



PROJECT NAME:

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR CROP INSURANCE FOR RICE PRODUCERS IN VIETNAM

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Oxfam Québec is actively involved in Nghe An, a province of North Central Coast of Vietnam, for the implementation of the System of Rice Intensification (SRI), a methodology that enables to increase yields of irrigated rice while reducing the quantity of the water needed and inputs. FADQDI and Oxfam Québec worked in partnership to evaluate the feasibility of a crop insurance for the rice producers applying SRI. The objectives of this study were to inventory the available data required to support a rice crop insurance, appraise the interest of local stakeholders to get involved in this type of program and evaluate the demand from rice producers.

A definition of the questions that needed to be answered was first developed by a team of crop insurance experts. Then, the Vietnamese stakeholders that might have answers to these questions or might show an interest for crop insurance were listed and a two week mission was prepared. Meetings were held in Hanoi with government representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and Ministry of Finance (MOF), financial institutions, insurance companies and non-government organizations (NGO). A field trip in Nghe An was also organized to collect historic data on yields and weather, appraise the needs of rice producers and understand the structures and managerial capacities of several local stakeholders.

A report was prepared to present the data and information collected. Recommendations were made using these information for a collective insurance scheme with damage appraisal based on average yields. This choice was made using a multi-criteria method mainly based on the expectations of rice producers and local stakeholders and, on the cost, feasibility and reliability of the solutions under evaluation. Finally, to test these recommendations, a proposal for a pilot project was developed including the description of the activities of the main phases, the role and responsibilities of the implementing organizations and an estimation of the budget.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- ⊕ Planning and preparation of the meetings
- ⊕ Animation of workshops with rice producers
- ⊕ Historical yields and weather data analysis
- ⊕ Evaluation of several scenarios for implementation of rice crop insurance in Nghe An
- ⊕ Preparation of a feasibility study report
- ⊕ Development of a pilot project proposal.