

# Engaging village communities in designing their future landscapes

achieving impact through action-research



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# Outline



- Land use planning (LUP):  
an instrument of sustainable development in Lao PDR
- Increasing participation in LUP:  
key role of action-research
- Impact pathway (2009-2019):  
consolidating the experiences of multiple projects and institutions

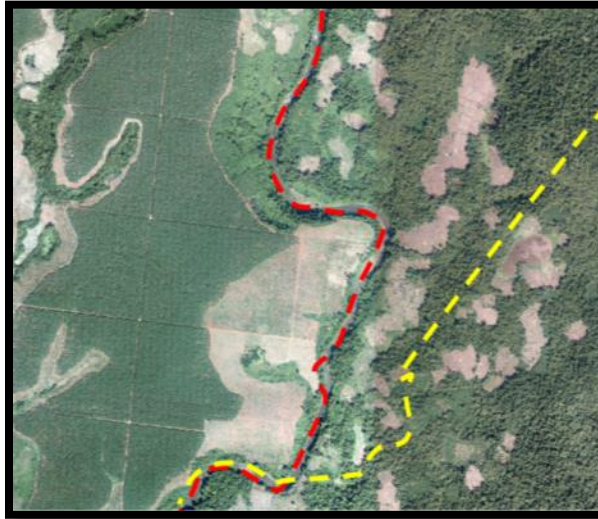


# LUP is an instrument of sustainable development

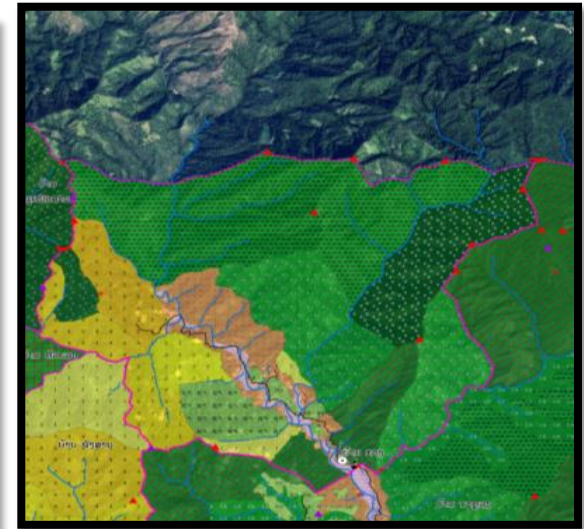
**Tenure Insecurity**



**Unclear Boundaries**



**Transboundary Resources**



**Shifting Cultivation and National Forest Targets**



**Negotiating Trade-offs**

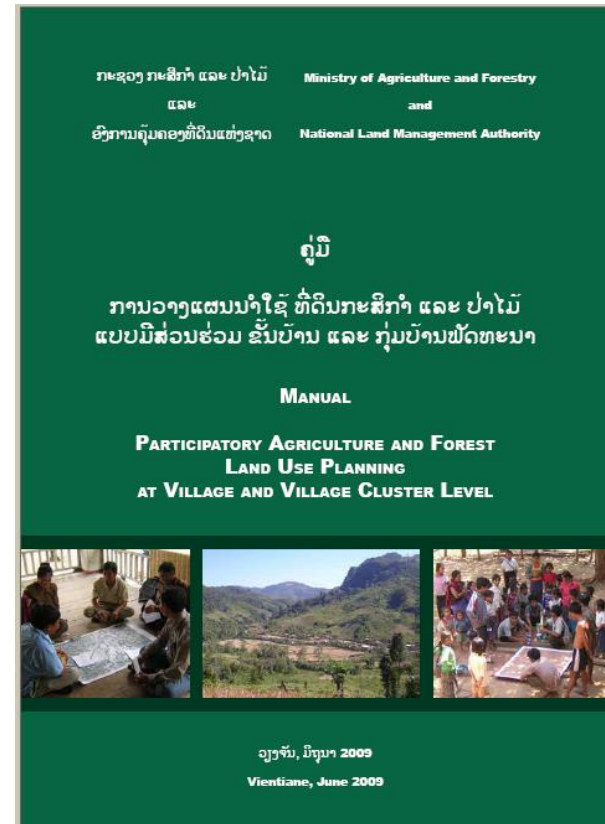


**Sustainable Development**



# 2009 PLUP Manual (MAF-MoNRE)

## Principles of PLUP implementation



## Increased

- Local ownership  
Participation, gender sensitivity, local knowledge,
- Support to land allocation/titling  
Settling land conflicts, increase land tenure security,
- Support to extension activities  
Inventory local resources, improved land management.

