

PARTICIPATORY IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN SOUTHERN AREAS ALONG THE MEKONG (PIAD)

Project period: November 2010 – November 2015

Project site: Savannakhet province and Vientiane Capital

Project outline: PIAD targets the capacity of government officials and Farmers Organizations (FOs) to enable participatory irrigated agriculture to be strengthened and improved in Savannakhet Province. This project is being carried out in model sites:

1. Improving the capacity of Provincial and District government staff through implementing training.
2. Strengthening the organization and management of FOs.
3. Constructing tertiary canal systems and teaching correct operation/maintenance of the system to FOs.
4. Developing appropriate cropping patterns, including commercial crops such as rice, vegetables and maize, based on the FOs' capacity and the progress of irrigation canal works.

The final target is that a Participatory Irrigated Agriculture approach is adopted in other Southern irrigation areas along the Mekong River.

