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As part of the capacity development program, a study tour in Kon Tum was organized from March 27 to 31, 2012 in close cooperation with the City of Kon Tum. A total of 22 persons participated in the tour including those from communes and veterinary stations. The objective of this study tour is to obtain important lessons in promoting livelihood development activities, such as practice of animal rotation, contour line cultivation and the role of good coordination among different agencies.

Practice of animal rotation in Kon Tum

Example:

A following sow delivered 8 piglets



3 piglets go to the household who takes care of the sow

3 piglets go to the rotation bank

2 piglets go to the management unit

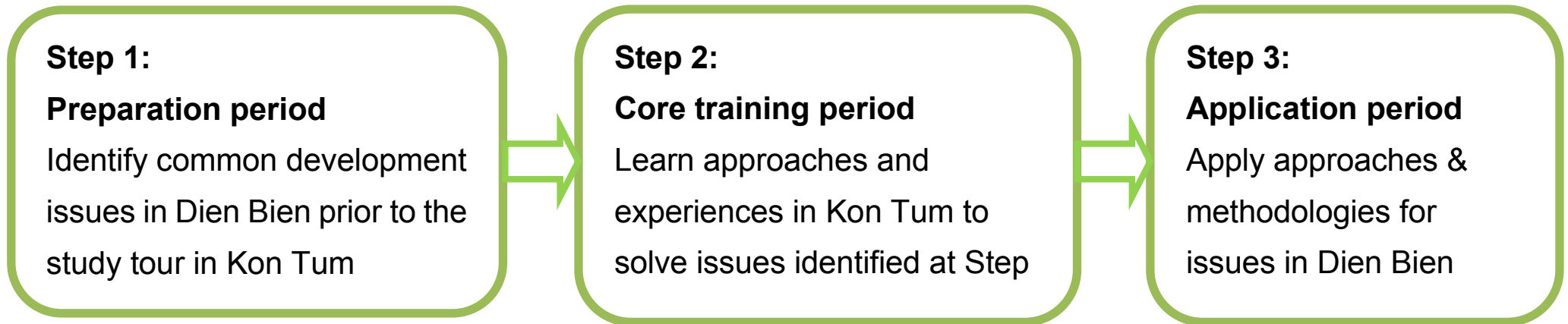
Note:

The above practice will be repeated until the 3rd delivery. Thereafter, the household will be allowed to keep the sow and all the piglets.



Contour line plantation to prevent soil erosion

A study tour can be conceptualized as **a constructive study tour model**. This model is a continuous and consistent flow of learning and applying approaches over the three steps: Step 1 (preparation period); Step 2 (core training period); and Step 3 (application period). The following flow explains the model by taking an example of the study tour in Kon Tum.



A meeting was held during the preparation period (Step 1) on March 15, 2012 to identify common development topics to learn during the study tour.

The continuity and consistency will be pursued by setting-up a common study ground throughout these processes. Hence, particular emphasis will be placed on the preparation period (Step 1), which helps participants clarify common development issues and topics to address with the approaches they will study during the core training period (Step 2). The application period (Step 3) is followed by Step 2, aiming to ensure that participants apply approaches and methodologies learnt during Step 2 for the actual conditions after getting back home. The orientation of the application period of the study tour in Kon Tum is scheduled on April 9, 2012.



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