# Action-research in PLUP

## Gaming-simulations for enhanced participation



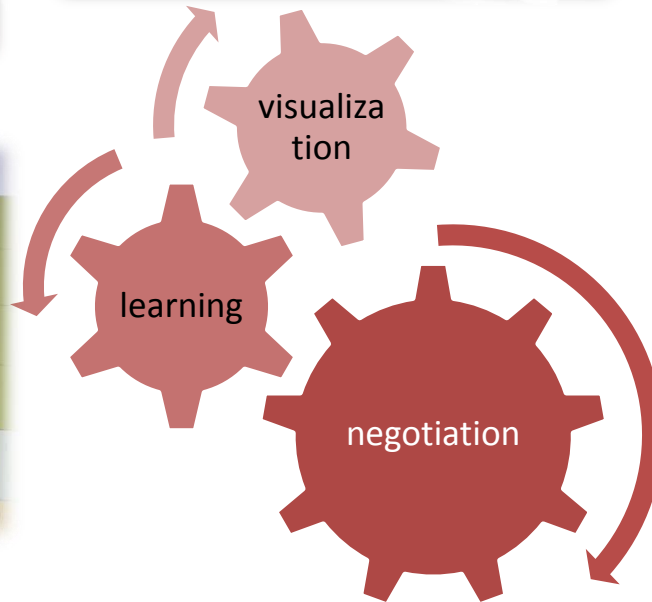
**Learning PLUP**



**Participatory 3D Models**



**'PLUP Fiction'**  
Role-play for land zoning simulation



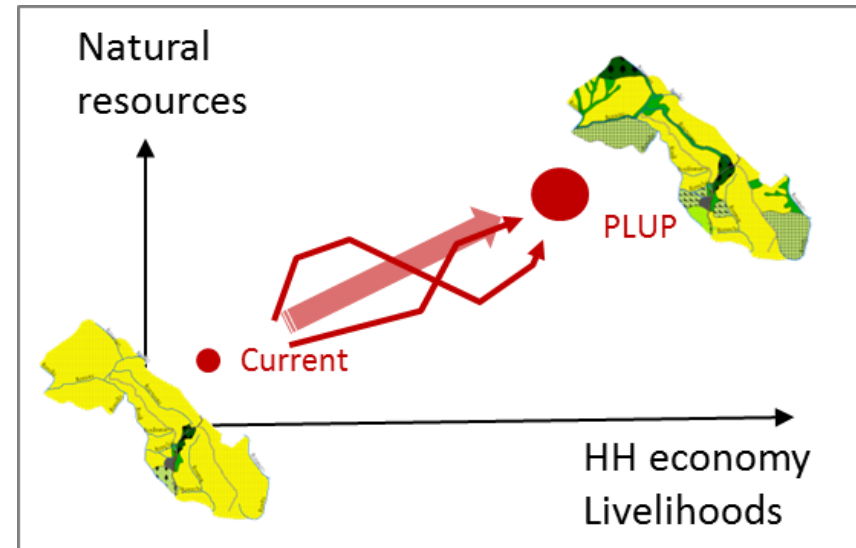
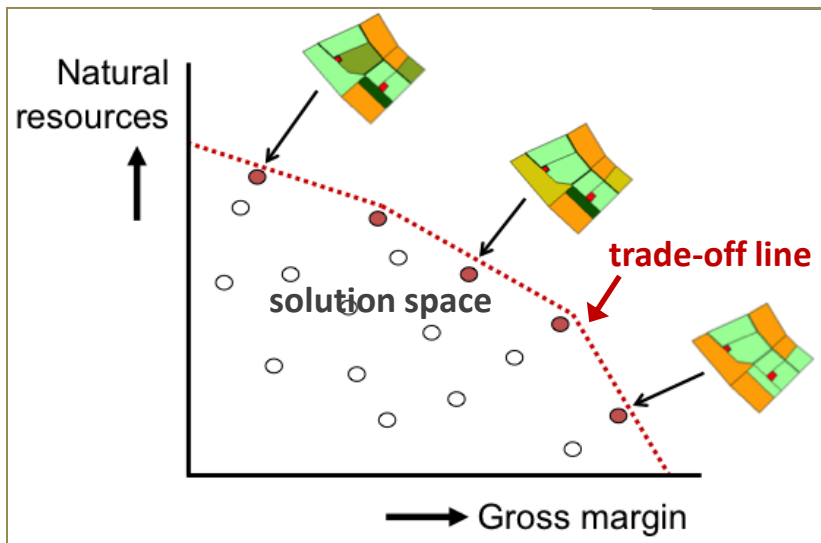
**Spatially explicit socio-economic and environmental feedback**

