

Grassroots Capacity Building for REDD+ in Asia

Brief overview of key achievements



Goal of the Capacity Building for REDD+ in Asia project



“Grassroots stakeholders in Asia are enabled to effectively contribute to the REDD+ planning and policy process, communicate their perspective to policy makers, and thus are well positioned to potentially benefit from REDD+ for local socio-economic development”

An overview of the project

- ✓ **Phase I: August 2009 to July 2010**
2.7 million NOK (0.5 million USD)
Indonesia, Lao PDR, Nepal
- ✓ **Phase II: August 2010 to July 2013**
10.5 million NOK (1.8 million USD)
Indonesia, Lao PDR, Nepal and Vietnam
- **Phase III: January 2013 to December 2015**
15.07 million NOK (2.7 million USD)
Implementation ongoing in Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Nepal and Vietnam

In partnership with 15 local organizations



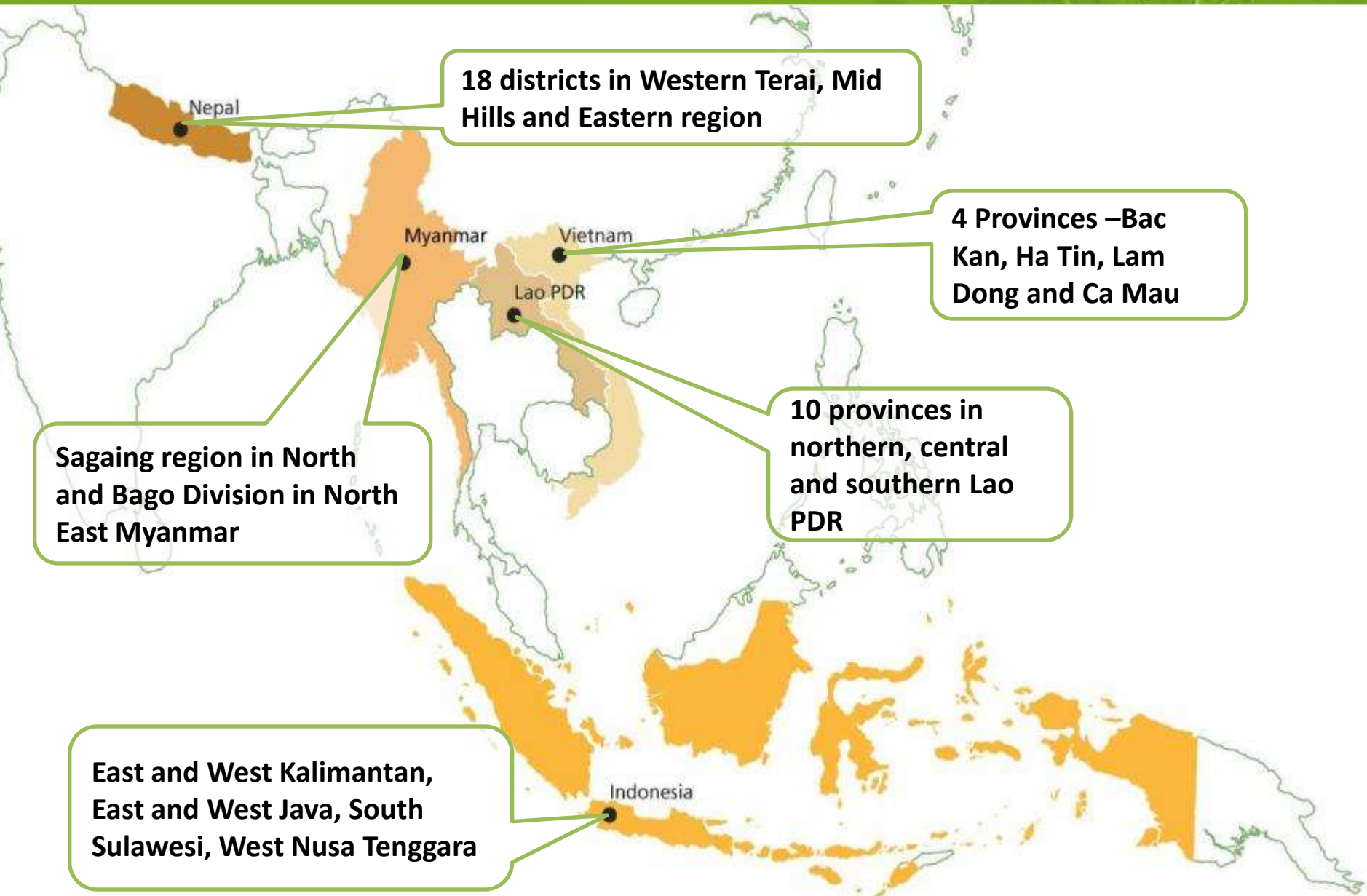
Outcomes for Phase III

Outcome 1: Policy makers and other key stakeholders are aware of concerns and aspiration of grassroots stakeholders with regards to REDD+ and climate change and in the context of sustainable forest management in the project countries.

Outcome 2: Grassroots stakeholders use new knowledge on REDD+ and associated social safeguards and adapt it in the context of sustainable forest management in the project countries.



