

The feeling of a new participant of pig raising group in Paktho village

Hello, my name is Mr. Chanthasone, 52 years old, I am farmer residing in Paktho village, Xiengngeun district, Luang Prabang province.

I have received from my Village Development Fund a loan of 2 million Kips with 4% interest rate per year, the pay-back period is 18 months. The loan will be used for raising pig for income generation for my family. Besides the loan, I also have learned the techniques on how to raise pigs from participants of the 1st pig raising group of Paktho village.

In closing, I would like to thank the village administration, as well as the Village Development Fund Management Unit of Paktho village and PAREDD project for their initial support, which gave birth to the village fund for the benefit of all villagers, and step by step improve our livelihood.



The 4th exchange meeting of Land and Forest Management Committee of four target villages in Xiengngeun district

On September 27, 2013, a meeting of Land and Forest Management Committee (LFMC) for exchanging lessons and experiences amongst the four target villages of PAREDD project was held in Paktho village, Xiengngeun district.

This is the 4th meeting of its kind. Participants were from LFMC of four villages, totaling 22 people. The purpose of this meeting was to create opportunity for members of the LFMCs to exchange lessons and shared their experiences and ideas. Various topics have been discussed and exchanged such as the progress of each activity, problems, difficulties and solutions in the course of implementation of the activities.

The meeting participants also discussed about some of the members of LFMC and Village Veterinary Service (VVS) that are not highly responsible in their duties, lack a sense of leadership and not conduct a continual work. It is, therefore, necessary to improve the above two core working units in order for them to fulfill their assigned tasks as to achieve the target of carrying out the activities in an effective and efficient manner.

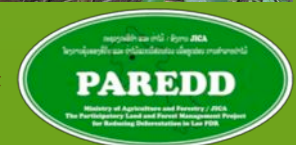


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Meeting of Phonxay team for laying out plan of activities in the forthcoming dry season

As the rainy season is soon gone by, on September 26, 2013, a meeting was held at Phonxay District Agriculture and Forestry Office for laying out the plan of resumption of the impending project activities which have been temporarily suspended during the recent wet season owing to the inaccessibility to the target villages.

Details of the activities are as follows:

1. Continue to procure livestock for livelihood improvement activity groups (Type 2 activity) and complete in 5 target villages.
2. Monitor fruit tree and natural tree plantations in 5 villages, instruct how to care the young trees as well as taking records of the surviving ones by villagers themselves.
3. Points to be taken into consideration when purchasing vaccines for livestock and before delivery to the target villages.
 - Re-check the stock which have been procured, those have been used, not used and the expired vaccines.
 - District Agriculture and Forestry Office staff should have to collect data in relation to the number of livestock for making next vaccination campaign in the 5 target villages.
4. Prepare documents/forms for monitoring the activity groups which have started raising the livestock delivered and exchange lessons and ideas of monitoring with Xiengngeun team.



Comments of the Nakha village headman towards the implementation of project activities

“Sabaidee”, I am Chantry Phommasack, head of Nakha village, Xiengngeun district, Luang Prabang province. I am very pleased and deeply indebted to PAREDD project for their support to Nakha village which include three types of activities:

1. Planting trees for reforestation
2. Livelihood improvement
3. Village infrastructure

The support will help villagers to generate income for their families and step by step improve their livelihood, and eventually stabilize shifting cultivation.

As village headman, I will do my best to guide villagers to effectively and efficiently carry out the project activities and sustain all of those outcomes.

Finally, on behalf of all villagers, I would like to once again thank PAREDD project for their great support in terms of funds, materials and equipment for creating stable job for villagers.

Thank you.

Tree care in the four target villages' plantations of Xiengngeun district

In recent September 2013, four PAREDD target villages (Huaykhot, Nakha, Paktho and Huaykhong) of Xiengngeun district have organized community work for weeding the fruit tree and natural tree plantation areas which belonged to the village. The social function was carried out in a lively atmosphere with every participant finished his/her job satisfactorily.

