SGP and Save the Earth logo) showed the way to learn and earn. Now I have skills, I can borrow money and I know how to invest. My saving group members love me. I could buy *air ring* for my ears” excitedly exclaimed Ms. EY Yin (66).



Ms. EY Yin has been living hand to mouth. She borrowed 60,000 Riels and raised 8 small hens (25-28 days) in February 2009. She sold 4 chicken for 60,000, ate one and still have 9 (7 nearly 35 days and two hen).

She borrowed again 100,000. She raised two pigs with 100,000 end of March 2009. She invested some money for home garden. Now, she can have meals 3-times a day. Sometimes she comes to drink soup from her neighbor (saving group friend).

She sold her two pigs in June-09 for each 600,000. She exclaimed, “I counted my money many times, i feel sometimes, i am in a dream. It is a dream in fact that Save the Earth made true to my life. Now I have a lot of money”. She bought gold *Air Ring* for her ears, raised two more pigs, increased home gardens, raised 5 new chickens and bought a new dress for going to pagoda. She wants to increase livelihoods step by step. “I am no more a poor woman. i have skills, i have money and even i can borrow how much i need to invest. When i did not have money, i used to feel that i am sick, I cannot get up from bed in the morning but now i do not feel i am sick and i feel i am fine.”

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