# Transformative landscape approaches

## Gaming-simulations to explore land use scenarios

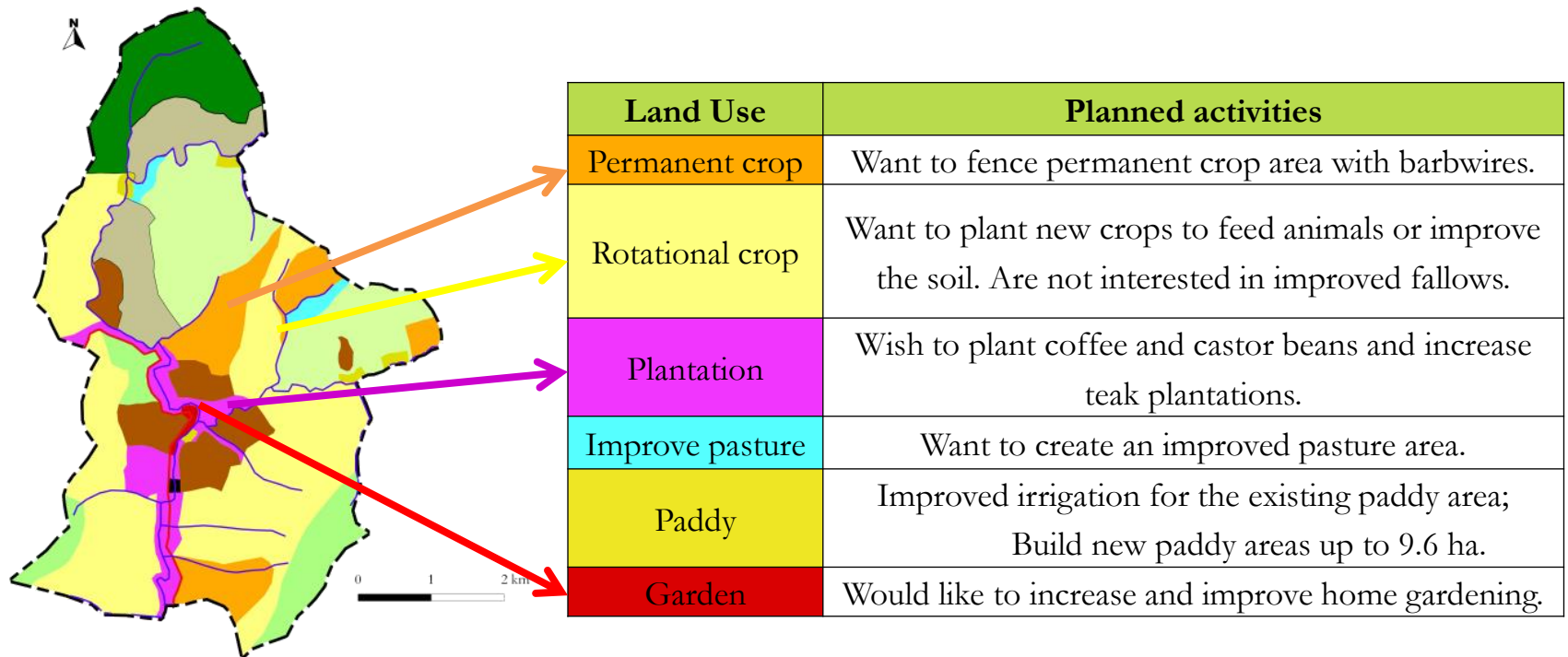


Landscape design through successive rounds of negotiation

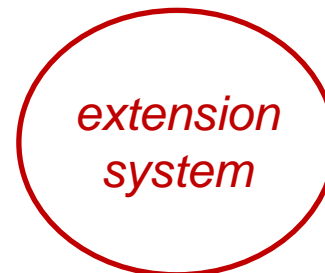


# Beyond PLUP... extension activities

- For each land use type, activities are planned

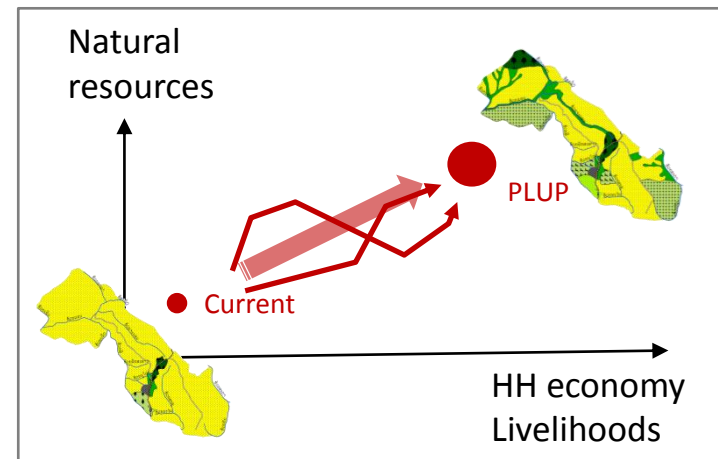


*Community-based Agricultural  
Development Plan*



# Exploring sustainable intensification pathways

- The PLUP map is a vision, projection of the future LU
  - goal in a **theory of change** process
  - actual land use plan emerges from negotiations that take place after PLUP
- A landscape approach to agroecology
  - multifunctional landscapes with increased agrobiodiversity





# Community-based Agricultural Development Plans 2015-2016

Eco  
Friendly  
Intensification &  
Climate resilient  
Agricultural  
Systems



## Phoutong Village

Viengkham district, Luangprabang province



### 1. INTEGRATED APPROACH TO LIVESTOCK SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

#### Living fences and forage production

Set up livestock area with permanent living fences (combination of barbed wire and trees) 6.5 ha in 2015 involved 77 HH. In 2016, expand to additional 7 ha.

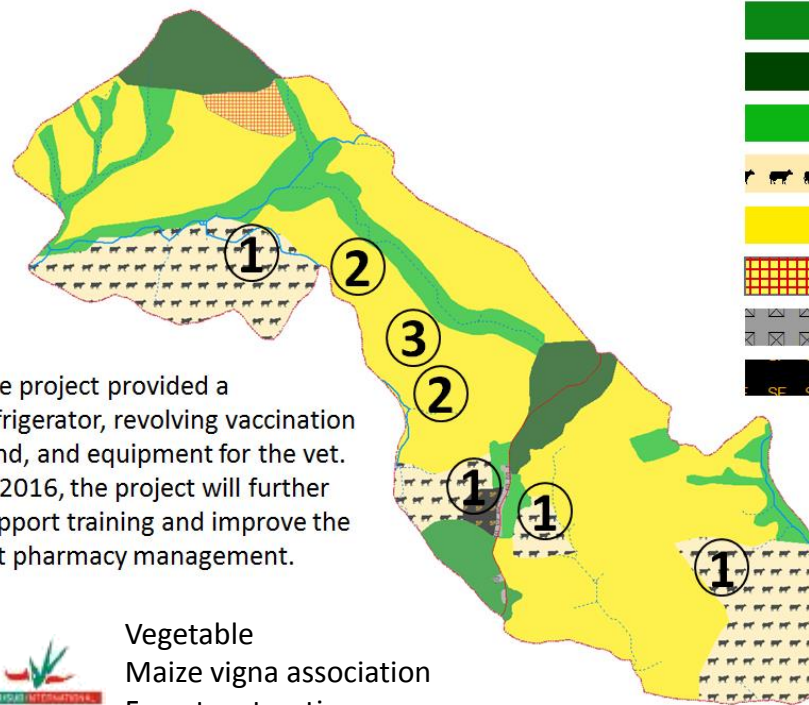
#### Training on forage management

30 people took part in the training to produce silage, hay, and feeding boxes.



