PROMOTING GENDER IN AQUACULTURE & FISHERIES IN LAO PDR

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GENERAL INFORMATION

• LAO PDR highly recommend in:
  • Promoting equality between women and men
  • To have a gender balance at the higher Levels of decision making positions in every sector including Fisheries
INTRODUCTION

• LAO PDR is a country whose culture compares women to those of the hind legs of an elephant

• Especially women in fishing communities, who have the least chance and opportunities to learn new skills and knowledge

• They should benefit from meetings, training, practice and learning by doing
INTRODUCTION (CON)

• The government wants more information on the status of gender equality in fisheries & aquaculture

• The department of Livestock and Fisheries follows the release of “the Vision the year 2030”

• They reach out to the rural fishing communities
INTRODUCTION (CON)

• Aims of the project
• Build up the capacity of the fishery officers in gender work in fisheries
• Give them tools to conduct gender research in the fishing communities
MATERIAL & METHODS

• Training courses (25) (15 trainers from JACA/NARC, 5 Reginal 5 local)
• TOT (3) (1 Reginal 2 local)
• Workshops (5), (JICA, MRC, SEAFDEC\USAID –Ocens
• Surveys - MRC
RESULTS

• Government sector
  (more women involve in decision level

• Community level (more Women in
  Community head _ village Head)

• Fisheries community level
  (women and men help in fisheries community
  and fisheries activities
  (Five heads of Fishery Management Committee
  and 20 Women heads for Women fish
  processing group)
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CONCLUSIONS

• There are gender differences at the decision-making level, so it’s very important to consider how women can be more involved.

• An example: more women on the community level should get involved to address women’s issues

• Encourage women to participate more in fisheries management

• We also see a growing awareness on the importance of gender equality

• More research is needed in understanding the roles of women in fisheries activities
Thank you for your attention