

Lao CSOs' Experiences Implementing Agroecology in Laos

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Presentation Outlines

1. History of SAF/SAEDA involvement in SA/AE/OA in Laos
2. AE practices and approaches used by CSOs
3. Networking among CSOs in National and Regionally



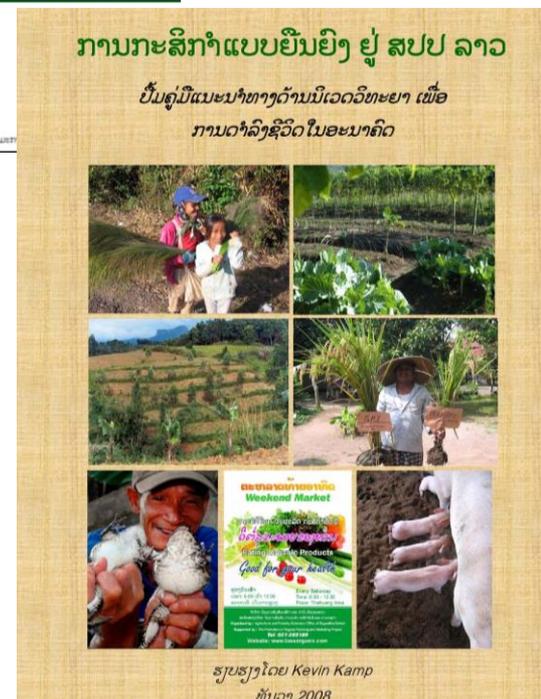
History of SAF/SAEDA involvement in SA/AE/OA in Laos

- Sustainable Agriculture Forum (SAF) in 1991 (under CUSO), there were 25 INGO members in Laos
- Sustainable Agriculture and Environment Development Association in 2007
 - ✓ Envision a future for **Lao communities** with sustainable improved livelihood in **food security and nutrition**, based on environmentally sound agricultural development.
 - ✓ Focusing 4 main areas:
 - Sustainable Agriculture: Organic agriculture, agroecology, local seed conservation, responsible agriculture investments.
 - Environment Conservation: Pesticides risk reduction, natural resources management/DRR, CCA, NTFP and Land in agriculture.
 - Farmer Organizations: Groups, associations, cooperatives and networks
 - Food safety: food, water, consumer education and protection.



Types of Agriculture Involving Since 1991

- Sustainable agriculture
- Alternative agriculture/IPM
- Natural agriculture
- Non-chemical agriculture
- Integrated farming
- Agro-Forestry
- Inter-crop agriculture
- Cycle agriculture
- Diversity agriculture
- Conventional agriculture
- Conservation agriculture
- Climate Smart Agriculture
- Organic Agriculture (OA standard)
- Good Agriculture Practices (GAP Standard)
- * Mono-Agriculture



Sustainable Agriculture Principles since 1999-2006

Social-Culture

Natural resources

Health

**Food security and
Incomes**

**Independent and
Fair**

Family farming

**Reduce outputs and
use local resources**

**Good system and
Cycle**

Soil Improving

**Integrated/
diversity**

**Local seeds
Improving**

Sustainable Agriculture Values

Items	Value Results
Organic Agriculture Products	
Better Nutrition & Food Security	
Production Increase/Income/Economic	
Better Human Health	
Better Sustainable Livelihoods	
Better Environment/Agro-biodiversity conservation	
Farmer Organizations and Networks	
Better Natural Resource Management	
GOs policy and Strategy support	
Better Quality of foods & water	
Social, culture/traditional	
FOs & Consumers Network & Information	
Pesticide Control and Reduction	
Sustainable Institutional Organization	



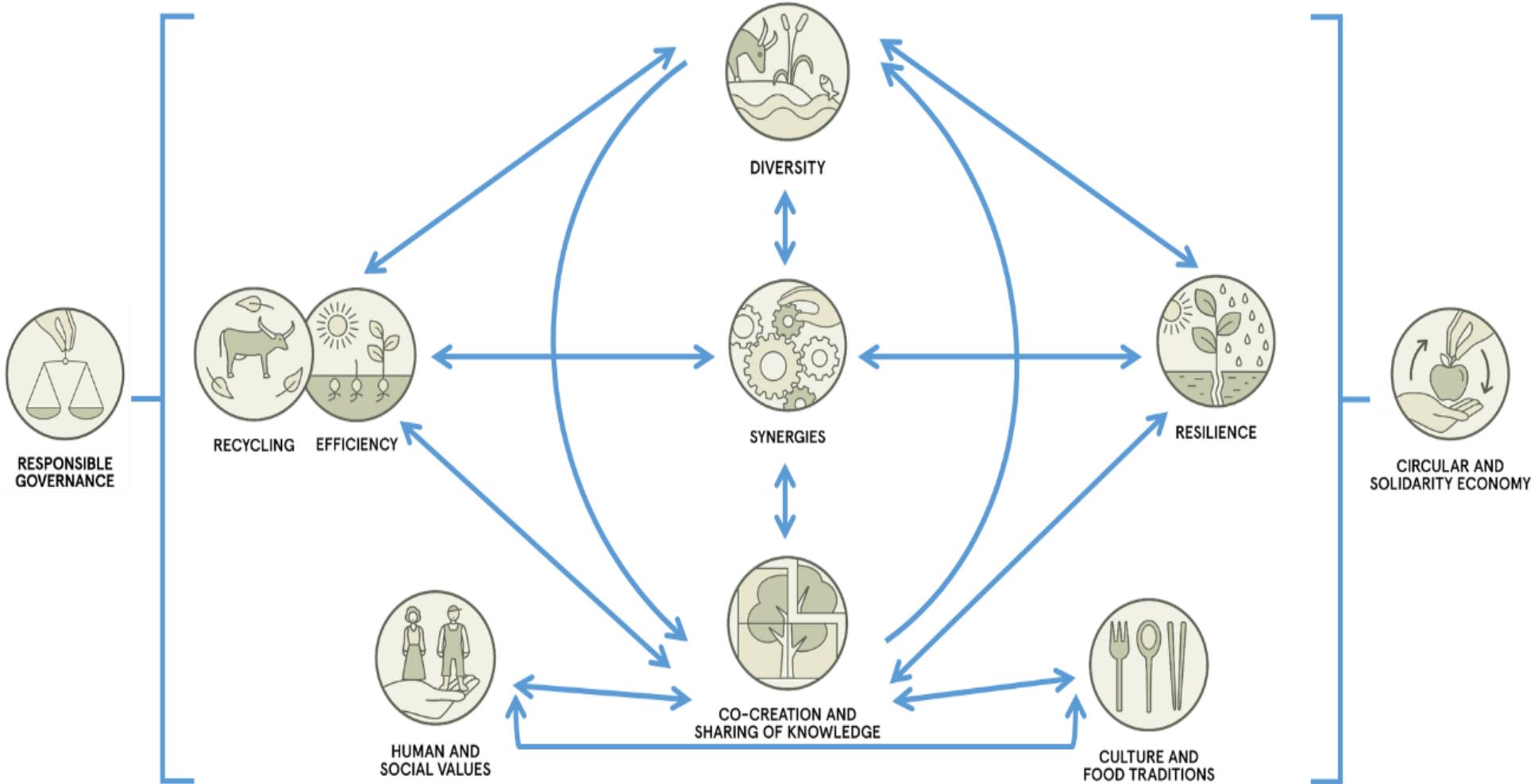
IEC tools/Information

- Advertising: TV, radio, newspaper, ICT...
- Tools: VDO, Posters, brochure, handouts...
- Campaign impact of pesticides and agriculture good practices...
- Survey ideas/needs/recommendations...
- Field visit...
- Exhibition/Market fair...
- Exchange/report/training.



AE practices and approaches used by CSOs

THE 10 ELEMENTS OF AGROECOLOGY



Some Factors of Successful

1. Strong supports from Governments (Strategy/policy) in national and local levels.
2. Develop appropriate technical through the local contexts.
3. Setting up organic market space and capacity to farmers about marketing (from produce to market/consumers).
4. Building model farmers, farmers to farmers extension and learning.
5. Support to setting farmer organizations (groups, association, cooperatives and networks) and self management (ownership, independence & decision).
6. Capacity building to local government offices to service, advise, certifies, marketing and others values.
7. Linking, networking, advertising/promoting and social support/buyers.
8. Participatory approaches of all processes and all levels (multi-stakeholders of government offices, CSOs/NGOs, PPP & CBOs)
9. Long-term support and continuing (more than 6 years' period).



Lao CSOs currently involve in AE in National and Regional

1. SWG-ARD
2. Members of Lao CSOs Sector Working Group on Forestry Agriculture and Rural Development (CSWG-FARD)
3. ALiSEA Network (Members)
4. Lao Farmer Network (LFN)
5. Focal Group on Responsible Agriculture Investment (FG-RA)
6. Land Issue Working Group (LIWG)
7. SUN-CSA
8. TARASA
9. FAO platforms -Agroecology and Family Farming



Lao CSOs Sector Working Group on Agriculture and Rural Development (CSWG-FARD) implementing AE activities in recent years

#	Organizations	Name
1	Sustainable Agriculture and Environment Development Association	SAEDA
2	Association to Support the Development of Peasant Societies	ASDSP
3	Clean Agriculture Development and Food Processing Association	CADPA
4	Community Association for Mobilizing Knowledge in Development	CAMKID
5	Community Development and Environment Association	CDEA
6	Friends of PhaTadKe Association	FPTK
7	Promote Sustainable Use of Natural Resource Association	PSNUA
8	Sustainable Development Association in Luang Prabang Province	SDA
9	Wildlife Conservation Association	WCA
10	Maeying Houamjai Patthana	MHP
11	Community Association for Salvation and Environment	CASE
12	Environment Conservation and Community Development Association	ECCDA
13	Green Community Development Association	CGDA
14	Lao Development of Human Resource in Rural Association	LaoDHRRA
15	Rural Development and Sustainable Agriculture	RDSA
16	Association for Rural Mobilization and Improvement	ARMI





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