Overview of Training Workshop on Social and Environmental Soundness of REDD+ Programming and Implementation

5-9 November, 2012, Bangkok Thailand

Goal & Objectives

To improve the social and environmental soundness of the work of USAID and partners in Southeast Asia on REDD+ and related USAID Sustainable Landscapes programs:

✓ To integrate into these programs key principles, approaches, applications, experience and lessons for social and environmental soundness in relevant NRM sectors, as well as decades of relevant experience and lessons learned

✓ To identify and work on the key SES issues related to REDD+

✓ To apply these principles, issues, lessons, approaches, and applications to country-specific situations and actions
Workshop Approach

The workshop approach will be highly interactive and participatory, to draw from participants’ own experience and expectations (pre-workshop questionnaire responses), and to enhance their work on these issues. Try to avoid “death by PowerPoint.” Interactive sessions include:

a) World Café (day 1)

b) Panel discussions (days 1 and 2)

c) Stakeholder engagement exercise (day 2)

d) Country working groups (day 4)

Training Workshop Design

The workshop is designed in two parts:

a) The SES training workshop on days 1 to 4 (Monday to Thursday)

b) Day 5 (Friday) is targeted to USAID staff and programming requirements; open to non-USAID participants as observers
Workshop Preparations

- Lots of preparation has gone into this workshop, designing the agenda, and considering feedback from participant questionnaires

- Consultants have prepared country profiles, as well as studies of stakeholder engagement and “lessons learned” from community forestry

- Lots of work to handle the logistical arrangements, especially travel arrangements

Participants

34 from 8 countries
> 40% female

Resource People
5 from UN-REDD, RECOFTC, SNV & FCMC

“The Sweet Spot”
Sharing & learning about SES in REDD+

Training & Facilitation Team
6 from USAID & FCMC
Participant Breakdown

- Government: 10
- Academe: 5
- Civil society: 4
- LEAF/LEAD: 10
- USAID: 5

Participant Contributions during Workshop

- Participate actively in all sessions – don’t be shy!
- Discuss key SES terms in country teams and write local language lexicon
- Two volunteers for each day, to synthesize and present key messages emerging, during days 1 to 4
- Provide feedback and suggestions on daily sheets
- Plus???
Suggested House Rules

- Recognize that we are all peers in this workshop
  - Here in individual capacity, not representing government or organization (“Chatham House Rules” – no names in report)

- Do not let English be a barrier to our sharing and learning
  - We need good exchange of experience and lessons, not necessarily good grammar!

- Be bold and think “out of the box”
  - Can even challenge your boss!

- Help manage the time
  - Follow the cue cards and listen for the chimes!!
  - Come back from breaks to start sessions on time

- Avoid being “online” during sessions and keep your phone silent

- Have fun – enjoy each other’s company and being in Bangkok!