



How Rural Advisory Services can increase the voice of farmers in agriculture value chains & policy discussions related to agriculture

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Background



➤ Established in 2014 from farmer's conference backed in 2012-13

➤ The network has 92 farmer organizations with over 30,000 farmers (59 groups in 2020)

➤ The objective of the network is to improve cooperation among small holder farmers to:



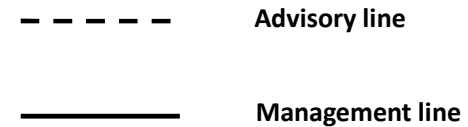
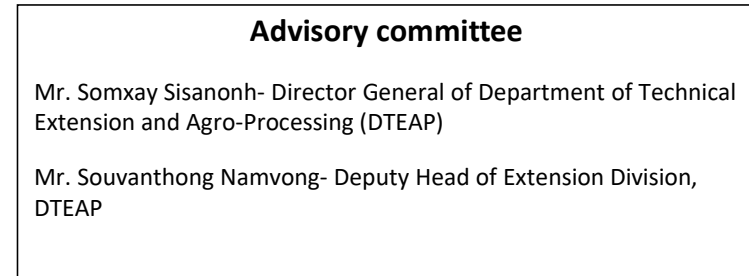
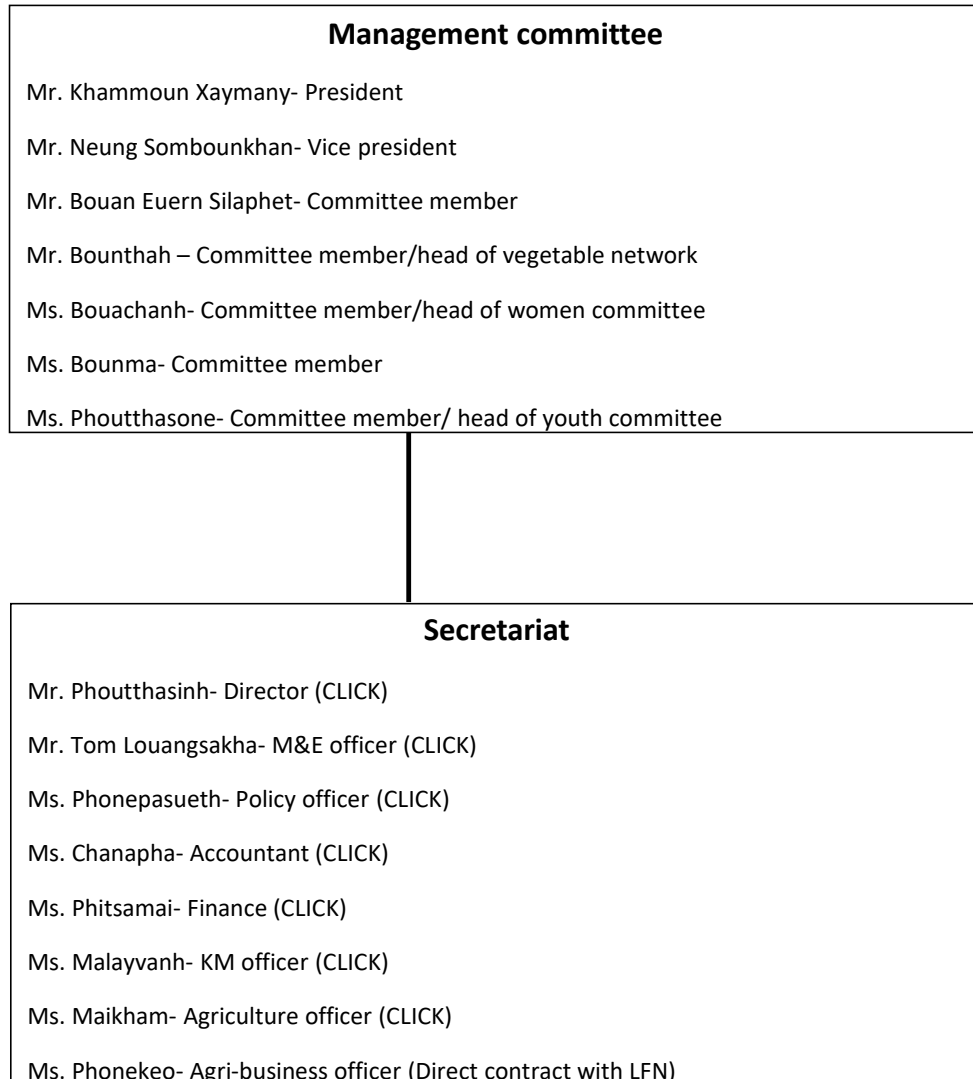
1. Strengthening organization

