

It can not be denied that creating the Lower Sesan two dam clearly causes numerous problems since it not only affects the ways of living of native communities in many ways but also has negative impacts on the natural resources and surroundings which can lead to long term environmental issues and global issues. However, the government and company that are responsible for this project have not had any efficient support plans for what would happen after its completion that was actually predicted and the economists and environmentalists strongly disagree in building it.

First of all, it affects native communities' ways of living. To elaborate, the process of building this dam has to use a massive amount of land around the Mekong River Basin to be a reservoir, the villages near the river were flooded by the dam which destroy all the nearby farming lands so people living around the river were forced to move out of their residences and sustenance unwillingly, which they and their ancestors have been living for a long time. In addition, they were farming, fishing, and selling forest products in this particular area to make a living and to be their main food supplies. Therefore, when they were threatened and forced to resettle without any support plans for alternative resources of income by the government and company that forced them and was responsible for this creation, it is difficult for them to resettle in different neighborhoods that require other skills rather than what they have been doing to make money and find food supplies. Not to mention about people that refuse to resettle and build new houses from compensation, that even worth what they are losing, but decided to live in the woods to keep living near the river as possible but still very far compared to their old houses.

Second of all, it affects the environment. To be specific, this dam has negative effects on marine ecosystems since it takes two rivers apart that are actually the migration paths of massive amounts of fish species so it directly affects their cycle of reproduction and habitat which causes the entire of some species to go extinct. As a result, the size of the fish population in the river went down significantly which can also lead to global environmental issues, such as global warming, from destroying marine life ecosystems that is one of the main resources of producing oxygen in the earth. Not to mention that actually fishing is the main source of income for Cambodia citizens but they can not catch at the same amount and sell at the same price anymore.

In conclusion, creating the Lower Sesan two dam causes native communities to leave their ancestors' lands, change the ways of their living, make them struggling to find other sources of income and food supplies and also causes a huge negative impact to marine life to facing extinction from unable to migrate in order to build this dam in the place that is not even suitable for building the dam since the geography of this country has no big mountains that can create enough pressure to power hydroelectric turbines.