

Reimbursement from loan-takers in Huaykhong village, Xiengneun district

On February 24, 2014, Huaykhong which is a target village of PAREDD project in Xiengneun district has organized a meeting for handing over the reimbursements from loan-takers to the Village Development Fund (VDF).

The earlier-released loans have been used for two activities, i.e. poultry and pig raising groups, amounting to 21,984,000 Kips (loan principal and interest). The handover ceremony was attended by all villagers of Huaykhong village as witness.

This is the 2nd payback round in the village. The village Land and Forest Management Committee (LFMC) in association with VDF management unit have together prepared the activity plan to present to villagers who might be interested in taking the new loans from VDF in order to reach out to all villagers.



Study tour for goat raising group to Viengkham district, Luang Prabang

Recently, from 13 – 15 February 2014, PAREDD project has organized a study tour for goat raising group in the 4 target villages in Xiengneun district to visit Viengkham district in Luang Prabang province, with the prime purpose of learning the lessons and experiences from other areas.

Participants were from 4 villages, namely, Huaykhot, Nakha, Paktho and Huaykhong, totaling 35 persons. In addition, project counterparts at district and provincial levels also attended.

Purpose of the visit was firstly for villagers to see and learn the techniques and methods of raising goat such as how to make pen, feeding vessel (food and water) and fence around the pen as well as how to grow grass for feeding, vaccination and treatment of sick goats. And secondly, the lessons learned will be brought back to their village for improving the way of raising goats in order to create goat-raising model family in the future.



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Training for Village Development Fund management units in 5 project target villages of Phonxay district

During early February 2014, PAREDD project has organized a training course for the Village Development Fund (VDF) management units together with the village Land and Forest Management Committees (LFMC), totaling 32 participants from 5 villages (Huaykhing, Phakbong, Huaytho, Huayha and Sakuan).

Purpose of the training, supported by PAREDD project, was to make the VDF management units understand how to manage the village fund in a sustainable way. Topics in the training included the importance of setting up VDF, calculation of loan interest based on each different activity group, administrative cost and profit sharing. In addition, participants have also been trained on how to make regulations for the management of VDF.



Words of Huaykhing village head about PAREDD project

Hello, my name is Mr. Nor Yee Her, 54 years old, I am the head of Huaykhing village, Phonxay district, Luang Prabang province. I am very pleased with the coming of PAREDD project along with its various support to my village which include funds, materials and equipment, techniques and knowledge and skills for implementing the project assorted activities that can be grouped into 3 main kinds as follows:

1. Tree planting for reforestation and fruit tree planting for village common property
2. Livelihood improvement activities for local people
3. Village basic infrastructure construction

Particularly, the project has helped the village to improve the water gravity supply system, and as a result life for villagers are considerably more convenient. Through the course of implementation of the project activities, there have been many achievements in various aspects, for instance, increased number of livestock, villagers have stable job such as animal raising, as well as creating opportunity for the poor to participate more in the various different activities.

In addition, a Village Development Fund was also established with the support of the project that can be accessed by all villagers for improving their livelihoods in an efficient, step-by-step and sustainable basis.



Exchange visit of Village Veterinary Service (VVS) units between Xiengngeun and Phonxay districts

From 19 to 20 instant, with the support from PAREDD project, an exchange visit was organized for 12 VVS workers from 5 project target villages of Phonxay district to visit 4 target villages in Xiengngeun district, Luang Prabang province. The visit was to exchange lessons and experiences on how to manage the VVS fund, the procurement of vaccines and medicines, the vaccination and treatment for livestock, problems and difficulties related to the mobilization of villagers to participate in the inoculation of each kind of animal. VVS units in Xiengngeun district had quite a lot of experiences in the field. It is, therefore, a good opportunity for the VVS workers in the 5 target villages of Phonxay district to learn from Xiengngeun district. The lessons, experiences and various issues that learned shall be in preparation for the implementation of veterinary work in the visitors' own villages in an efficient and sustainable basis.

