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Collaborative Research


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Purpose and Objectives

- Purpose
 - To strengthen the capacity of Lao research staff to do applied collaborative research relevant to sustainable local development
- Objectives
 - Understanding local development from a community perspective (Mountain communities in Northern Lao)
 - Discussion of options for action and the role of academia
 - Stimulation of academic research on local development





Program

1. Preparation
 - Conceptualization of key terms related to local development
 - Discussing of related challenges and options for action
 - Introduction into collaborative research, related processes, methods and tools
 - Elaboration of a locally relevant research questions and methods
2. Field work
 - Joint field training
 - Data gathering in subgroups
3. Synthesis
 - Processing, analysis and discussion of field data
 - Planning of further steps




Didactics

- Jointly walk through the sequence of steps for collaborative academic research for local development
- Short presentations
- Exercises
- Group reflections
- Option for joint continuation of research ...

Program

- Monday: Introduction
 - Welcome, explanation of key concepts
 - Introduction into collaborative research, working processes and tools
 - Identification of relevant research questions and possible action
- Tuesday: Preparation
 - Elaboration of working hypotheses, and preparation of a working plan
 - 3-4pm Departure for Ban Nayang Tai
- Wednesday: Field training
 - Field training on collaborative research methods
 - Preparation for the next day
- Thursday, Field work
 - Data gathering in sub-groups
 - 4 pm Return to Luang Prabang
- Friday, Reflection & Synthesis
 - Preparation and presentation of results
 - Synthesis and reflection on lessons learnt
 - 4-4:30 pm Closing ceremony
 - 6-8 pm Dinner

