

The problems and the causes of the problems from dam

DAM has many upsides and benefits, but in Cambodia it's a different story when a thousand people struggle from Asia's widest dam which is run by China Huaneng Group officials and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen. They built this dam to be part of the Chinese government's large-scale "Belt and Road Initiative" (BRI) by not noticing the problem that will be in Cambodia. The Lower Sesan dam on the Mekong river affects not only a lot of native people but also many important natural environments.

The Lower Sesan dam caused a thousand people to lose their homes by force and about 4,500 to 5,000 people lived in the villages that were drowned by the dam. Moreover, their food and income are also gone because the dam disrupts native fish species routes which make decline in fisheries all over Cambodia. The area around the Mekong river is dry now, which affects agricultural and farming of people. People that are forced to move out receive the resettlement offers that do not match with their income and areas that they lost. Furthermore, even if the dam was built perfectly, when comparing the expense cost from preparing this area to build the dam with the volume of the electricity gained from this dam, it might not be worth what they lost.

In conclusion, This dam affects many people and the long term economy of this country by cutting their own supply and jobs of their own people and it's caused by their own government and Chinese government which allow this project to happen. In the end, There might be no one who benefited from this project.