SCENE 1: AT BORIN’S HOUSE AND IN THE EVENING.

THE YOUTH CLUB FOR DEVELOPMENT GATHERS TO LISTEN TO “WE CAN DO IT” PROGRAM AT BORIN’S HOUSE.

WE CAN DO IT!
SA EM, WHERE ARE YOU, NOW?

YOUR SOUL DOESN'T STAY WITH YOU, DOES IT?

MY PARENTS WANT ME TO STOP STUDYING AND GO TO WORK IN THE CITY BECAUSE OF THE DROUGHT AND THE POOR LIVING CONDITION. I REALLY DON'T WANT TO GO.

MY MOTHER WANTS ME TO STOP STUDYING AND START WORKING TOO. WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MEET TOGETHER TO LISTEN TO THE RADIO ANYMORE.

ME TOO.

GUYS, PLEASE LISTEN TO THIS PROGRAM, WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

RATHA: VISAL, SO WE HAVE TO OBSERVE THE REPRESENTATIVES' ACTIVITIES TO MAKE SURE WHETHER THEY RESPECT THEIR PROMISES.

WHY DON'T WE GO TO COMMUNE HALL SO THAT THEY CAN HELP US?

SURE.

VISAL: YOU'RE RIGHT, RATHA! WE CAN ASK FOR INFORMATION FROM THE COMMUNE HALL AND PARTY REPRESENTATIVE'S OFFICE.

THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.
BORIN, SOPHEA, AND SA EM GO TO COMMUNE HALL

PROSOR COMMUNE

HOW DO YOU DO, SIR AND MAME!

GREETINGS YOUNG PEOPLE.

WE COME HERE TO ASK ABOUT THE WATER CANAL BECAUSE NOW THERE IS A DROUGHT AND NO WATER FOR FARMING.

IF THERE'S NO SOLUTION, MY MOTHER WILL SEND ME TO WORK IN THE CITY.

THAT IS WHAT I AM ASKING TOO.
THE COMMUNE IS ALSO CONSIDERING ABOUT IT BUT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH BUDGETS TO DIG THE CANAL. WE WANT TO RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THIS, BUT IT SEEMS THAT OUR VILLAGERS ARE POOR.

SO WHAT WILL WE DO?

THIS SUNDAY ONE ORGANIZATION ARRANGES THE PUBLIC FORUM IN OUR PAGODA AND THE PARTY REPRESENTATIVES COME TOO AND THEN WE CAN ASK THEM DIRECTLY.

AUNT, ARE THE REPRESENTATIVES ABLE TO HELP? BECAUSE BEFORE THE ELECTION THEY PROMISED A LOT OF THINGS.

IF SO, IT'S GREAT.

THAT'S WHAT I WANT.
Scene 3: At the Pagoda

The public forum takes place in the Pagoda.

Public forum
People and representatives

If all of you have any questions, please ask respectfully.
I am hearing only the words but I have never seen the actions.

RIGHT!

SOPHEA, PLEASE ASK!

O.K.

VERY GOOD!

I’m SOPHEA; I would like to ask our representatives when they will dig the canal in my village as they have promised during the election. Thanks.

That’s what I want to ask.

I also want to know about this problem.

Concerning to the canal digging problem, we are attentively considering and hope that this project will begin soon.

I hope it’s like what he said.

ME TOO, I’M HOPEFUL.
SCENE 4: AT THE RICE FIELD, IN THE AFTERNOON.

YOU HIT MY POINT, BORIN!

IF IT CONTINUES LIKE THIS, THERE WILL DEFINITELY BE NOTHING TO EAT.

I AM HOPEFUL HEARING THE REPRESENTATIVE'S PROMISE BUT NOTHING HAS HAPPENED.

WE HAVE TRIED TO SEND A LETTER TO THE REPRESENTATIVE'S OFFICE TO RECALL HIM BUT HE'S STILL ASKING US TO WAIT, THE SAME AS BEFORE.

TOMORROW, THERE'LL BE THE COMMUNE COUNCIL MEETING AGAIN. WAIT AND SEE HOW THEY SOLVE IT?

TOMORROW, I'LL JOIN THE MEETING TOO.
SCENE 5: AT THE COMMUNE HALL

COMMUNE COUNCIL MEETING.

IS SOPHEA'S FATHER COMING TOO?

I JUST WANT HEAR THE INFORMATION AS OTHERS DO.

THE COMMUNE HAS ONLY ONE PUMPING MACHINE AND A PIPE WITH A HUNDRED METERS LENGTH, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

-NO WATER
-RICE IS DRY
-WAIT FOR CANAL
-THERE ARE A LOT OF BAD STREETS.
WE CAN SHARE SOME MONEY TO BUY THE GASOLINE FOR THE PUMP BUT THE PIPE IS VERY EXPENSIVE. ON THE OTHER HAND THE WATER SOURCE IS VERY FAR.

I CAN HELP FOR THE PIPE AS I HAVE ONE THAT IS LONG ENOUGH.

HOW KIND OF HIM TO DO THAT!
HE IS KIND AS SOPHEA.

SO, AS A COMMUNITY IT SEEMS WE CAN SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. THANK YOU ALL FOR HELPING.
Scene 7: Villagers’ Mix Activities

Borin grows the mushroom.

Sa Em’s family does extra job for supporting the living.

The rice seedlings grow well.
Scene 8: Borin's House in the Evening.

SA EM, WHAT ARE YOU HOLDING?

This sugar is just made. I share with you all to taste.

Because of having made this sugar we can afford a decent living for our family. Otherwise we won't see each other.

I also grow mushrooms, so I can get some money to buy gasoline to pump in the water.

It's time for the program, let's listen.

We...we...we can do it....!
Scene 9: At the rice field and in the afternoon.

Borin, your rice is very good and it seems ripe.

For my field, most parts are dying.

I'm informed that the representatives will dig the canal next month.

I'm not happy with that. So much rice is already dead. They're just now digging the canal.

Great!
AUNT... LATE IS BETTER THAN NOTHING.

IT'S ALSO CONSIDERED THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES DIDN'T IGNORE US, THEIR VOTERS AND CONSTITUENTS.

SO THEY HAVE KEPT ONE OF THEIR PROMISES, BUT THEY HAVE MADE OTHER PROMISES WE SHOULD OBSERVE.

HOW DO WE OBSERVE?

WE CAN LISTEN TO THE RADIO, WATCH TV THAT TALKS ABOUT THE REPRESENTATIVE'S ACTIVITIES.

WE CAN ASK THROUGH COMMUNE HALL, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE'S OFFICE.

YOU'RE RIGHT. WE HAVE TO OBSERVE TOGETHER AS WE'RE THE VOTERS.

SURE!
Sophea, 18
She is clever, courageous and helpful. She was born to a middle class family so she can concentrate on her studies and help solve her friends’ problems.

Borin, 19
He is a responsible, an outgoing and a courageous guy. He lives with his mother and so is responsible for making money. He is also a listening club facilitator.

Sa Em, 18
She is always sad and needs positive reinforcement. She is easily scared and surprised. Her family is poor, so it is her responsibility to solve any family issues.
Sophea, Sa Em, and Borin are close friends. The three of them set up a listening club in their village with some other friends. Because of poverty and drought, Sa Em’s parents and Borin’s parents suggest them stop their studies and make some money to help buy gasoline for the rice field waterpump. They are sad. Sophea is their best friend. She encourages them to find solutions to their problems.

The villagers are waiting for help from their representatives. They were promised during the election campaign that an irrigation canal would be built if their representatives won the election. But the rice is starting to die because there isn’t any water for the fields. What should the villagers do?