Project locations

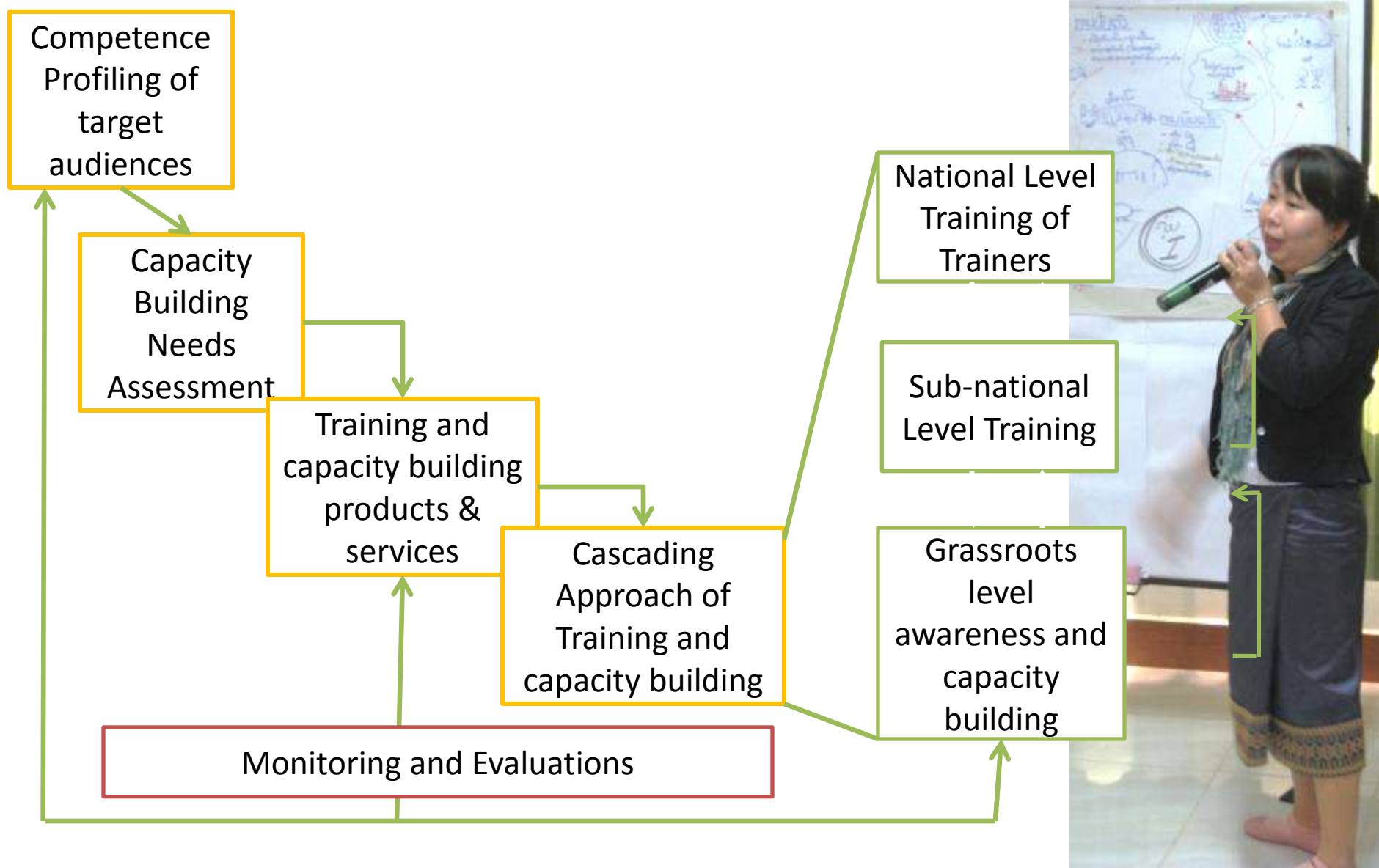


Who are the grassroots stakeholders?

- Forest dependent households
- Local communities and indigenous peoples
- Women, youth, children and other ethnic minority groups
- Community based organizations
- Community forest user groups
- Local forest managers
- Government and forestry officials
- NGOs, civil society groups and local journalists



Capacity Development Approach



REDD+ capacity development activities

- 5 countries, 18 partner organizations
- Cascade model of capacity development
- Created a cadre of ~800 trainers at national and sub-national level
- >700 capacity development events raising awareness among ~40,000 grassroots stakeholders
- ~40% of these are women stakeholders
- Local journalists, school teachers, religious leaders and school students among target stakeholders



