



National Thematic Group

Asia and the Pacific
Laos

National Thematic Group of the UN System
Network on Rural Development and Food Security

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Working language

English French Spanish Arabic Chinese

Others

Members

FAO IAEA IFAD ILO IMF UN

UNAIDS UNICEF UNDCP UNDP UNEP UNESCO

UNFPA UNHCR UNHSP UNID World Bank WFP

WHO WMO Other UN bodies [UNODC](#)

International Organizations [EU, JICA, IUCN](#)

NGO/CSOs

Governmental bodies [Various ministries such as the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, the Ministry of Commerce](#)

Donors

Others

Collaboration with other stakeholders

Universities

Research Institutes

Areas of activities

Exchange of information, networking **Joint implementation of projects**

National Policy formulation **Trainings/Organisation of forums and seminars**

CCA/UNDAF **Preparation and distribution of joint publications**

Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers **Identification of resources for activities in the country**

Others

Short description of the activities

Two cross sector and interagency working groups were established to continue fulfilling the Group's mandate of contributing to sustainable rural development and food security at the national level.

One group has been established to work on food security information systems and the other on nutrition and food security. Their main objectives are to provide policy advice, synergies between stakeholders, exchange information and identify areas of future collaboration for Food security activities.

In the past, this Thematic Group has been actively involved in organizing seminars on topics such as governmental policies and priorities in rural development, forest lands and local planning. Most recently, seminars have been organized by the Thematic Group on food security information systems and agricultural biodiversity and food security.

Involvement in other coordination mechanisms

CCA/UNFAD PRSPs MDGs Donors Liaison Mechanism Government Liaison Mechanism

Others

Other Thematic Groups in the country

Issues of other Thematic Groups

Name of the coordinating organization(s)

Disaster Management

HIV/AIDS

Human Trafficking

Statistical Indicators

Published articles in the Web Site of the UN System Network on Rural Development and Food security

Laos: the members of the TG agree on a new mandate and establish different technical sub-committees to achieve sustainable rural development and food security at the national level June 2002

Laos: The Thematic Group asks the government for a series of seminars to explain the national policies and priorities within the sphere of rural development December 2002

Laos: Thematic Group creates two new working groups Marzo 2005

Other publications and documents related to the Thematic Group