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Task force meeting of ALiSEA in Laos**

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## Brief Report of the national taskforce meeting of ALiSEA Laos,

held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### (1) Meeting Participants

There 18 participants attended to the meeting. Among them, there were only (4/16) respondents as taskforce organizations participated in the survey. Then only (4) were the actual respondents (GCDA, SAEDA, Armi, Panyanivej), there were 11 of 16 organizations are ALiSEA members. But the remaining all participants of the meeting also very actively participated in the discussion and want to be in the taskforce.

No	Name	Organization	Respondent in the survey	Respondent Organization in the survey	ALiSEA membership status	Confirmed to be in the taskforce in the survey	Email contact
1	Oudone Keomany	GCDA	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	k.oudone@gmail.com
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## **(2) Comments on Presentation of the external evaluation result**

- ***Thongdam – SAEDA***
  - Each proposal that submit to ALiSEA for small grants should be get clear comments for improve their proposal to get the grant because all the proposal that submit to ALiSEA, it takes the organization spend much time to collect data, write and edit. And if possible, ALiSEA allocated to the grants to Lao 8 grants per year.
- ***Amphone – Armi***
  - ALiSEA should have committee to advise how to improve the proposal to be successful.
  - Before open the grants, ALiSEA should have the organization that match the target of grants first for example you have 15 target organization that match with ALiSEA field, you should invite 15 organizations to training on writing proposal that in 15 you could grant 8 organizations.
- ***Noudsavanh - LIWG***
  - ALiSEA should allocated the small grant from \$200 to \$500 for university student to do the research.
- ***Khodsada – FOA***
  - Faculty of Agriculture: ALiSEA should allocate the grant into two categories such as a grant for member or partner, other grant for open to public.
- ***Manivanh- TABI:***
  - ALiSEA should have special grants for organize event/workshop for member.

## **(3) The comments from participants to presentation about internal and external communication (ALiSEA Online platform):**

- ***Sengdeuan - Samdhana.***

- All the online documents should have Lao language and ALiSEA should have reminder the members about the dissemination information always through 3 channels as YouTube, Facebook and website.
- ***Noudsavanh - LIWG:***
  - If ALiSEA would like to improve the communication, ALiSEA should have survey form especially about communication for example ALiSEA could use poll tool to do survey.
- ***Amphone - ARMI:***
  - ALiSEA have to review why we have set up the facebook for what object, what target group, then we find the solution why we didn't get many members to Like. ALiSEA might find the interest activities to post such as photos or video or research paper to post on Tholaking page and the topic name should be interesting. We should fine the topic of the news that catch up the national hot news issue and related to ALiSEA work (highlight topic).
  - For the photo contest or video contest, ALiSEA should dissemination the photo or video always on Facebook during competition because it will attract the public people and stakeholders interest and knows who has sent and how many Like in each photo/video.
  - The Lao Facebook should write the news into Lao language than follow up by English include the page name. The news to be post in the Facebook should be in a good content and not too long.
- ***Thongdam - SEADA:***
  - Sometime we should boost ALiSEA Facebook page to access more the target group, it's a choice for increase followers

### **The comments for presentation in the morning session:**

- SAEDA: Agroecology project in the past that funding by French has fail with the work in Lao because they use to present about using chemical fertilizer to kill the grass, it is ok for agroecology. That makes many stakeholders not happy about this project. Actually the Agroecology is one plan of Lao government to work on.
- SAEDA: ALiSEA should focus on dissemination information and young farmer develop project and be partner with more stakeholders closely.
- ARMI: ALiSEA should organize training to the yong farmer and farmer on how to SMART Phone VIDEO about agroecology in their local communities to post on the ALiSEA online channel.
- Faculty of Agriculture: ALiSEA should dissimation information about ALiSEA network to university and college.
- CODA: ALiSEA should organize the Environment day, World food day, etc...
- GCDA: ALiSEA should promote the member's strength and their expertise on ALiSEA website
- Thongmung farm: ALiSEA should organize ALiSEA fair in order to have farmer and other stakeholders to share their products and their work.
- ALiSEA should allocate 200\$ up for being small grants for university student to do research.
- Padetc : Young fashion designer from NTFP products and local textile.
- Seedling conservation fairs.