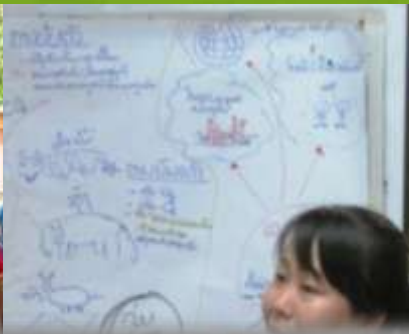
REDD+ Capacity Building Materials



Outreach of REDD+ capacity development products

- Almost 5,000 downloads of various training products from the project website, besides distribution of more than 10,000 printed copies
- Some of most downloaded publications
 - FPIC Guidebook – 1,000+
 - FPIC Training Manual – ~1,000
 - Climate Change, Forests, and You Q&A – 700+
 - REDD+ ToT Manual – 700+
 - Gender and REDD+ Q&A booklet – ~500
 - FPIC in REDD+ Q&A booklet - ~300
- Grassroots project's products are also being used by other organizations
 - *We really appreciated being able to build upon some of the RECOFTC Grassroots Capacity Building for REDD+ training material and distributing the REDD+ Q&A leaflet in the Lao language. It was highly appreciated by the Lao participants* - Peter Stephen Forest Management and Climate Change Advisor, USAID - LEAF Program
 - *When preparing [for] the training, our team came across your website and the REDD+ ToT Manual for Community level facilitators in Nepal. Very useful manual! Would it be possible to engage you somehow to our training?*- Katri Kallio Koski, Programme Analyst (UNDP, Energy & Environment), Zambia

Capacity development methods and tools





Street play to simulate forest fires and its impacts, in Nepal.

A graduate from a sub-national level training of trainer program delivering grassroots level training program in the district of Nawalparasi, in Nepal.



Participatory learning about the impacts of climate change during a national level training of trainers program, in Lao PDR.





Engaging trained youth to organize grassroots level dialogues on climate change issues and the role of the forests, Lao PDR.



Using culturally accepted tools, such as puppet shows, to raise awareness among students on climate change and its relationship with forests in Viengthong District, Houaphan Province, Lao PDR.



Reflection and Project Planning Workshop, Hatinh Province, Vietnam



Villager member of Son Tho commune, Ha Tinh province was discussing about impacts of Climate Change and the roles of forests in addressing to Climate Change, Grassroots level, training, Vietnam



Participatory learning among women preachers on local level impacts of climate change in Curang Nongko, Sanenrejo and Andongrejo Village, East Java, Indonesia

Awareness raising on climate change and role of forests through Recital Kubro activity - a socio-cultural media containing religious readings in Indonesia





Story telling by Community ToT Trainees_Hlan Hlaing Hla_Myanmar



Using PRA tool - Wealth Ranking – for analyzing and build a better understanding about community condition , Pein Nei Kone, Myanmar

Testimonials of Impact

The project has made substantial efforts to address gender mainstreaming by integrating women and women's groups into awareness building events and training courses.

***The End Term Review of
Grassroots REDD+ project***



Partnership engagement

“Through partnership under the grassroots project, HIMAWANTI was benefited a lot, as it helped us to enrich our institutional capacity on REDD+ and climate change and empowered knowledge of our facilitators: *Rama Paudel, a Grassroots Facilitator of HIMWANTI in Sarlahi, Nepal*

**YAKOBI has learned and benefited institutionally through partnership with RECOFTC, as a professional organization. Our capacity building and project administration skills have improved substantially and this has opened up ways for us in future too-
*Representative of YAKOBI, Indonesia.***

Training approach and tools



The cascading approach seems to be the new trend for implementing projects, successfully involving the multiple stakeholders in capacity building. This approach is now being reproduced by other organizations as it seems to work well”, *FECOFUN, focal person for REDD+, Nepal.*

Training approach and tools

Youth have been trained to make films. They are then sent to gather information on the effects of Climate Change and responses of communities to those effects and film them. The films are screened national television stations in Lao PDR -
Representative of PADETC, Lao PDR



Capacity Development



“RECOFTC’s REDD+ training has been instrumental for me to establish myself as a resource person in the field of climate change and REDD+ in the country - *Mr. Bhola Khatiwoda, Chairperson of COFSUN, Nepal*

I was shy and did not like standing in front of people but I built up my confidence and started communicating well as the resource persons after returning from the ToT. I was fully involved in this campaign for ten local training events - *Ms. Puja B.K, local facilitators, Nepal*

Capacity Development

Trained women have reported that climate change and REDD+ training is important for them as it gives them a better position in their family and society, and they feel more confidence in participating in the climate change and REDD+ discussion at local level- Statement from a village community in Lao PDR

For me, the project gave me change to develop my capacity not only as a trainer but also in developing a series of training program related to REDD+: Ms. Kusdamayanti, Senior Trainer from CFET

Real life/behaviour changes

Result of End Term Review found there are different degrees of behavioural change. People are trying to put into practice some of these ideas;

- stop cutting so many trees / keep the big trees or only cut them wisely**
- planting more trees to help store more carbon dioxide**
- try to be more careful when handling with fire**
- woman give advice to their husbands to use more green and safe energy**
- using fuel efficient devices to reduce consumption of fuel wood**
- using agriculture waste, such as corn cobs and rice straw instead of fuel wood for baking bricks**

Real life/behaviour changes

More trees have been planted and less illegal cutting occurs now, since more people are aware of climate change issues. Women still discuss about climate change, while they walk to forest (outside of the preacher's meetings) - a group of women's preachers from Andorejo village, East Java, Indonesia





Thank you

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