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The cover picture shows a group meeting as part of the RAP at Char Ung Kao, June 2008.

Abbreviations
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<tr>
<td>CEDAC</td>
<td>Cambodian Centre for Study and Development in Agriculture</td>
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<td>International Fund for Agriculture Development</td>
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<td>L&amp;L</td>
<td>Live &amp; Learn Environmental Education, Cambodia</td>
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<td>LCDP</td>
<td>Learning Community Development Project</td>
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<td>NTFP</td>
<td>Non Timber Forest Products</td>
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<td>PDA</td>
<td>Provincial Department of Agriculture</td>
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<td>RAP</td>
<td>Rapid Assessment of Perceptions</td>
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<td>RULIP</td>
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<td>UNDP</td>
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Executive Summary
This report is designed to provide a basis for the Learning Community Development Project (LCDP) being implemented by Live & Learn Environmental Education (L&L) in Char Ung Kao Village, Ratanakiri, Cambodia. The idea of learning community development is to empower communities to take charge of their own future in a sustainable way. The LCDP is a sub-component of the Rural Livelihoods Improvement Project (RULIP).

This report was prepared using the data from the Rapid Assessment of Perceptions (RAP) that was implemented by the L&L team in June 2008. The RAP is a battery of qualitative tools which use participative ethnographic methods to record people’s stories and perceptions about their lives and their place. Whilst the data is comprehensive and designed to be valid, it is important to note that it is based on a rapid assessment. This is so that a project starting point can be ascertained.

Key Findings: Char Ung Commune Council
1. In relation to community engagement in decision making, the Char Ung Commune Council is concerned about misunderstandings between the council and the villagers. Also, they want to empower women to participate: to have a voice and be strong. In addition they are very concerned about poverty.

Key Findings: Char Ung Kao Village
1. Char Ung Kao villagers are most concerned about resolving poverty through livelihood improvement, strengthening Kreung language and tradition, addressing social problems such as interpersonal violence, and health issues.