The participants have divide into three group to work on the 3 topic. Each group has to work on one topic which assign by ALiSEA team according to their expertise. The 3 topic has the result of discussion below:

❖ **Group 1: Governance of the network**

**1. *What is your role of ALiSEA network?***

- Participant, exchange and share the comments in the meeting, forum and study tour,
- Received small grant for case study, research on young in agriculture and course development
- Information/Case study/good practices contributor
- Online information connection
- Representative to present organization's successful case
- Networking between organization to others (different and same interesting and objectives)

**2. *ALiSEA challenges***

- Communication between ALiSEA team and members did not clear and regularly
- Some members are still confusing/not clear, what actually benefits they will get form the network
- Fund/small grants management for members, they also need more support
- Members side did not have enough information contribution to ALiSEA, should be regular communication
- Small grants are large/opening, should have specific target group
- Directly communication between ALiSEA and members

- Communication tool is limited, email could not be best for disseminate the news or information to members, some time we should increase communication tool such as: WhatsApp group, etc.
- Communicate in Local language (mostly is English) almost members are lao, it's better to use both lao and English
- Proposal writing progress should support by ALiSEA, (Training, consultation and follow up)

### ***3. Improving and suggestions***

- Should focus more in collaborate to NPA
- ALiSEA must have members' organization need assessment in capacity building before submit small grant proposal
- Should divide small grant into 2 part as: partnership grant and general grant (Supporting, following and consulting in proposal writing by professional)
- Conduct regular meeting between members (As less 3 moths or 6 moths a time)
- Select members to be steering committee to help ALiSEA team for consultation and members can feel more ownership of the network)
- Network should have initiation project about agricultural and environmental for support relevant to ALiSEA vision
- Clear participatory concept notes, action plan, create member profiles in both language (lao and English), increase more information in lao language via social media channel

## **❖ Group 2: Internal and External communications**

### ***1. Internal communication***

- Create the whatapps group within the members through ALiSEA as admin.

- Activities update through whatapps within members
- Organize six-month meeting within members and have the ALiSEA fair.
- Organize the meeting through social media such as messenger, WhatsApp's or live video.
- The members should press Like and following and share page of ALiSEA by reminding every month.
- The information posting should be in Laos.
- Should follow up the sending out information by calling out to the member and stakeholders.

## ***2. External communication:***

- We should the university representative to attend the meeting\airs and support the small grants in order to dissemination information and join the university events that related to ALiSEA theme.
- The farmer organization: corporation with local authority to dissemination of the video, photo and information.
- Government: when government organize the meeting with CSOs, we could present about ALiSEA through steering committee. And they also have to work with District technical to dissemination about ALiSEA work and member work to local communities. When we have event or fair, we should invite the government stakeholders such as Ministry of Health, hospital, nutrition, local clinic, ect.
- Private sector: we should work with private sector on agriculture and agroecology field on dissemination the information that we got from members.
- Create brochure, calendar, support the small fund for radio or TV to promote about agroecology.
- ALiSEA and members have to work with Buddhist partner to promote agroecology.



### **3. Group 3: Ways forward for ALiSEA network**

- Maintaining existing member:
  - Regularly communication among active members (6 month special occasion)
  - Capacity building for active members (open opportunities on technical and financial support local and international level in lesson and experience exchange through study tour/ field visit (to promote ALiSEA and members)
- Expanding and building network:
  - Create communication channels through mess media (CSO, FB, Official website, etc.)
  - ALiSEA fair and special events (Education fair...)
- Small grant:
  - Reserve and promote indigenous seed
  - Reserve and promote traditional herbal medicine
  - Research and analyze various topics
  - Photos and sort film contest
  - Young fashion designer (Handicraft products), natural dye, bamboo, rattan...

**For the topic of group 3 as a Ways forward for ALiSEA network. The participants from different organization are very active on sharing their comments while they were on World café as the detail below, for the conclusion of topic 3 are above:**

**The comment from group 2 on topic 3:**

- Organize event/workshop for sharing knowledge and experience between members from different stakeholders such as farmer organization, government, university, etc.

- ARMI: ALiSEA should be middle person to bring the members to meet the donors and access to other funding sources by advice the local organization how to improve their proposal.
- HJA: should have external M&E.
- All participants would like the ALiSEA to use the peer to peer approach within members to strength the organizations. And organize organization's need assessment.
- **The comment from group 1 on topic 3:**
- Create the communication tools and manual in Lao language.
- HJA and ARMI: should have small grant for doing research for 1 year in order to get the best practice.
- Research funding for university student research through members.
- TABI: Organize the workshop\event for sharing knowledge between young farmers and adult farmers in order to get the best practice.
- Create the activities that synergize with the government partner's plan.
- Should have steering committee of ALiSEA because they could negotiate with policy maker and government stakeholders.

### **Conclusion for taskforce meeting:**

All the participants are active on sharing their idea and initiative activities for ALiSEA. They also suggest ALiSEA to continue working and support the network to be more strength in organization management, proposal writing and access to the other donors. They suggest that ALiSEA should have steering committee that could work or negotiate with government partner as policy maker when they have some research\case study. The most common comment are ALiSEA should continue work or support the youth in agriculture and youth in university; ALiSEA should promote and

advertise the members' expertise through the website/ Facebook regularly and propose them to the big donor.

Some photos taken:









