

# Realistic and Applicable Social Safeguard for REDD+ project

Case Study of Participatory Land and Forest Management Project for Reducing Deforestation (PAREDD), Lao PDR

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## Social Safeguard of PAREDD – Participation

PAREDD take a consideration for fully and effective participation of relevant stakeholders, in particular local communities during planning, implementation and monitoring stage.

### Example: Land Use Zoning

#### Group Discussion for gender and ethnic

- Sketch Mapping on land and forest
- Problem Analysis over forest and forest resource



#### Participatory Zoning

- Establish Village committee for land zoning
- Transect walk with GPS
- Village consultation for approval



#### Official Approval

- District governor and local community make an agreement for land use zoning.



Facilitate consultation and agreement for each steps

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## Social Safeguard of PAREDD – Pro-Poor REDD+

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- Agricultural land expansion is one of the main causes of deforestation and forest degradation in the target villages .
- PAREDD provides technical and financial support for alternative livelihood options to reduce the pressure to the forest area. (i.e. livestock raising, paddy field expansion, food processing, fruit tree plantation, etc.)
- Decisions on participant selection and activities made by the local community.



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## Social Safeguard of PAREDD – Awareness raising for FPIC

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- As part of FPIC process, PAREDD provides a series of training and workshop on awareness building of climate change and REDD+ for both local government counterparts and local communities with technical support from RECOFTC.
- Visual material for awareness building for villagers is also prepared.



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## Lessons Learnt from PAREDD

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- Local participation in the decision making process is essential for successful forest management and REDD+.
- Principles of REDD+ can be understood only along with the reality of local community. We have to look for more simple and realistic ways of explanation with visual materials.
- The project needs further research on the efficiency of selected activities for land use change and selects appropriate and effective project activities to meet both local priority and REDD+.
- The project has to give a right of rejection (or re-negotiation) to community not only at “prior” stage but rather at implementation stage.