#### Animal healthcare

The project provided training to 36 participants in 2015. 4 village volunteers were selected to form the village vet-service team.



- Managed Use Forest Land Zone
- Conservation Forest Land Zone
- Protection Forest Land Zone
- Livestock raising and grazing land Zone
- Upland rotational crop/fallow Zone
- Land Reserved for extending production
- Private building land
- Spiritual areas

The project provided a refrigerator, revolving vaccination fund, and equipment for the vet. In 2016, the project will further support training and improve the vet pharmacy management.

Vegetable  
Maize vigna association  
Forest restoration

Strengthening the village land management committee in implementing the village land use plan  
Study tour planned in 2016

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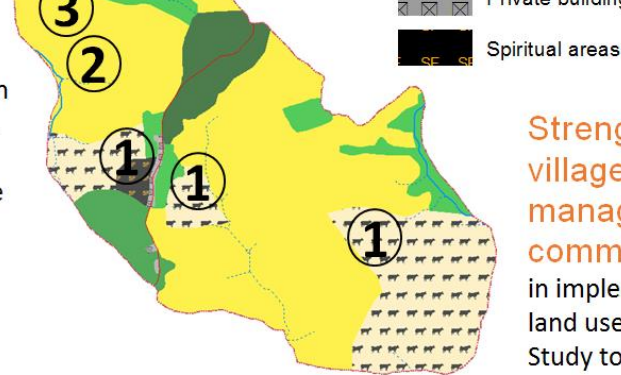
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### Intercropping systems maize/rice with pigeon pea

Introduction of pigeon pea (for stick-lack production) in association with upland rice and maize, 9 households (HH) and 8 ha in 2015. 11 additional HH in 2016.



## Fallow management and improvement of upland rice production

The project organized training on fallow management and improved upland rice varieties in 2015. 48 people took part.



Testing upland rice varieties

## 3. AGRICULTURAL INTENSIFICATION AND DIVERSIFICATION

Intercropping cassava and stylosanthes



### Control of rodent damages

The project provided 400 metal traps in 2016

### Rice bank for food security

The project provided 2 tons of rice for the village rice bank in addition to villagers' contribution in 2016.

### Introduction of labor saving devices

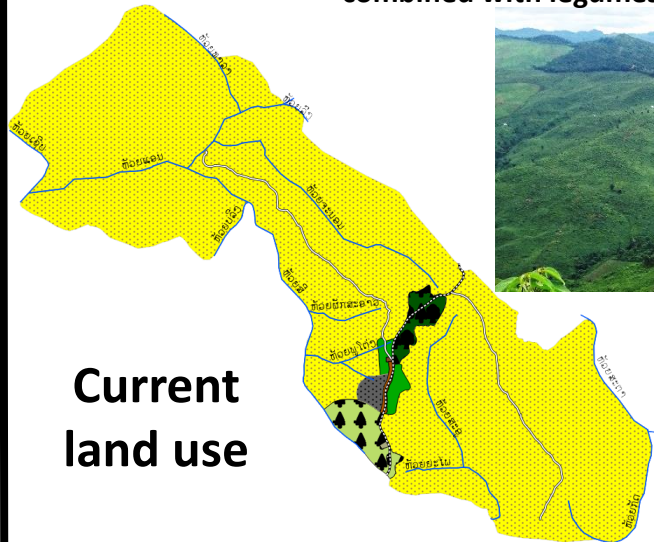
12 hand jab planters for upland rice and maize sowing were provided to villagers.



# Theory of Change

Sustainability

Learning pathway



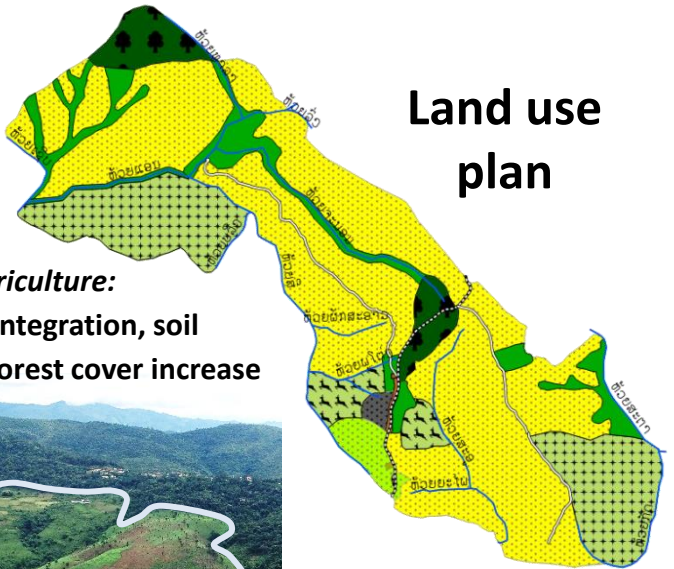
**Experimenting:** improved pastures and forage systems, upland crop varieties combined with legumes



**Collectively managed:** livestock areas and testing improved cropping systems



**Sustainable agriculture:** crop-livestock integration, soil conservation, forest cover increase

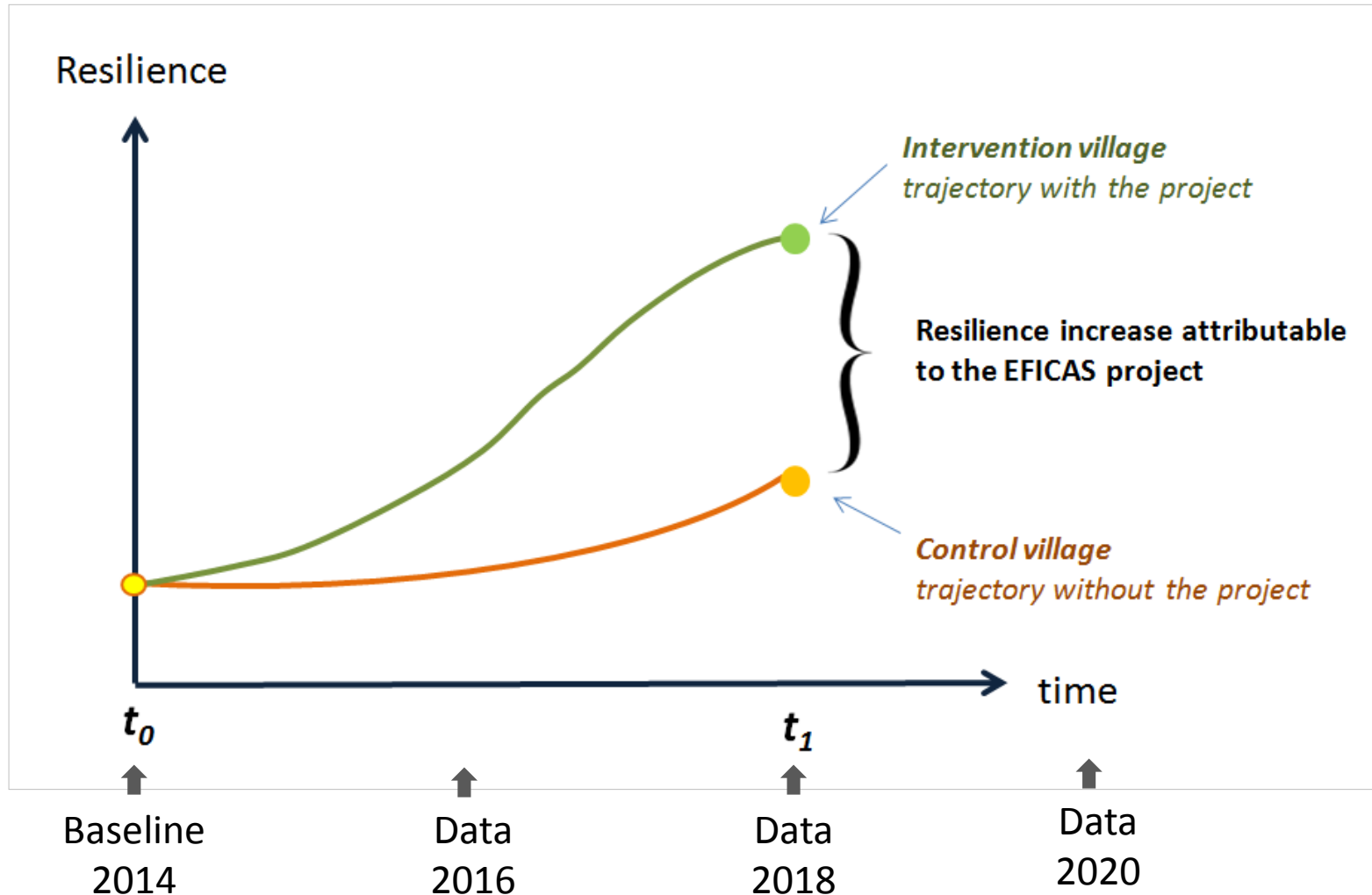


**Yearly negotiation**  
Community-based agricultural development plans

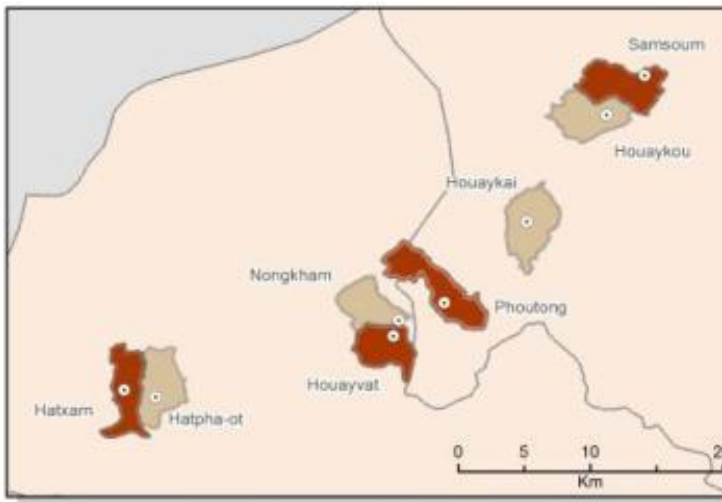
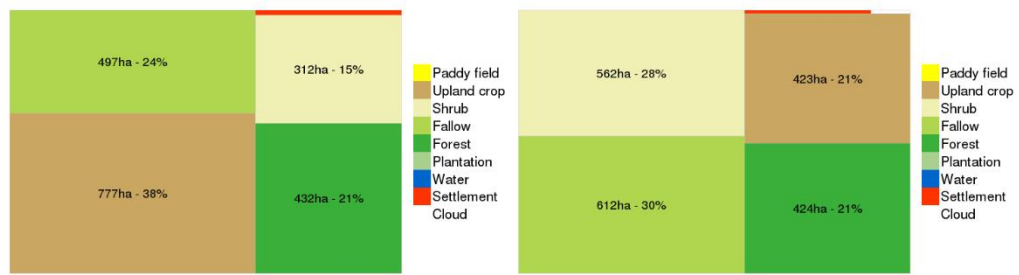
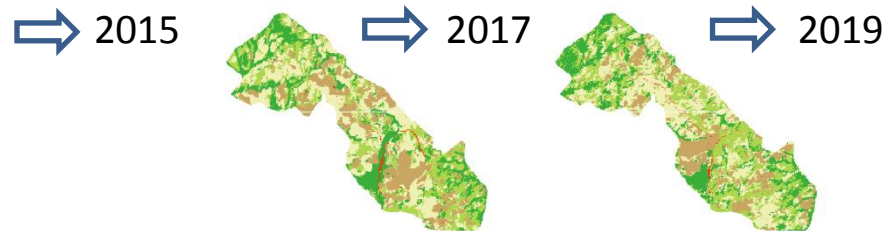
