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SDC's Support to Gender: Activities and Challenges

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SDC's GEED activities

- 1) GEED charter; Gender standard clause
- 2) Gender Action Plan 2013-2017
- 3) Policy message for SDC position
- 4) Workforce survey and affirmative action increase female ethnic staff
- 5) GEED workshops and steering meetings
- 6) MERV
- 7) Annual report
- 8) MbO with all staff who are responsible for GEED
- 9) Gender baseline surveys, midterm review and impact studies in many projects
- 10) SDC's support to Agriculture Census 2011

Gender Baseline Assessment in Lao Upland Rural Advisory Service (LURAS) project

Objective: - Service coverage on agriculture extension
- Data will be used as a base line information

Methods: - Interview with agricultural extension staff in two districts
- Interview with female and male farmers in six villages

Key data: - Profile of villages and farming system
- Service received and satisfaction levels
- Sex-disaggregated data in different types of agriculture extension services

Utility: - Gender raise awareness among stakeholders
- Targeting more services to female farmers/female head of households
- Project monitoring and impact evaluation.

Key Findings

	Women/FHH		Men/MHH	
	N	%	N	%
Number of extension staff	4	15	24	85
No agricultural land	7	38.6	24	13.6
Participation in vaccination training	2	10.5	73	41.4
Access to any types of extension	6	31.5	82	46.6
Number and percent of HH which has more than 40 chicken	1	5.3	21	12.2
Number and percent of HHH who know about the extension place	4	21.1	45	25.6
ICT access (at least one type of tools)	6	31.6	82	44.6
Note: Out of 19 Female Headed Households (FHH) and 176 Male headed household (MHH)				



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Key challenges and recommendations

- More male than female farmers have accessed to different types of agriculture extension service.
- Lack of sex disaggregated data in many farming activities (no record).
- Low gender awareness among key project partners.
- Lack of gender knowledge and analysis skill among staff (highly depended on consultants).
- Need to improve the capacity of project partners to collect data and do more gender analysis for future extension activities.
- Need to enhance the project monitoring system from gender perspectives.

Thank you for your attention