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JICA SUPPORTS SABO DAM CONSTRUCTION FOR SEDIMENT DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Son La province, April 4th, 2024 – The **Ground-Breaking Ceremony of the first Sabo dam in Vietnam** was held by the Viet Nam Disaster and Dyke Management Authority (VDDMA) – Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Son La Province, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) – Vietnam Office – in Pieng village, Nam Pam commune, Muong La district, Son La province on April 4th.

Sabo dam is one of the most effective structural countermeasures for sediment disaster risk reduction. Usually constructed in the upstream area of the river that has steep slope and high runoff velocity, the Sabo dam captures sediment of debris flow, drift woods and prevents damage in the downstream area.

The pilot Sabo dam construction is one of the most important activities of the **Technical Cooperation Project for Strengthening the Capacity to Cope with and Minimize Damages caused by Flash Flood and Landslides for the Northern Mountainous Regions** implemented from 2022 under the collaboration of VDDMA – MARD and JICA Vietnam in 14 Northern mountainous provinces. The pilot construction of Sabo dam in Son La Province is expected to be the reference for the Government of Vietnam in formulating the technical standard of designing Sabo facilities for the construction of other Sabo dams in the high-risk areas, towards realizing the Master Plan on Disaster Prevention and Control, and Irrigation for the 2021-2030 period, with a vision to 2050.

In recent years, sediment disaster due to extreme rainfalls has frequently occurred and caused great damage in the northern mountainous regions of Vietnam. In August 2017, flash floods and landslides left 15 people dead and missing, other 15 injured, and caused a total economic loss of VND 705 billion in Muong La district. The continuous heavy rainfalls in early August 2023 also led to flash floods and landslides in Muong La district, causing damage to 134 houses in the area.

JICA will actively work with the Government and people of Japan to continue the cooperation and support Vietnam with disaster risk management.

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