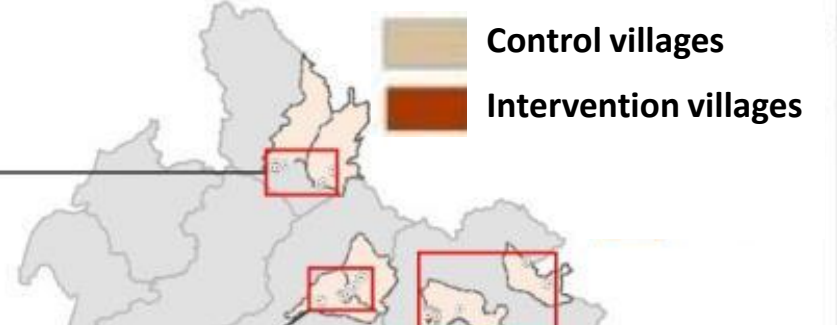
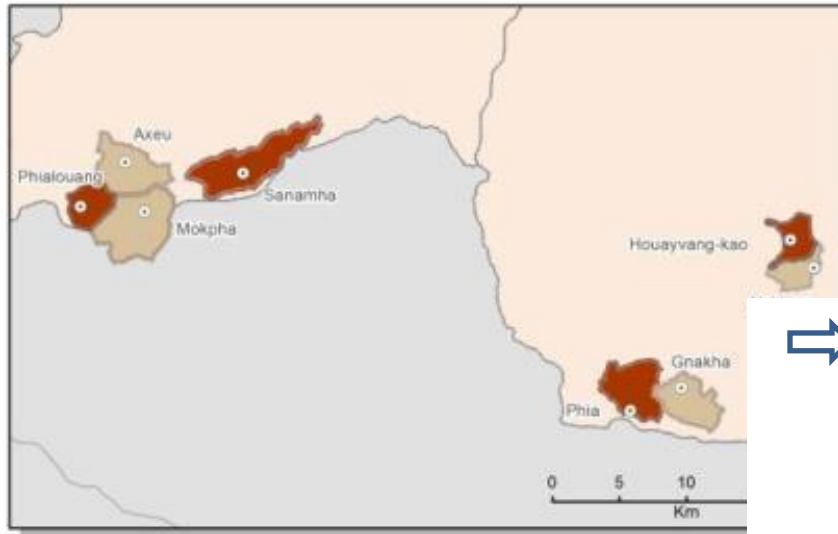


2014                      2015                      2016                      2017                      2020

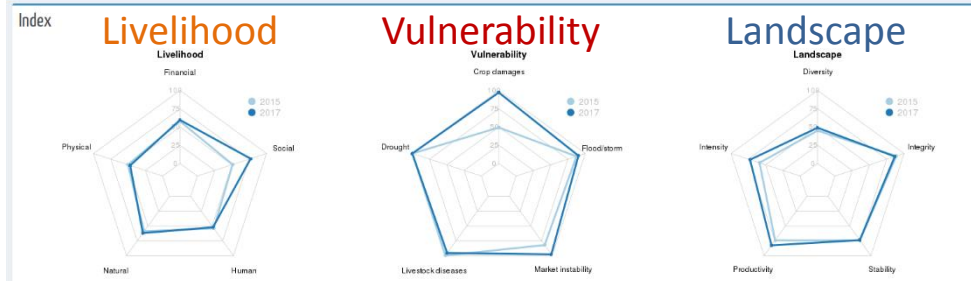
# Impact monitoring-evaluation system



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Eco-Friendly Intensification and Climate resilient Agricultural Systems  
 Village resilience monitoring database



