



THEME 1.2: LIVELIHOODS CO-BENEFITS

LAO-PDR		Implementing MDB: IFC		Level: project/program		
		Executing agency: Private Sector		Project/program title: Smallholder Forestry Project		
		Amount of FIP funding (USD): \$1,228,781				
		Co-financing (USD): \$461,442				
		Reporting period		From: 06/24/13		To: 12/31/14
Table 1.2B <i>(Please provide individual project /program data)</i>		Baseline	Target at the time of MDB approval	Report year 2015	Report year 2016	Total actual to date
				Cumulative since project approved by IFC	Actual annual	
<i>Please use livelihood co-benefits indicators identified in your project/program. Use only the number of beneficiaries or households as your metric. If households are used, please indicate the average number of people per household and the source for that information.</i> <i>Please also disaggregate for each indicator the number of beneficiaries by gender when possible.</i>						
1. Indicator 1 :	<i>Total</i>	0	100 farmers will be trained in good farming and business practices to more			
Increased direct management of forest resources by local communities						

			effectively manage their land using good agri-forestry practices to improve yields, manage environmental and social concerns, and operate viable agribusinesses.			
	<i>Men</i>			24		24
	<i>Women</i>			6		6
2. Indicator 2:		0				
3. Indicator 3				0		0
<p>What have been key contributions (successes) of FIP regarding livelihoods co-benefits in your country context during this reporting year?</p> <p>During the reporting period the project pursued engagement plans with 5 prospective clients, including 2 industrial plantations with smallholder schemes, and 3 Lao wood product manufacturing firms and their smallholder wood supply chains. The plans confirmed that smallholder forestry is an important livelihood and potentially sustainable land use in Laos, and there are opportunities to enhance their role in both industrial and community supply chain forestry.</p> <p>The period included over 41 engagements including 13 team meetings, 12 with prospective clients, 4 field missions, 1 with donors, 2 for MDB coordination, 3 with 4 service partner agencies, 4 with Lao government agencies 1 training event, and 4 reports (assessments, surveys and manuals) completed.</p>						
<p>What have been your key challenges and what opportunities for improvement do you see?</p> <p>Mid way through the reporting period the plantation firm IFC was pursuing decided not to engage in the detailed project plan developed during the 1st term. The firm redirected its corporate priorities and in the interim reduced focus on growing its smallholder partnership program at its Lao</p>						

operations. IFC subsequently pursued engagement plans with 5 prospective clients, as described above and is expecting to formalize agreements with 1-2 firms in 2015. These challenges well reflect the early stages of development in private sector plantation forestry and wood product processing in Laos, which has in the past depended largely on unsustainable uses of natural forests.