

Project Brief

Aspect	Description
Title	Strengthening engagement of Asian small scale women and men forests and farm producers in global and regional processes
Donor Partner	Forest and Farm Facility of the UN-FAO
Amount Approved	\$100,000 (one hundred thousand US dollars)
Counterpart	\$ 14,466
Countries Covered	Myanmar, Nepal and Vietnam; Cambodia, Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Bangladesh
Project Duration	February – December 2015
Closing Date	January 2016
Project Coordinator	Victoria Serrato
Objectives	Consolidate the voices of its members in 8 countries who are living in forested landscapes and thereby strengthening AFA's legitimacy, accountability, representation and advocacy work with national, regional and global institutions deciding over forest and farm landscape matters as they relate to food security and nutrition, sustainable livelihoods, climate change and poverty reduction concerns
Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform regional and global processes of the policy agenda of AFA with regards farmers in forested landscapes • Established AFA's work group on forest and farm matters, consult and get the perspectives of its members which it can then input during the various regional and international conferences that it attends. • Established clear coordination, communication channels and regular feedbacking mechanisms , through online and offline activities • Produced knowledge that will be shared in its website and distributed during regional and international conferences and translated in different languages of its members.
Expected Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International and regional organizations representing smallholder-, women-, community and Indigenous Peoples groups in international fora and negotiations have established communication and information channels to their respective constituencies at national and local levels (to influence larger

	<p>regional and global processes, and vice versa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiences, learning, stories and practices are shared within and between countries and regions, and globally.
Project Activities	<p>Activity 1.1. Consultations at Township Levels in three countries – Nepal, Myanmar and Vietnam (Feb-April)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the awareness of the farmers on the following : (a) national laws or bills that affect forest and farm landscapes especially their <i>tenure over their forest lands</i>; (b) <i>global debates on forest and farm matters</i> <p>Get inputs /information on their situation, initiatives, and challenges as forest and farm producers. At the end of the meeting, the participants will identify their representatives to the national consultation (activity 1.2). AFA secretariat will make guide templates for the consultations. AFA member organization in Vietnam (Viet Nam Farmers Union) , Nepal (National Land Rights Forum-Nepal) and Myanmar (Agriculture Farmers’ Federation Myanmar) will make efforts to link these consultations in existing FFF areas.</p> <p>Activ. 1.2. National consultations cum sharing session on sustainable forest-based livelihoods in eight countries – Philippines, Indonesia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal (April-May)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the end of the 2-day consultation, the participants will be able to make <i>a declaration outlining their agenda</i>, as well as establish communication channels for uploading and downloading of information among themselves, and within the national organization. The consultation will be a <i>sharing session also of initiatives on sustainable livelihoods among the participants</i>. Each AFA member organization will identify their representative to the regional sharing session (next activity). For Myanmar, Nepal and Vietnam they will invite FFF project participants to this activity. AFA secretariat will make guide templates for the national consultations. <p>Activ. 1.3. Regional sharing session cum dialogue with regional intergovernmental institutions on Policy Agenda of Forest-based producers (june-july)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AFA member organizations from Thailand, Vietnam and Bangladesh will also be invited to send their farmer leaders who are also involved in the forestry farming. The 3-day meeting <i>aims to increase awareness on regional and global debates on forest and farm matters, identify advocacy moments, identify key policy agenda</i> which will then be articulated and pushed , and establish coordination and communication mechanisms for regional work. This regional policy agenda will also feed into the FFF’s activities at World Forestry Congress in September 2015

Activ. 2.1. Dialogue with national policy makers

- Government representatives from agriculture, forestry, environment and land reform will be invited to listen and respond to the statement produced during the national consultation **(April-May)**

Activ. 2.2. Participation in regional and global processes relevant to farmers in forested landscapes

- AFA will send at least one woman farmer and one translator to key regional and global processes organized by ASEAN, SAARC, FAO, UNFCCC **(March – December)**

Activ. 3.1. Regular communication and exchange of information **(March-December)**

- Through email, e-group, skype, website, AFA and its member organizations will regularly upload and download information.
- Trip reports will be circulated to members. Agendas of meetings will be circulated also, and inputs from the work group will be sought for.

Activ. 4.1. Production of Knowledge Management Materials (leaflets, case studies, video, issue paper/policy brief) which will all be uploaded to AFA's website **(Jan-September)**

- At the country level,
 - Nepal and Myanmar will produce leaflets (Jan-Apr) which will be used during the township and national level consultations as well (*promotional materials: land laws, land tenure issues, economic situation*)
 - case studies (months Apr-May) (*results of consultation both village and national, literature review, etc.*)
 - video (months Jun-Sept) on initiatives on sustainable livelihoods in the country as well as the challenges they face as they struggle for it (have sustainable livelihoods).
- At the regional level, AFA will produce an issue paper (months Aug-Sept) on the subject which will be translated in 8 languages (those participating in the regional sharing session)
- All the KM materials will be uploaded in the AFA website. The English version of the issue paper will be disseminated during regional and international conferences. All relevant

	information will be passed to FFF for uploading on the FFF global website.
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