WP3: Multi-stakeholder communication platform

• Specific objectives
  – Facilitate the emergence of a “research–development – policy” continuum on eco-friendly intensification of agriculture,
  – Continuous capitalization of knowledge acquired at grassroots level to feed evidence-based policy making processes,
  – Contribute to the project exit strategy through scenario exploration with project beneficiaries and partners,

• Expected outputs
  – Capacity building of farming households and government staff in managing complex innovation network,
  – Synergies developed with other projects and development agencies involved in agroecology R&D,
  – An enabling institutional environment supportive to improved community livelihoods and climate resilience.
WP3 - Diagnosis

3D1. Take stock of existing experiences in the governance of complex innovation networks
  • Document conservation agriculture support fund in southern Sayabouri Province, provincial PLUP coordination mechanism in Huaphan Province
  • Investigate the institutional settings and conditions for success of public-private partnership mechanisms in Lao PDR and neighboring countries.

3D2. Incentives to adoption of good practices
  • Document success stories and failures regarding credit schemes, payment for environmental services, certification processes (organic, PGS, etc.)
  • Land tenure systems and land management – issuance of temporary land use certificates or communal land titles, etc.
WP3 - Action

3A1. Knowledge capitalization and dissemination

- Project database management (on-line updates)
- Using existing communication tools and harnessing networks (LaoFab, LUP platform, CANSEA, FAO etc.),
- Outreach and dissemination (workshops, website, publications)

3A2. Partnership management and coordination mechanisms

- Coordination / communication platform associating national and foreign projects working in the NUDP area with their local partners
- Exchange information about successes and failures in order to learn from each-others’ experience,
- Increase efficiency of projects through synergies, avoiding duplication of efforts,
WP3 - Monitoring

3M1. Project impact assessment
- Changes in key ecological and livelihood indicators as compared to the baselines (e.g. households income prior to project inception, transformation of customary rights and land tenure)
- Compilation of monitoring data from WP1 and WP2 into a spatially explicit database,
- Assess institutional mechanisms that favour a large scale dissemination of good practices,

3M2. Participatory simulations of long term impact pathways
- A model will simulate long term impact of innovative practices and feed policy debates about enabling environments.
- The simulated land use trajectories will be assessed in term of their capacity to improve local livelihoods and resilience to climate change.
- Exit strategy scenarios will be explored collectively to sustain the agroecological innovation network beyond the project period.