Awareness Raising for Climate Change and REDD+

- Case Study of Communications in Laos -

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Purpose of the Communication

• REDD+ fits the national goal of Laos to increase the forest cover at 70% in 2020, so Laos is eager to implement REDD+
• REDD+ can be the source of income for Lao people, but can harm their livelihood

The Lao government needs to let Lao people understand the basic ideas and the government policy of REDD+.
What was done?
Institutional setup for REDD+ Taskforce

Policy decision making body
National Environment Council
Minister/Vice Minister Level

Co-ordination/consultation
REDD Task Force
DG/DDG level multi-sector incl. Province, private sector and CSO representatives

Division Level
REDD OFFICE
Executive implementation

Technical Working Group
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Provincial Environment Council

Provincial REDD TF

Provincial REDD OFFICE
Forest Law Revision

• Lao PDR has started to revise the current Forestry Law since 2011. Analysis of existing regulatory framework and report on gaps and the need for revising Forestry Law to enable effective REDD+ implementation in Laos

• In the revision process, several consultation workshop has been organized at national and local level in order to consult with relevant stakeholders on clarification on requirement and process of Forestry Law revision.
Other works for Communication

For the public

• Posters, booklets, calendars, flyers
• Media release

For stakeholders

• Multi-stakeholder meetings and conferences with forest and non-forest sector participations.
• Seminars and trainings on forest education and law/regulation dissemination.
Important outcomes

• Awareness raised for REDD+ related topics (Sustainable forest management, climate change, carbon markets, conservation, etc.)
• The policy and legislation related to REDD+ understood
• Communities can comply with national decrees, regulations and assist in the success of the national Forest Strategy.
Challenges

• Lao PDR set a target to increase forest cover from 41% in 2010 to 65% by 2015 and 70% by 2020.

• To achieve this goal is that there is a lot of stakeholder with a different interest involved in forest area. For the decision-making, multi-stakeholder communication and consultation is essential toward successful sustainable forest management.

• Department of Forestry, MAF play a leading role to provide an opportunity for communication among stakeholders including government in forestry sector and other sector, private company and CSO.