<http://data.eficas-laos.net/>



# Impact pathway (2009-2019)

consolidating the experiences of multiple projects and institutions

**Manual 2013**  
**NAFRI-IRD-CIFOR**



**PALM – GIZ 2014**

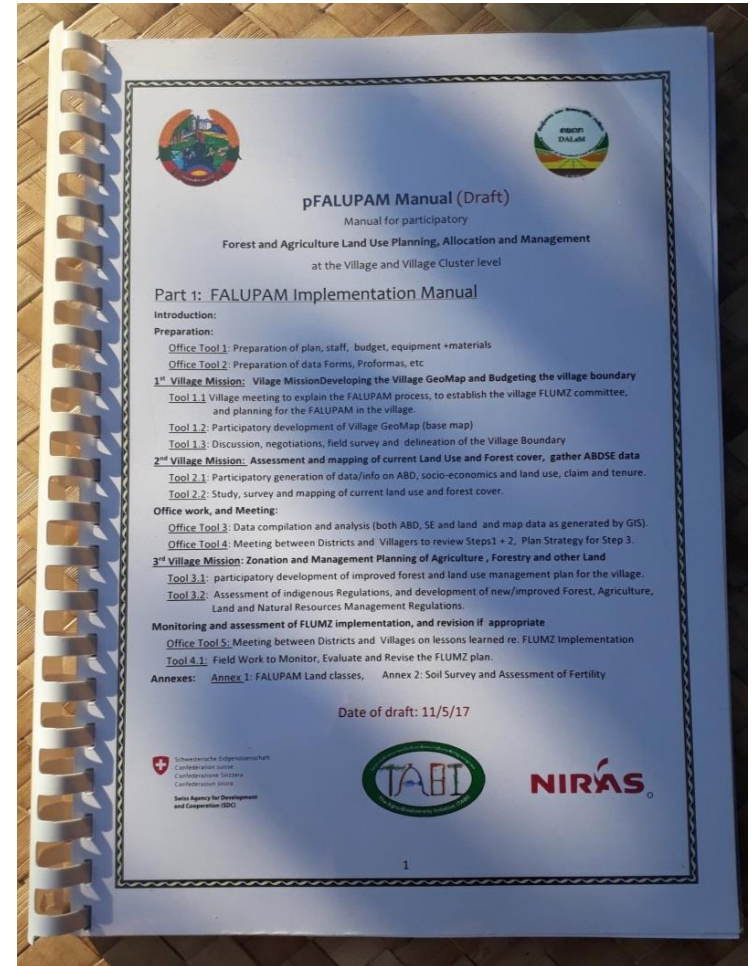
**giz** Deutsche Gesellschaft  
für Internationale  
Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH



## LESSONS LEARNT FROM PALM PILOT ACTIVITIES IN NGIEW AND SOIY VILLAGES, VIENGXAI DISTRICT, HUAPHAN PROVINCE

Northern Uplands Integrated Rural Development Programme (NU-IRD)  
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) with the Department of  
Agricultural Land Management (DALaM) Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)

**pFALUPAM – TABI**  
**Manual 2017**



### pFALUPAM Manual (Draft)

Manual for participatory

Forest and Agriculture Land Use Planning, Allocation and Management  
at the Village and Village Cluster level

#### Part 1: FALUPAM Implementation Manual

##### Introduction:

##### Preparation:

Office Tool 1: Preparation of plan, staff, budget, equipment +materials

Office Tool 2: Preparation of data Forms, Proformas, etc

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Village Mission: Village Mission Developing the Village GeoMap and Budgeting the village boundary

Tool 1.1: Village meeting to explain the FALUPAM process, to establish the village FLUMZ committee, and planning for the FALUPAM in the village.

Tool 1.2: Participatory development of Village GeoMap (base map)

Tool 1.3: Discussion, negotiations, field survey and delineation of the Village Boundary

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Village Mission: Assessment and mapping of current Land Use and Forest cover, gather ABDS data

Tool 2.1: Participatory generation of data/info on ABD, socio-economics and land use, claim and tenure.

Tool 2.2: Study, survey and mapping of current land use and forest cover.

##### Office work, and Meeting:

Office Tool 3: Data compilation and analysis (both ABD, SE and land and map data as generated by GIS).

Office Tool 4: Meeting between Districts and Villagers to review Steps 1 + 2, Plan Strategy for Step 3.

##### 3<sup>rd</sup> Village Mission: Zonation and Management Planning of Agriculture, Forestry and other Land

Tool 3.1: participatory development of improved forest and land use management plan for the village.

Tool 3.2: Assessment of indigenous Regulations, and development of new/improved Forest, Agriculture, Land and Natural Resources Management Regulations.

##### Monitoring and assessment of FLUMZ implementation, and revision if appropriate

Office Tool 5: Meeting between Districts and Villages on lessons learned re. FLUMZ implementation

Tool 4.1: Field Work to Monitor, Evaluate and Revise the FLUMZ plan.

Annexes: Annex 1: FALUPAM Land classes, Annex 2: Soil Survey and Assessment of Fertility

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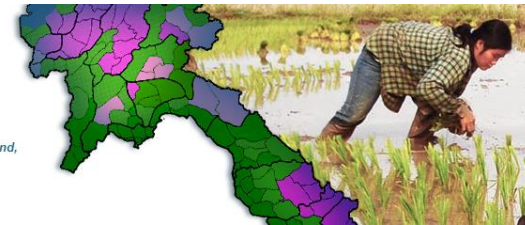