2. Promote sustainable agriculture (including climate resilience)

3. Generate more incomes through agri-business development

4. Influence policies

Governance of LFN



Services on farmer organization

- Capacity assessment and strategic planning at FO level
- FO profiling
- Commodity network set up
- Use of mobile phone and social media
- Basic financial management
- Leadership development

Services on sustainable production

- Participatory action research by expert farmers
- Farmer to farmer learning
- Directory of farmer experts
- Videos shared on social medias on agriculture production and processing

Economic services to priority groups

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- Business planning (Eg. ARISE sub-grant agreement, LFN economic analysis tool)
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Economic services to influence policies

- Capture farmer's voice
- Share farmer's voice on social media
- Participate technical working groups
- Organize policy dialogues at local and national levels. For example:
 1. Farmer indebtedness
 2. Impact of pesticides
 3. Agriculture cooperative
 4. Youth in agriculture
 5. Impact of COVID19

Youth in agri-business scheme in Laos



ເຄືອຂ່າຍຊາວກະສິກອນລາວ
Lao Farmer Network

ໂຄງການ ການເຮັດທຸລະກິດກະສິກໍາແບບໃໝ່ທີ່ເປັນມິດຕໍ່ສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມ

ເຄືອຂ່າຍຊາວກະສິກອນລາວເປັນອົງກອນຈັດຕັ້ງຊາວກະສິກອນ ຂໍເຊີນຊວນໄວໜຸ່ມທີ່ຕ້ອງການຮຽນຮູ້ການຂຽນແຜນທຸລະກິດກະສິກໍາ, ຢາກຜະລິດກະສິກໍາ ແລະ ປັບປຸງການຜະລິດກະສິກໍາຂອງຕົນເອງ ເພື່ອສ້າງລາຍຮັບ ແລະ ທຸລະກິດຂອງຕົນເອງ, ຜູ້ທີ່ສົນໃຈໃຫ້ສະໝັກເຂົ້າຮ່ວມກິດຈະກຳນີ້ເປັນອັນດີຕໍ່ຕົນເອງ:

ເງື່ອນໄຂຜູ້ສະໝັກ:

- ອາຍຸແຕ່ 15-28 ປີ.
- ເປັນສະມາຊິກເຄືອຂ່າຍຊາວກະສິກອນລາວທີ່ອາໄສຢູ່ແຂວງຂອງຕົນ.
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ການປູກຝັງລ້ຽງສັດ, ການແປຮູບ ແລະ ອື່ນໆກ່ຽວກັບກະສິກໍາ ທີ່ເປັນແນວຄິດໃໝ່, ເຕັກນິກໃໝ່ ຫຼື ວິທີການໃໝ່ ທີ່ເປັນມິດຕໍ່ສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມ.

ສາມາດຍົນໃບສະໝັກ (ໂດຍບໍ່ເສຍຄ່າໃຊ້ຈ່າຍ)
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- ສະໝັກໂດຍການປະກອບແບບຟອມອອນລາຍໄດ້ທີ່ <https://www.surveymonkey.com/t/agreelfn>
- ຕາວໂທດແບບຟອມສະໝັກ ແລະ ພິມອອກໄດ້ທີ່ <https://bit.ly/3x8T9bd> ເພື່ອຕິດຕໍ່ຂໍບຸກລາຍລະອຽດການສະໝັກຂໍທິດໃນການເຮັດທຸລະກິດກະສິກໍາແລ້ວ ຈຳນວນສົ່ງໃຫ້ທາງວັອດເອັບ.
- ພິເສດ: ສຳລັບຜູ້ທີ່ບໍ່ສະດວກ ໃນການພິມເອກະສານແມ່ນສາມາດຂຽນຕາມອ່າງແບບຟອມສະໝັກດ້ານລຸ່ມນີ້ໄວ້ເຈ້ຍຂອງຕົນເອງ ເພື່ອສະໝັກຂໍທິດເຂົ້າໃນການເຮັດທຸລະກິດກະສິກໍາ, ແລ້ວຈຳນວນສົ່ງໃຫ້ທາງວັອດເອັບ.

