

Result of Activities in Rainy Season of 2020

The result of Project's activities in rainy season of 2020 (May-Oct 2020) was reported in the 8th Project Management Unit Meeting held in February.

The summary of the results is shown as below.

The 8th PMU Meeting



Irrigation / Water Users' Groups' Strengthening

- 1) District staffs' technical improvement
 - Skills for: Irrigation map making, Land measurement, Planimetry by using GPS, Water velocity measurement, etc.
- 2) Improving WUG's account
 - All target sites paid electricity bill of irrigation pump (paid 100%, no arrears)
 - Water user fee's collection rate 98%
- 3) Preceding WUG's coaching trip to other target sites
- 4) WUGs' regular meeting & election of boarding member
- 5) Assisting for water distribution plan of dry season



Technical trainings for district staffs



Election of WUG board member

Agricultural Techniques (Rice Production)

- 1) Lending Seed & Fertilizer Program
 - Target area : Expanded to 7 areas
 - Participant : 368HH (961HH in total)
 - Yield : Increased approx. 20% at 3 sites (compare to 2017 rainy season)
 - Lending fee : 92% collected, but found delay in collection
- 2) District staffs' technical improvement
 - Insect control using bio-pesticides, Methodology of yield survey
 - Question & Answer Book using for instructing farmer on rice cultivation
- 3) Establishment of rice seed production group
 - Instruction on seed production in Thapangthong Dist.



Both participants and yield increased



Seed production field

Marketing / Horticultural Production

1) Improvement of farmers' skills for production & sales

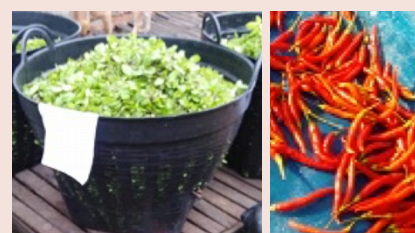
- Compost making, Bio-pesticides and extract making, Basic crop cultivation techniques, etc.
- Approx. 10% of farmers in target sites participated to agri-business training and activities
- Average income increased at 3 sites out of 4 sites of where can compare to previous year (2019 RS)
- 69 greenhouses newly constructed, 143 in total
- Farmers return 50% of material cost of greenhouse after harvesting, then Farmer Group's Fund established by using those collected amounts



Several farmers' market opened

2) Sales promotion

- Sales trial of chili, mint and eggplant to a processing company out of Savannakhet
- Encouragement of sweet potato production & sales



Mint and chili sent to processing company as trial

Monitoring & Evaluation

Establishment of Monitoring Team at district level

- Co-working team with District Planning & Investment Office and District Agriculture & Forestry Office
- Proposed to 8 districts and members under consideration



Hearing current status at Xonnabouly District

New Expert Mr. Hirabayashi (Local Administration / Water Management)



Mr. Hirabayashi (at center) instructing GPS operation to district staff

It is essential to cooperate among all related sectors for maintaining irrigation facility and distributing water to paddy field. Government side has roles in financial and technical supports. Water Users' Group has roles in proper operation and management of irrigation facility, as well as farmers' role in observance of water distribution plan. I would like to contribute myself for those sectors' capacity building to perform their roles.

In addition, another cooperation among related government sections are quite important for promoting Participatory Agriculture Development model in province. Thus, I will pay my best attention to management of Participatory Agriculture Promotion Committee (PAPC) as a core unit, and to improvement of monitoring & evaluation system.