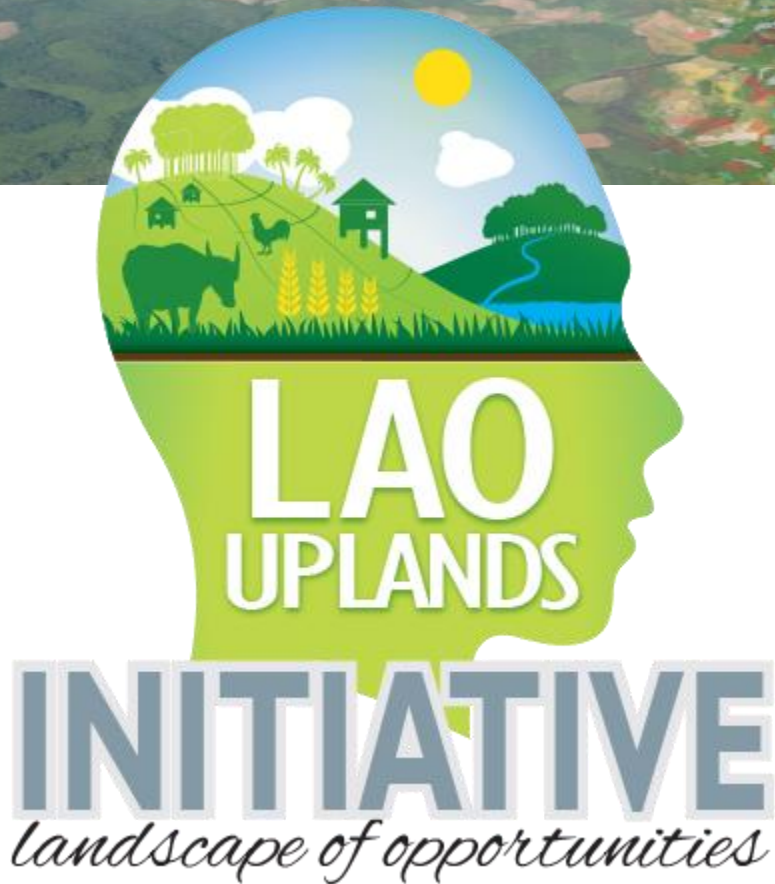
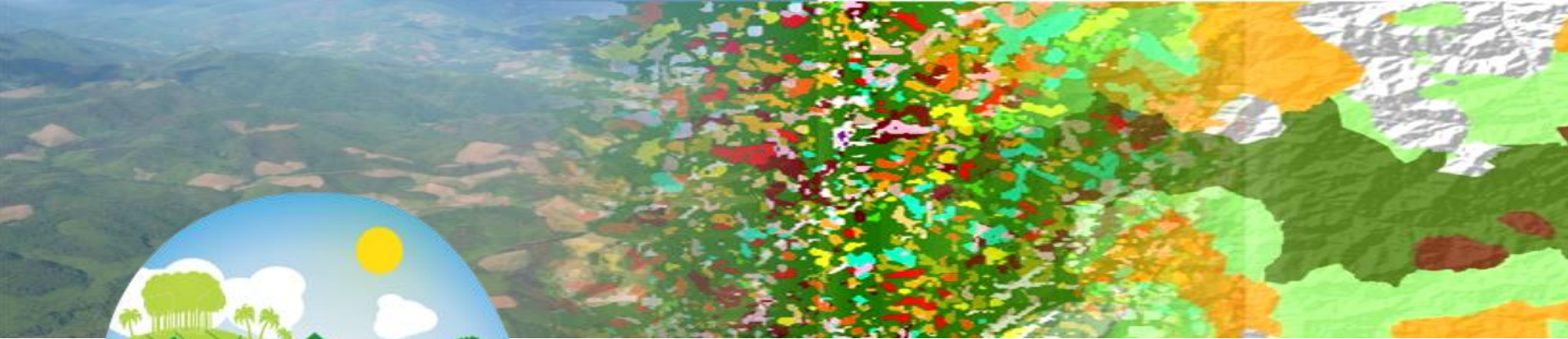
# Scaling-up to district, province and national Levels

- So far PLUP has been implemented in 186 villages of Houaphan Province with the support of different projects:
  - CliPAD 70 villages
  - TABI 34 villages
  - WCS 6 villages
  - GIZ 76 villages + GRET + EFICAS
- Capacity building of district extension agents with the support of all projects,
- Consolidation of village PLUP over large areas (Agrisud – GIZ – EFICAS 69 villages in Luang Prabang, Viengkham district),
- Land registration (EFICAS, GIZ),
- Contribution to the Land Policy and Land Law (Land Information Working Group)



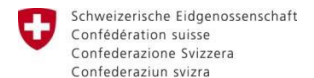
Working towards greater community control over land, forests and natural resources





Knowledge capitalization with  
all stakeholder groups  
<http://laouplands.org>

Lao Uplands Conference  
Luang Prabang – March 2018  
10 years action-research



Swiss Agency for Development  
and Cooperation SDC





Vice-Minister of MAF, French Ambassador, DALaM DG, AFD, CIRAD, Agrisud, Province, District, Village authorities



# Lessons learnt

- **Innovative intervention mechanisms** towards sustainable intensification
  - Engaging the whole village community
    - > landscape level management of agricultural innovations
  - Local ownership
    - > empowering village communities
  - Investing in facilitation skills development
    - > extension agents as communication facilitators, not expert prescriber



# Lessons learnt

- **Theory of Change:** an adaptive and continuous learning process towards collectively negotiated goals that requires
  - Time (5 to 10 years minimum)
  - Trust building
  - Strong initial support
- **Partnerships - networking** with a large range of stakeholders
  - Key role of private sector, service providers (seeds, machineries, etc.)
  - Collective management of demonstration sites (visits, cross-fertilization, etc.)



# Thank you for your attention...

