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Since 2003, Tra Vinh Provincial Women's Union in cooperation with the Farmers' Association implemented a 3 year project entitled: "Enhancing Poverty Policy Monitoring and Evaluation Capacity for Women's Union and Farmer's Association in Tra Vinh Province" supported by Oxfam Great Britain.

The aim of the project was through participatory monitoring and evaluation of poverty policies in Tra Vinh Province, Women's Union and Farmers' Association will be able to timely discover and reflect mismatches and expectation of poor men and poor women, and to communicate to People's Committees and People's Councils as well as respective functional departments at different levels such as Department of Planning and Investment; Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; Department of Labour, Invalid and Social Affair; Department of Health, etc. in order to meet the pressing needs of the poor to improve livelihoods.

In the first year, the project was focused on providing training to WU and FA staff in monitoring and evaluation, social mobilization and communication strategies. However, the report submitted in April 2004, recommended improving quality of the training provided by the project, and to link project activities with hunger eradication and poverty reduction activities carried out by relevant departments.

In June 2004, the project organised a workshop to adjust the plan for the remaining two years, based on the aims, objectives and the indicators of the project to evaluate the project performance. The workshop developed a logframe with plan of action for the second year of the project. Following the planning workshop, an Evaluation Mission assessed training needs and organizational capacity of the Women's Union and Farmers' Association. The mission assessed the organisational capacity of WU and FA in monitoring and evaluating hunger eradication and poverty reduction policies and gender mainstreaming and recommended specific training programmes for project staff.

Responding to the request of Oxfam, GB and Tra Vinh Project Management Board the independent consultant conducted the final evaluation of the project based on the approved project logframe which was designed at the beginning of the second year. The evaluation was carried out from 22nd to 27th of May 2006 in four communes of four districts in Tra Vinh Province, where project worked.

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