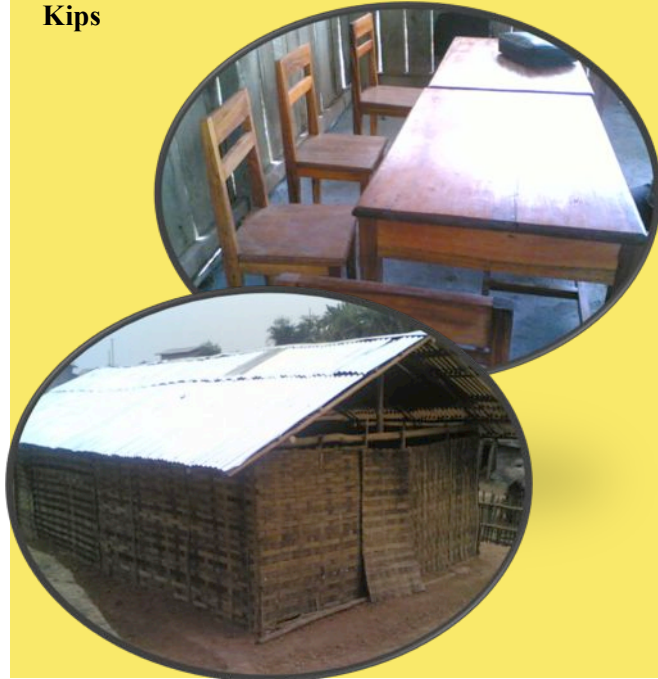


Progress of Type 3 activities in Huaykhing village cluster, Phonxay district

So far, the procurement of materials and equipment for Type 3 activities (village infrastructure development) for 4 target villages (Sakuan, Huayha, Huaytho and Phakbong villages) in Huaykhing cluster had been 100% completed. Materials and equipment requested by the villages are mainly materials for renovating village meeting hall and furniture that can be summarized as follows:

- Sakuan table, chair, filing cabinet, totaling 3,400,000 Kips
- Huayha materials for building meeting hall, totaling 13,350,000 Kips
- Huaytho materials for concrete flooring, totaling 10,580,000 Kips
- Phakbong roofing sheet/nails for renovating meeting hall, totaling 4,685,000 Kips

Total amount supported by PAREDD for Type 3 activities for 4 villages is 32,015,000 Kips



Importance of Forest Patrol by LFMC



Land and Forest Management Committee (LFMC) in 4 villages under PAREDD project in XGN district have conducted 2nd forest patrol on 2nd week of March.

This is quarterly program for patrolling land and forest use according to zoning and its' regulation made by PAREDD Approach each village. It was timely conducted because of upcoming preparation of up-land rice cultivation.

4 villages LFMC confirmed that their zoning and regulation are respected by residents but few remarks were found such as overhunting NTFP (Non-Timber Forest Products) in village conservation area.

Results of patrolling were shared each other at LFMC Exchange meeting among 4 villages and DAFO will take initiative in order to deal above remarks.

Next forest patrol would be conducted in June.

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Study tour to see pig raising (deep-litter systems) in Paklay district, Sayaboury province

Recently, from 5-7 March 2013, 40 villagers of the pig raising groups from the 4 project target villages of Xiengngeun district, LuangPrabang province (Paktho, Nakha, Huaykhong and Huaykhot villages), have gone on a study tour to Paklay district, Sayaboury province, with the aim of learning the lessons with regard to pig raising. Villagers had exchanged their experiences with the host locals on how to raise pigs using different systems, in a bid to adapt the methods for use in their home villages.

During the study tour, villagers have shown their keen interest in the deep-litter systems for pig raising, and were very happy indeed to be given this eye-opening opportunity. In this regard, the provincial and district teams and villagers would like to thank the project, all those who have extended their cooperation, especially the warm welcome from the Paklay District Agriculture and Forestry Office, making the journey an efficient study tour.



Reaching consensus amongst villagers regarding Village Development Fund (VDF) regulations and the Decision of Xiengngeun District Governor

The Xiengngeun District Agriculture and Forestry Office, from 27-28 March 2013, has called whole village meeting in the four target villages of PAREDD project, with the following participants:

1. Huaykhot village 75 participants, out of which 62 are women
2. Nakha village 40 participants, out of which 19 are women
3. Paktho village 62 participants, out of which 30 are women
4. Huaykhong village 49 participants, out of which 18 are women

➤ Topics and purposes of the meeting:

1. Publicize the Decision of Xiengngeun District Governor re the establishment of Village Development Fund;
2. Publicize the Decision of Xiengngeun District Governor re the appointment of VDF management committee;
3. Publicize the regulations to manage VDF; and
4. Provide guidelines for recording the payback of loans and interests from the 1st batch, and plan the 2nd batch.



LFMC Exchange Meeting at Houaykhong

2nd Land and Forest Management Committee (LFMC) Exchange meeting was held on 25th March 2013 at Houaykhong village.

This exchange program holds quarterly by inter-LFMC coordination and District Agriculture and Forestry Office (DAFO) assists discussion.

In half-day program, progress of all components and activities of PAREDD Approach were shared and, expected plans and programs for next quarter are discussed.

Next exchange meeting will be held at Houaykhot village in June.

