

Future's Direction of Project

As there is only a year and few months left until Savan PAD's termination in June 2022, the project's members discussed and summarized the Project's focal points at practical-level meeting (Project Meeting) in April. Here we have Savan PAD's direction until its end.



Rice production training for DAFO staff

Local Administration

- 1) Functioning PAPC (Participatory Agriculture Promotion Committee)
- 2) Ensuring budgetary basis for sustaining PAD activities
- 3) Strengthening monitoring & evaluation system at provincial & district levels

By activating PAPC as core unit for implementing/administrating Participatory Agriculture Development (PAD), we expect PAD will be sustained even after Project's end through Lao side's autonomy.

For continuing activities, we will consider how/from where to secure budget.

Irrigation / Water User Group Strengthening

Strengthening Water User Group by improving operational and technological capacities

- 1) Operational aspect:
Grasping/solving problems through meeting, improving account recording, confirming water fee collection
- 2) Technical aspect:
Promoting fairness on water distribution, proper facility management
- 3) Other: Conducting Review Meeting



Water Distribution Meeting (Nong Boua Luang Site)

Each Water Users' Group reviews their activities and share reflection points & lessons with other sites at this meeting.

Agricultural Techniques (Rice Cultivation)

- 1) Solving problems on Seed & Fertilizer Lending Program
- 2) Capacity building of DAFO staff
- 3) Strengthening insect & diseases control
- 4) Improving basic techniques on seed multiplication
- 5) Strengthening Model Farmers

We cope with late money collection, sustainable fund management and other issues.

Through trials at Research Fields and study tours for DAFO staffs

Through dispatching short-term experts and practical trainings in insect & disease control

We'll conduct trainings & study tours for farmers.

Marketing / Horticultural Crop Production

Marketing aspect:

- 1) Strengthening on farmers' groups' management and sales promotion

Farmers repaid material cost of greenhouse and those are collected as fund. So, we will motivate farmers to utilize & manage such fund. Also, we are planning activities for match-making farmers' and markets' needs.

Horticultural aspect:

- 1) Improving basic cultivation techniques on horticulture crop
- 2) Introduction of seed production

As some sites are far from market, it is a disadvantage to transport vegetables. So, we introduce seed production because it is more advantageous.

Dissemination to Other Provinces, etc.

- 1) Revision of Guide Book
- 2) Conducting seminar/workshop for introducing PAD
- 3) Inviting observation team from other provinces



Introducing about PAD time to time (at Champasak PAFO)

Research Fields by District Staffs

As a part of capacity building on rice cultivation for staffs of District Agriculture & Forestry Office (DAFO), Savan PAD Project is supporting "Research Field" where several DAFO staffs have set their theme of research practically.

For example, staff of Songkhone DAFO is now trying out the productivities with different seedlings ages (14 - 42days).



Research Field at Songkhone Dist. (Variety:TDK8, Seedling:35days)

New Expert Mr. Osato (Marketing / Cultivation of Horticultural Crop)



Mr. Osato (2nd from left) instructing on property of asparagus at Savannakhet Agricultural College

Together with marketing-related activities we have been doing, Savan PAD Project is going to pay further attention to horticultural production techniques, such as compost making, production techniques corresponding to each vegetable and variety individually, as well as seed production techniques.

In addition, an exchanging program will be held for customers to understand farmers' present situation, not only focusing to customers' needs.