

District Agriculture & Forestry Offices (4)

Since the Vol.19, we are focusing on District Agriculture & Forestry Office (DAFO) which are striving for technical advice and guidance to farmers at district level. As of October 2021, Savan PAD Project has been expanding their Target Sites into 12 sites under 9 districts in Savannakhet Province. Xaiphouthong District is one of those newest districts of which the project commenced activities since December 2019.

Xaiphouthong DAFO

Project's Target Site : Koudtapo



As the land of Xaiphouthong is flat, it is focused on irrigated rice cultivation with target of productivity set as 4.7t/ha. Total land of active irrigation sites in the district (total 17 sites) is 548.39ha and Project's Target Site, Koudtapo, alone makes up 109ha at present.

In Koudtapo, productivity is also increasing since Project's cooperation and it reached to 4.7t/ha finally. In addition, looking at the big number of farmers' registration for greenhouse cultivation, we can say farmers became eager in rainy season's vegetable production.



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Agricultural Techniques (Rice Cultivation)

- Seed & Fertilizer Lending Program conducted 3 times with participation of 64 households (57% of total farmers in Target Site).
- The lent amount is being collected smoothly.
- Yield in the Target Site increased 27%*

*Yield survey results: 2019-20 & 2020-21 dry seasons



Marketing / Horticultural Crop Production

- Eager farmers in Target Site gathered and started veggie sales at local market since Sep 2020.
- At present, Savan PAD is instructing on bokashi making at Target Site with drawing problems of farmers on their vegetable cultivation time by time.

Overall

Though it hasn't been 2 years since Savan PAD started cooperation in Xaiphouthong District, farmers in Target Site are in good unity and participating trainings actively. Xaiphouthong District is within easy access from capital town and has many visitors visiting famous pagoda, "That Phone".

Irrigation / Water User Group Strengthening

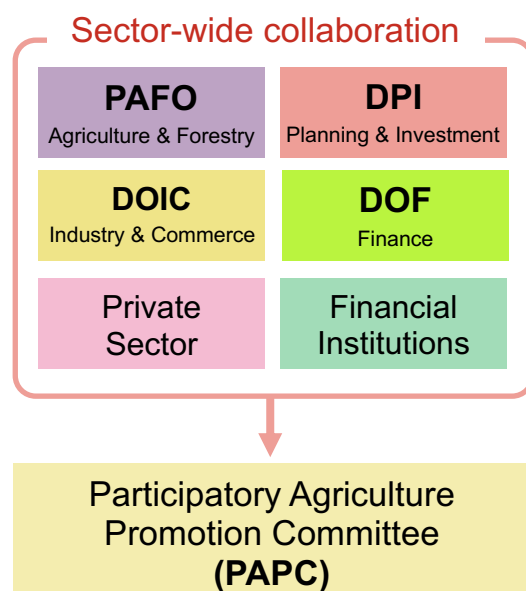
- WUG is trying to solve issues & improve water management through WUG's meeting held once a month.
- Expansion of irrigated area at Target Site through main canal construction supported by government : 40ha → 109ha*
*Comparison between 2018-19 & 2020-21 dry seasons
- DAFO staffs are keen on acquiring techniques such as land measurement and learning hard.

Participatory Agriculture Promotion Committee (PAPC)

Savan PAD is currently strengthening the function for supporting farmers' activities through the collaboration with all related sections and departments of Savannakhet Province, which enables to cover not only cultivation techniques but also sales promotion, production plan, and budget security and so on.

It is expected that other parties such as private sector and financial institutions also become a part of supporting member in near future.

Thus, "Participatory Agriculture Promotion Committee (PAPC) was established in Sep 2020 as the platform of co-working function to support farmers.



PAPC's Role and Operation

PAPC is the committee aiming at sustaining the Savan PAD's introduced model of "Participatory Agriculture Development (PAD)"* even after its termination, and also expanding this PAD model toward other areas as a province's activity. For the actual operation of PAPC, "Management Committee" is setting overall direction and applying budget as upper body, "Working Group" is providing technical instructions & supports for field works and putting up reports & budget plan of field works to upper body, and "Implementation Teams" are implementing support activities directly to farmers on site. In this way, PAPC is expanding PAD model with 3-layered direct/indirect supports for farmers.

