Highlighted achievement of PRF 2019

The core programs of PRF III include the basic infrastructure improvement, capacity building and livelihood and nutrition, the work has been done through the community participation approach, especially the women and ethnic groups living in rural and remote areas of Laos. This report highlights key achievements of project’s activities during January-December 2019, and work plan of 2020. In addition, it also summarizes the overall outcomes of PRF III’s three years, from 2017 to 2020.

During PRF III (2017-2019), there are 1,169 sub-projects that got approval. In 2019, there were 486 sub-projects approved, located in 450 villages 251 Kumban of 43 poor districts in 10 provinces, with 234,289 beneficiaries of whom 48.9% are women and 83.9% are from ethnic groups. The cumulative numbers of beneficiaries that the PRF III is exceeded nearly 25.8% (target is 690,000 people while actual number is 866,771 people, accumulated numbernfrom 2012-2019), for the ethnic beneficiaries is also exceeded the target by 12.9 % (target is 70% while actual is 82.9%). This is considered to be high achievement due to a large of newly served PRF III target villages than anticipated at the time of project preparation.

As already mentioned in the last semi-annual progress report 2019, all indicators (IRIs) of PRF III are mostly aligned with project document, for example, 1) the percent of community contribution is only 7.26% compared with PRF supported budget; 2) the percent of HHs in beneficiaries villages voting for village priorities is 12.8% exceeded the target (87.81% against 75.00%); 3) the percent of PRF KBs participating in DSEDP process promoting PRF KDPs is 5.6% exceeded the target (80.6% against the target 75%), etc. (detail in Chapter 2 of this report).

The livelihood linked nutrition activities, 915 SHGs had been established with a total of 10,085 members, 8,699 females (86.26%), and 8,081 of members are from ethnic groups members (80%). The PRF has provided seed-grant in a total of US$ 1,216,061, by the end of December 2019, the accumulated saving is US$ 314,719 or 25.8% compared with seed grant that PRF supported, which is 2.9% increased by comparing with last semi report (June 2019). For the dividend of cumulative interests to reserve for the seed grant is US$ 46,116 which is 3.8% increased, compared with seed grant that PRF supported (the updated number will be available during March 2020).