



Agroecology and
Safe Food System
Transitions



ALiSEA
Agro-ecology Learning alliance in South East Asia

ALiSEA GENERAL ASSEMBLY WORKSHOP

SMALL GRANT FACILITY RESULT OF 1st CALL, 2022

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE of Small Grant

Strengthen **ALiSEA members and its partners** on three major topics in support to agroecology transition in the Sub-Mekong Region.

Specific objectives of this small grant are:

- to strengthen partnerships between the ALiSEA members and encourage joint actions;
- to reinforce members' skills through building partnership with non-members;
- to broaden the network efforts of inclusiveness and representation of the variety of stakeholders in agriculture and food systems.

SMALL GRANT FACILITY SCOPE: Three Topics

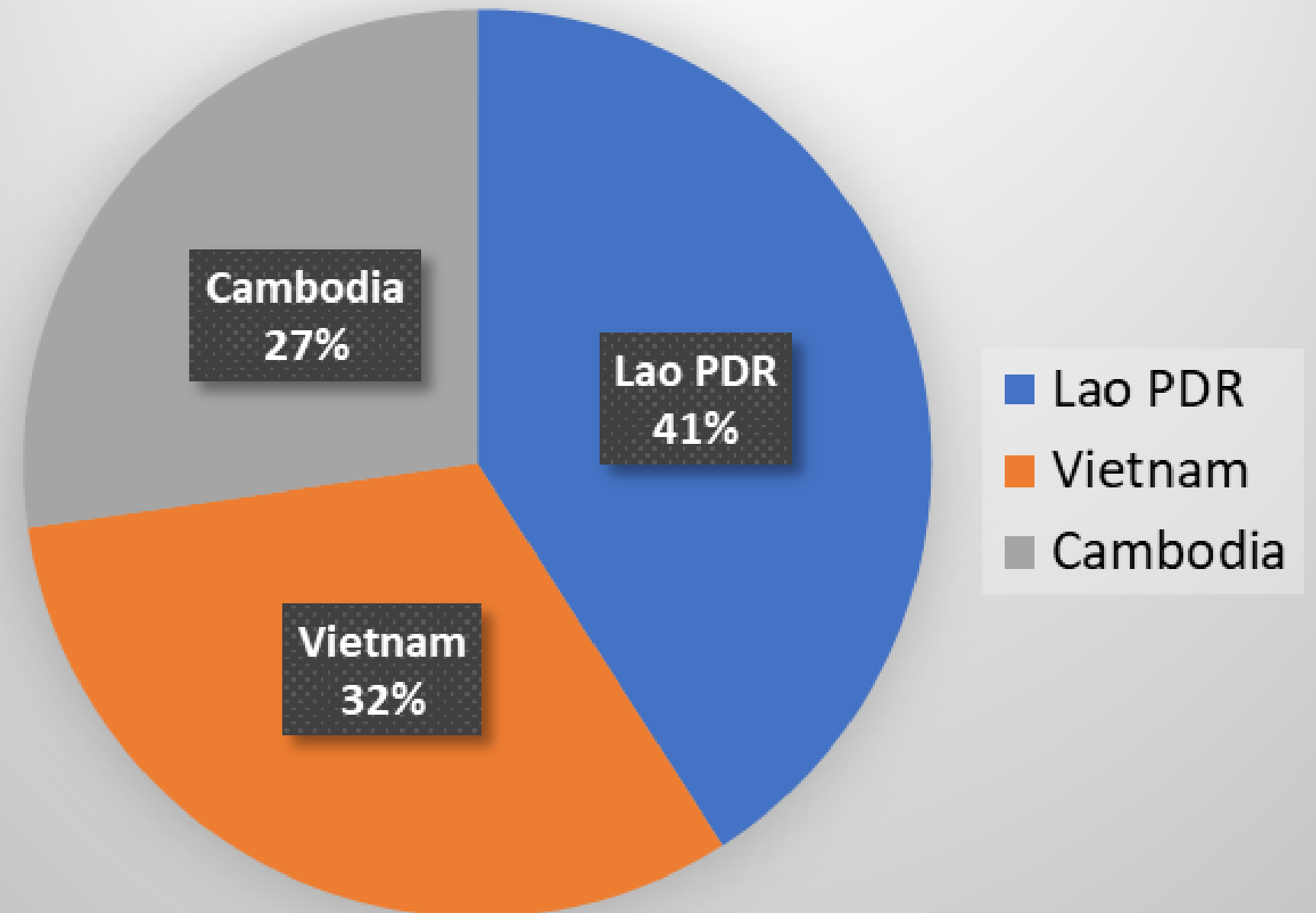
- Topic N°1: Assess the **impact and effect of public policy** supporting agroecology and food systems at multiple levels.
- Topic N°2: Test and support **agroecology innovations** (technical, social, economic, organizational and institutional).
- Topic N°3: **Evaluate the performance and impacts** of agricultural and food systems of ALiSEA members' field initiatives.

