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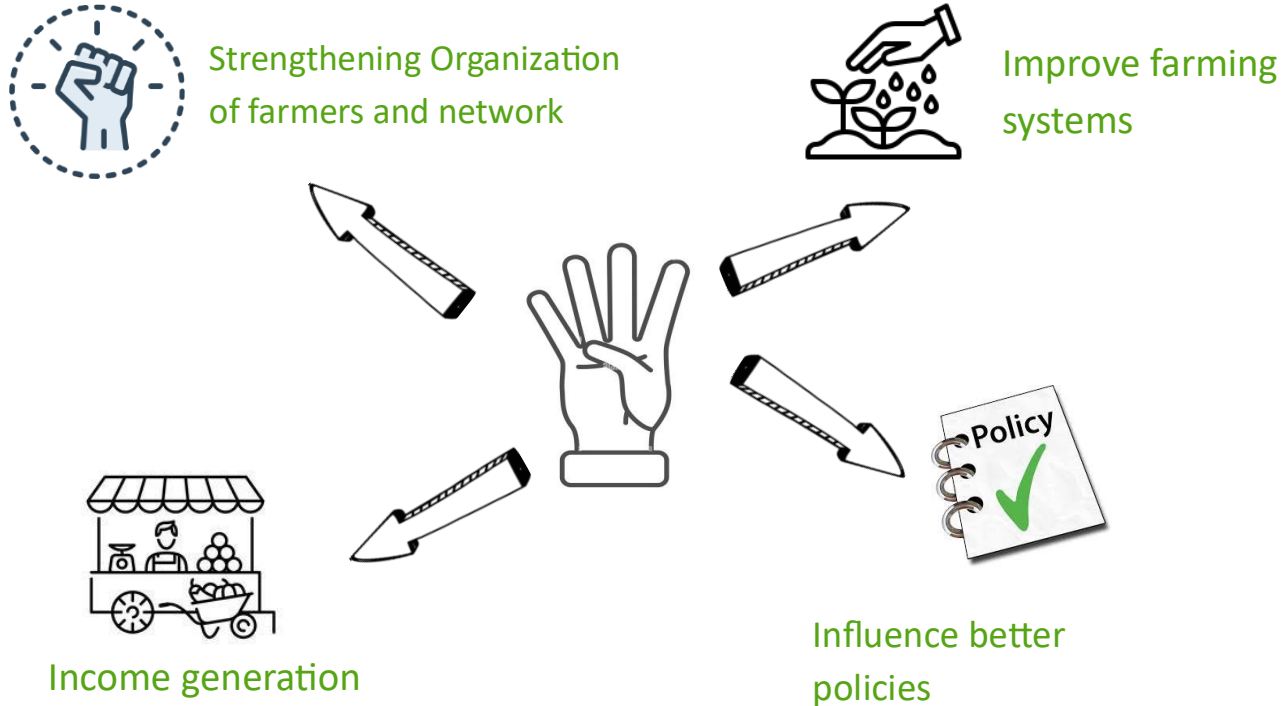
What work and what not- Experience of LFA

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What Lao Farmer Association does?



LFA is a member of ALiSEA (Agro-ecology learning alliance in South East Asia)



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Lao farmer network (LFN)

Network

The Lao Farmers Network is a network of farmer organizations of 31 farmer organizations from 10 provinces. The network has more than 4000 me... [Read More](#)

Keywords

Fair trade markets, Farmer Organisation, Farmer to farmer learning, Improving farming techniques, Information sharing, Marketing, Networking, Organizational strengthening, Policy dialogues, Promote production and processing of farm products

Operating Countries

Laos

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Lee 7 farm

Private sector/ Social Enterprise

Lee 7 farm is a working farm where 7 brothers Growing organic vegetable and Rice to feed the family, learn a... [Read More](#)

Keywords

Demonstration farm, Organic agriculture

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LP Green Organic Farm

Private sector/ Social Enterprise


Green Organic is located 40 Km from Luang Prabang, Laos, a world heritage site. It is located in a perfect location, beside NumPa River, wit... [Read More](#)

Capitalization of local knowledge



Understand, promote and improve local knowledge is important

Co-creation process of capitalization of local knowledge



A consultation workshop with ALISEA members (Farmers, researchers, academia, Government officers, CSOs, private sectors) to select cases

Documentation of cases
(farmer expert, local officer,
media officer)

Finalization of cases (with
technical support from
ASSET partners)

Participatory Action Research



PAR is a good approach, not only as developing new technology but it is a learning process.

LFA supports members to conduct AE systems such as: Labor saving rice system, integrated shade house (duck and vegetable), eco-frog, intercropping system, agro-forestry, etc.

Co-creation process of PAR



- Farmers analyze problems and select topics for researches
- Farmers develop research frameworks (objectives, tools, program)
- Farmers implement and monitor
- Farmers assess result of research
- Farmer utilize research findings



- Supporters facilitate analytical workshops
- Supporters facilitate planning workshop/ train farmers on data collection/research techniques
- Supporters coach the farmers
- Supporters facilitate analytical workshops
- Supporter help to disseminate findings, develop projects, mobilize resources, etc.



POLICY ENGAGEMENT

National and regional platforms:
SSWGAE, ASEAN guideline on AE



What works



- Capitalization need a balance view between science and local knowledge
- PAR works when it responds to problems of the farmers
- Policy influence works when farmers engage in a long term mechanism with strategic positioning

and what not



- Take a side between local and scientific knowledge
- PAR doesn't work when it responds to the interest of supporter not the farmers
- Policy influence doesn't work when farmers just attend random events

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