ASEAN ESC Model City

Capacity Building Project for Green, Clean and Beautiful Xamneua

Town profile, project objectives, first year achievement and next steps of the project implementation
Town profile

- Provincial population: 0.4 mill (Xamneua 0.017)
- Area: 16,500 km² (UDAA Xamneua: 1470ha)
- Geographic location: mountainous region with more than 1000m above sea level.
- Lowest temperature during winter: below freezing point
- People’s way of life: farming (rice, corn, vegetable, peach, pear, plum) and cattle
- One of the oldest producers of mulberry silk in the region
Economic potentials

- Eco-tourism (mountains, creeks, caves)
- Hydro power dams with small water reservoir
- Vegetable and fruits
- Animal husbandry
- Mulberry silk and handicraft
By the year 2020, Xamneua will become a green, clean, livable, attractive, and a pristine tourist destination of the Lao PDR’s north.
Project objectives

• Building the ESC concept based on effective urban service delivery, land use planning and people’s participation in maintaining the quality of urban environment.

• Launching the green and clean city programme by:
  – Increasing town’s public green space, 30% (of 350ha) in 2012,
  – Ensuring pollution free in natural water ways, 2015,
  – Preparing for full reuse and recycling of wastes, 2020
  – Maintaining the air quality within the national standards and limiting the green house gas emissions from all sources, 2015
First year achievement

- Informational leaflet on 4 thematic topics have been prepared and distributed to more than 120 households and agencies.

Urban administration and service delivery

Simple waste water treatment method

Composting of organic wastes

Town cleaning and greenery
First year achievement

- 47 persons from the government agencies and local communities have been trained in a two day workshop
First year achievement

• More than 20 families started the production of bio-extract from organic wastes and applied in daily life.
First year achievement

- About 1.5 hectares of public park has been created by the project support as a part of demonstrative activities
First year achievement

- The representatives of another 7 nearby towns attended the national workshop and discussed the way forward in replicating ESC development concepts.
The next steps

- Continuing information campaign
- Installation of waste water treatment facilities
- Expansion of town green areas
- Monitoring water and air quality
Future directions

- The strategic actions for ESC should be built on from improving waste management, waste water treatment facilities, protection and expansion of green areas and other administrative functions.
- Training programmes must follow by implementation action plans and demonstrative projects;
- To secure adequate support it is significantly important to link the project objectives and implementations with government socio-economic development plan and funded projects from other sources;
- The project achievement assessment should go beyond the physical impacts and look at unstated mandates;
Thank you for listening