

Assignment 1

“How a China-Built Dam Destroyed an Ecosystem and Livelihoods”

Because of the Chinese government's large scale “belt and road initiative” , Making the ecosystem in Mekong river collapsed and forced the people who lived nearby to leave the area.

The dam prevents fish from traveling up and down, disrupting their feeding and reproductive cycles. This makes whole species have died and fishery yields have plummeted which fish is the major this of the community . They catch and selling it for their living. Furthermore , their income come from fruits, vegetables ,rices ,and forests products but they are all gone because of the dam.

Building this dam , they have to clear the area for the construction so they forced thousands to leave their home when their fishing grounds and ancestral farming lands were flooded. The company compensated 6,000 dollars to build a new home but the compensation is not match the value they actually loss because the area for a new home is far from a river so it's not easy as usual to reach the river to fishing and the area are rocky so it's hard to farming and they need to use a fertilizer but they do not have money to buy it.