



"Advancing Rural Community Resiliency and Sustainability in Asia" **12th General Assembly**

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LaoDHRRRA Highlights Of Operations and Performance
(2019-2020)



I. Developing and strengthening rural communities / rural peoples' organizations (RPOs)



- The Xiengkhouang Farmer Organization Network (XFON) where FASAP and FAGOK formulated its 5- year strategic plan (2019-2023) with 14 key major areas for operations identified by members for implementation
- Part of organizational strengthening are the newly elected XFON board management committee members.





- Official recognition of Provincial XFON, with 29 FO members, is now engaging with the MAF in terms of accessing certain public programs and policy such as rural climate resiliency, cooperative, organic agriculture production, PONRE) at local and national level.
- XFON is connected with public and private sectors in making business skill and business planning moving forward and accessing to more local (Xiengkhouang) and regional market of northern provinces



- mobilized 53 (88% of the target respondents) FASAP farmer-members in Xiengkhouang province for the FFP household survey with results serving as benchmark data for the overall FFP project; with a number of respondents realizing basic information on household incomes and expenses using their current business.





- The Learning Exchange Workshop participated by at least 24 females out of the 56 total farmer leaders and government representatives enhanced their knowledge on the agricultural market value chain, business promotion strategies, government market strategy, good practices investigation of the potential agriculture market and trade.
- The Business Planning Workshops for FASAP and FAGOK resulted in the development of business plans for each FO with participants improved their skills and capacity in business planning; the BPs will be used as basis for the business operations in the coming days.





- Farmer-members of 25 out of 29 XFON farmer groups strengthened their knowledge in project management esp. group technical production & management including their daily financial production calculation in profit and loss (Organic vegetables production) through the participatory capacity assessment as they tried to understand their needs



II. Engaging public programs/sector and private program/sector



- XFON together with 23 FO members, cooperatives and production groups within the network displayed their agriculture products and handicraft during the **Khao Kai Noi Fair Trade and Exhibition** that the govt initiates annually. . They learned, shared and improved their knowledge and experiences on government strategy and policy on the promotion of organic agriculture; during this event, They earned money from selling their products of the total amount of 30,257,000 LAK or 3,373 USD.





- LaoDHRRA and other local CSOs gained awareness about RAI, its basic principles; gained understanding on government policies related to RAI thorough the mapping study conducted and few good RAI local cases reported by partners with the case study on banana plantation being produced.
- RAI CSO team in Lao is now composed.
- An average of 33% of participants for all the RAI activities were women.

III. Strengthening your organizational capacities and services to your partners



LaoDHRRA at Glance

- LaoDHRRA is finally registered as a local development institution, Aug 2020
- Formulated its VMG Goals and its B.E.S.T 3-year strategies
- Elected new set of officers, mgt setup guided by new organizational structure with defined job functions
- Created an organizational logo that resulted from series of discussions



The background is a vibrant, abstract illustration. It features several silhouettes of people in various poses and activities, rendered in different colors (yellow, red, blue, orange, purple). These silhouettes are surrounded by gears, abstract shapes, and patterns, suggesting a theme of industry, progress, and human effort. The overall color palette is bright and cheerful, with a light blue background.

THANK YOU!