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- Support up to 1,000\$ per business plan (grant)
- Process: submit application (2 pages)
- Selected applicants will be trained to develop detail business plan and be trained on related production/processing topics.

Asparagus project



Native chicken production



Jasmine rice project



Bitter quash project



Jhai Coffee Cooperative: Green Bean processing and marketing project

1,000 beneficiaries (273 women, 349 youth) from March to July 2021



Jaeng Agriculture Cooperative: Rice project

69 Beneficiaries (19 women, 28 youth) from April to June 2021



Nongxong vegetable group: Spring onion seed project

100 beneficiaries from April to August 2021



Dongkha pig production group



Seed project with Oxfam



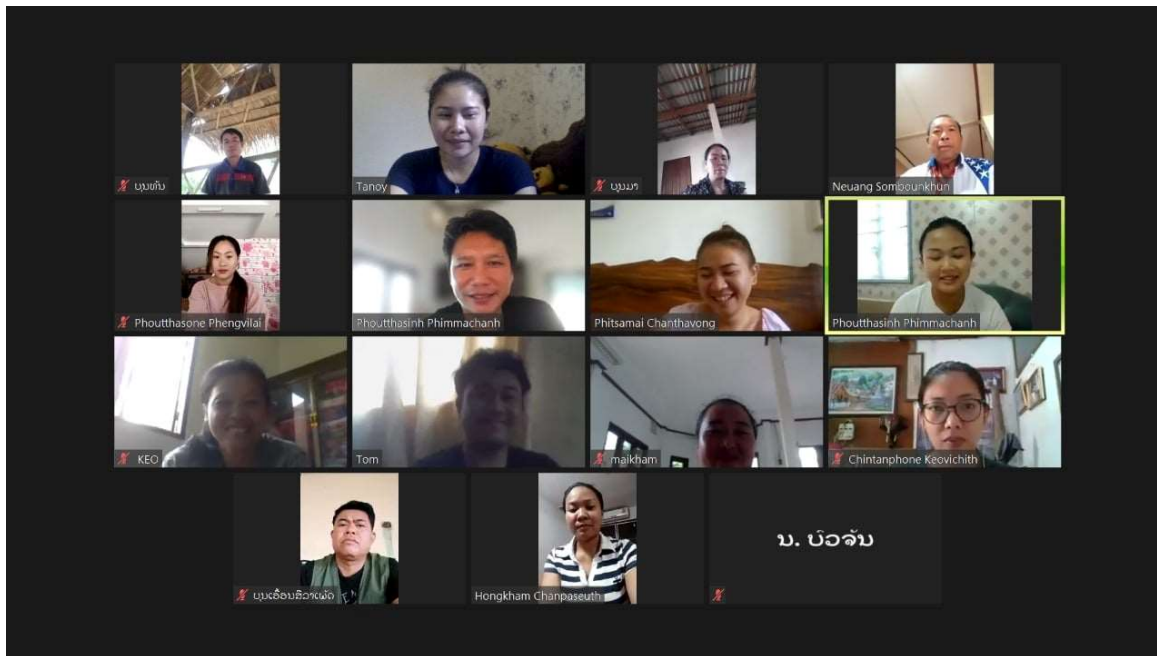
FAW army worm research project



We are watching campaign



Organizational management



4 management meetings conducted



2 steering committee meeting conducted

Strength and weakness

- Powerful and recognized voice of farmers
- Simple extension services by farmer experts
- Private sectors want to work with
- Financial sustainability to operate the network and to provide services to members
- Not yet official registered
- Have limited financial services to members

Ways forward

- Continue to expand members with a strategy to set up through commodity network
- Register the network once the Government have a framework
- Continue economic services to members based on market access
- Focus policy work on impact of COVID19 (transport cost) and policies in regard to commercial agriculture development (access to low interest credit)