

Rural Resilience and Transformation in Asia (Post-Pandemic):
 Challenges, Pathways, and Investments
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 ThaiDHRRRA- HIGHLIGHTS OF OPERATIONS/ PERFORMANCE
 (2021-2022)



From 2021-2022, what was your organization’s **MOST SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT**** in terms of:

I. Empowering Rural Peoples' Organizations (RPOs) in delivering effective services to their members, influencing policymakers, and contributing to rural transformation.
(Discuss who your partner-RPOs are. How do you support them in terms of organizational/production/economic development, especially in strengthening their positing in the value chains? So far, what are the result of your interventions?)

ThaiDHRRRA worked together with Thai Volunteer service Foundation (TVS) through Returning Homeland program of TVS to support Young farmers network in the Northeast of Thailand.

1. Providing capacity building for 20 young farmers in the Northeast of Thailand such as community analysis, economic development etc.
2. Research on the situation of young people returning to their hometown and their needs in 8 provinces in the Northeast of Thailand conducted by young farmers
3. Organizing public forum to raise the voice of young farmers both online and onsite

The impact

1. 90% of the young farmers are still active in their community economic development. and are able to work with villagers to set up social enterprises. Some of them develop brands of their productions and develop a market by using social media
2. They are able to raise their voices to the policy through media and public forum
3. Strengthening the network of young farmers both inside and outside the country. There is an online exchange program among young generation from 3 countries Thailand, China, Philippine on Community Support Argiculture (CSA), Social Enterprise (SE), Young People Return Homeland and Seed Preservation. The onsite meeting will be organized in August 2023.

II. Leading priority Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (RDPE) agenda at the national, regional & global spheres

(Discuss your key policy advocacy work and results so far. Discuss as well if there are any public and/or private program that you were able to access or take part of.)

Developing public policy of young farmers in order to submit to the new government. We will invite young farmers from different groups to develop the policy and submit to the new government. So far, some recommendation came out such as asking the government to support the young farmers in term of financial and facilities such as transportation, marketing, re-skill and up-skill etc.

Exposure program on Cooperative by visiting Hansalim in South Korea coming September. Supporting by Hope Foundation from South Korea.

III. Innovating in offering value and data-driven programs & services to RDPE stakeholders towards sustainability

(Discuss the internal capacity strengthening and innovations that you have carried out to improve your services to partners and to achieve your organizational goals/targets.)

- Exploring the best practice on RDPE especially for the young farmers including women young farmers
- How to utilize the new technology to support RDPE
- Providing the regional platform for the young farmers to exchange and learn from each other

IV. Other key significant achievements

(Discuss if there are any other major achievements that you wish to highlight.)

- Young farmers playing an active role in the community transformation, and community development. They are able to utilize the community capital as well as their ability to develop community economy. Their role is slowly recognized and accepted by the villagers. Some of them were elected to be the leader of their community.
- The network of young farmers has been growing both at the national and regional level.
- Young farmers are able to utilize new technology for their life and works.

*** Please include in your discussion above how you have address/respond to cross-cutting concerns/issues such as territorial rural development, climate resilience and agroecology, rural youth and women, and agricultural digitalization.*