

LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR SOUTHERN MOUNTAINOUS AREA (LIPS)

Project period: November 2010 – November 2015

Project site: Champasak, Saravan, Sekong, Attapue Provinces

Project outline: Mountainous areas near the borders along Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, where minority groups are prevalent and poverty is still a serious problem, are called the 'CLV development triangle'. Four southern mountainous provinces, Attapue, Champasack, Sarawan and Sekong are located in the CLV development triangle in Laos. To tackle the problems of food security and poverty in these mountainous areas, improvement of agricultural, forestry and livestock production systems, adjustable to natural and socio-economic conditions, have become of pressing concern. Under these conditions, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, assisted by JICA, has implemented a technical cooperation project for improving villagers' livelihoods through the extension of appropriate technologies based on the concept of cluster-based extension in the four Southern provinces.