STEP 1: PROPOSALS RECEIVED

For the 1st Call 2022, we received 22 proposals in total, allocated as follows:

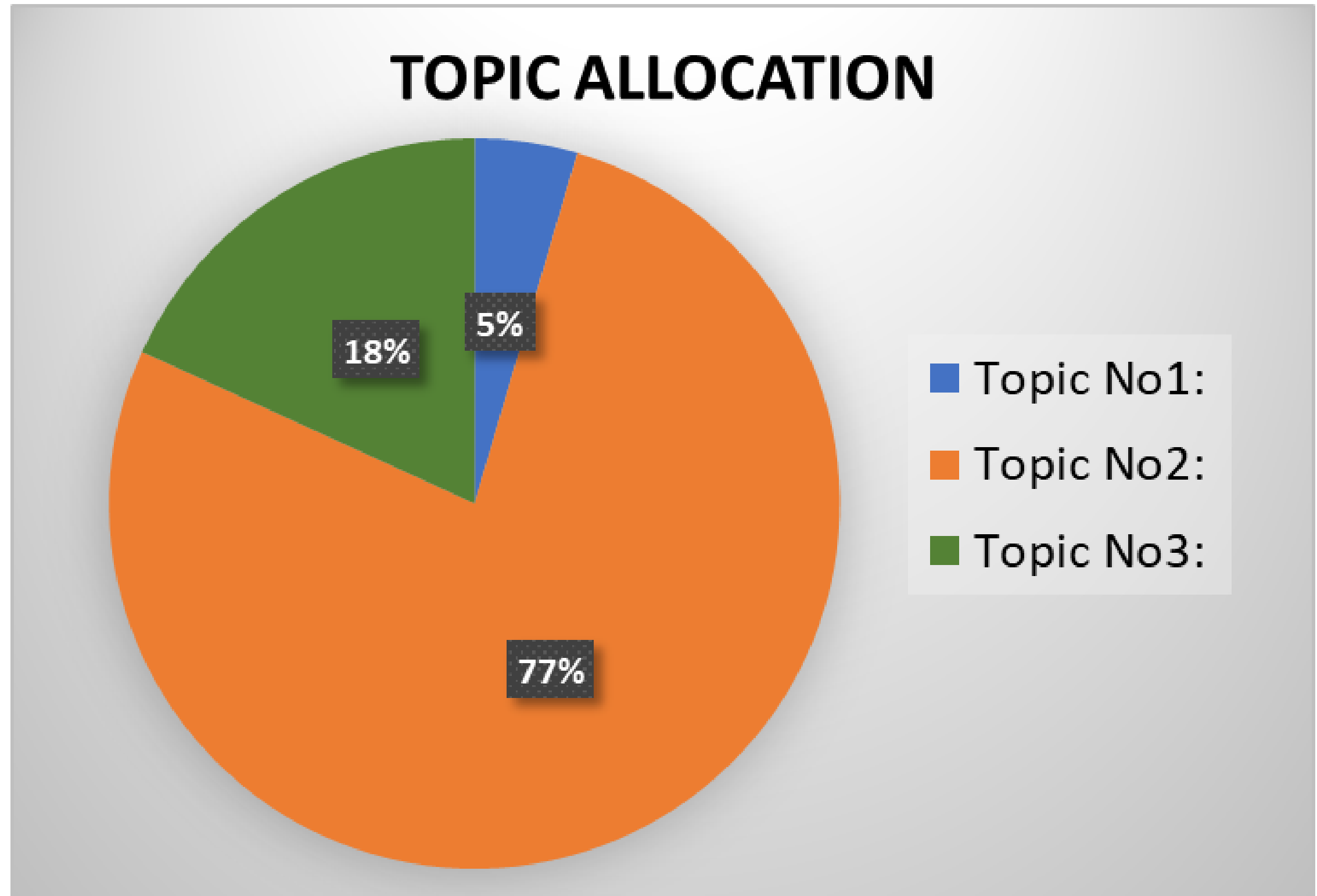
- Lao PDR: 9
- Vietnam: 7
- Cambodia: 6

COUNTRY ALLOCATION



The number of proposals per topic is unbalanced:

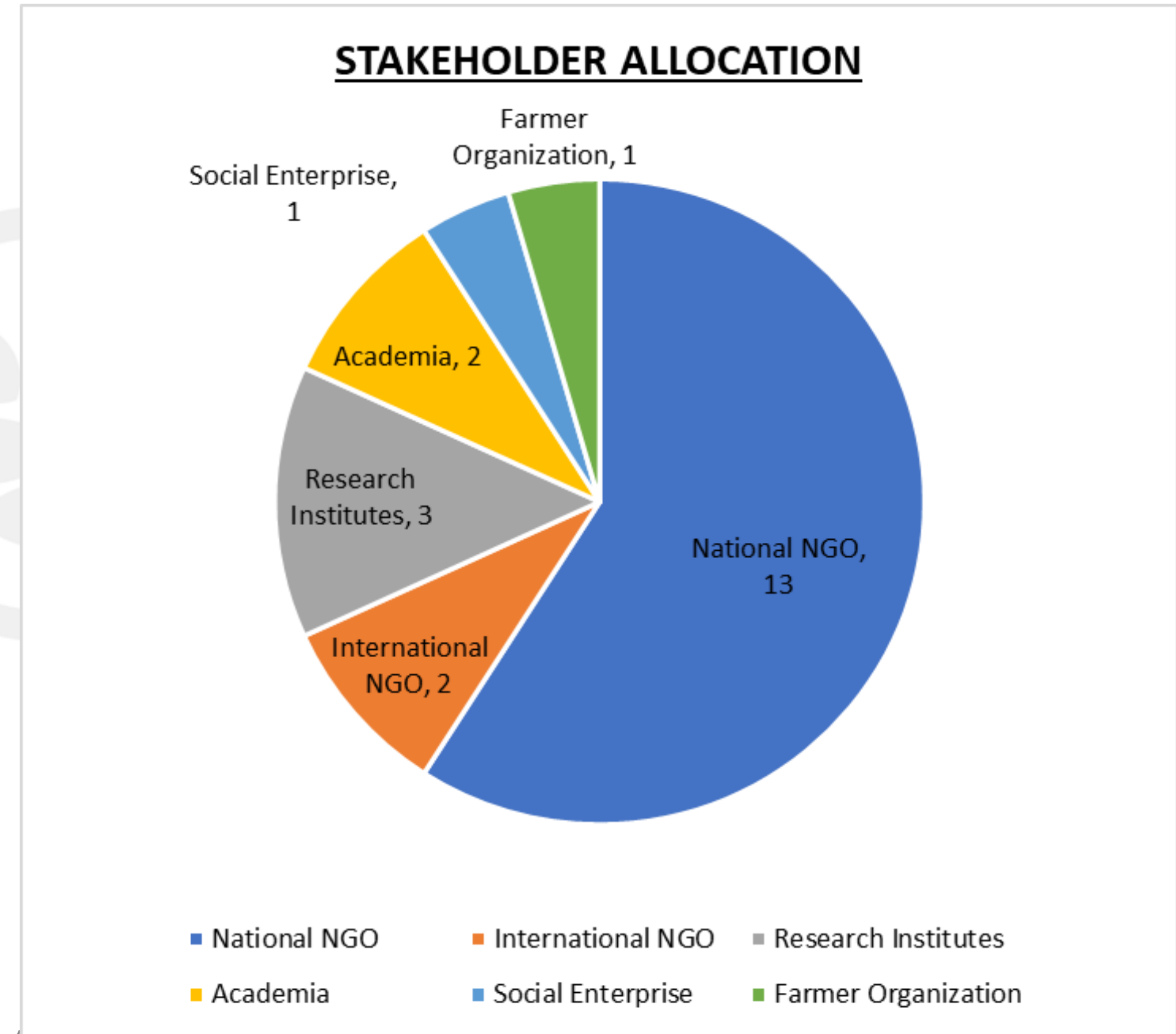
- **Topic 1 = 1 proposal**
- **Topic 2 = 17 proposals**
- **Topic 3 = 4 proposals**



STAKEHOLDER ALLOCATION FROM 3 COUNTRIES

The stakeholder's representation as team leader of the proposal is as follows:

- 13 National NGOs,
- 3 Research Institutes,
- 2 Academia,
- 2 International NGOs,
- 1 Social Enterprise
- 1 Farmers Organizations



STEP 2: CONCEPT NOTE

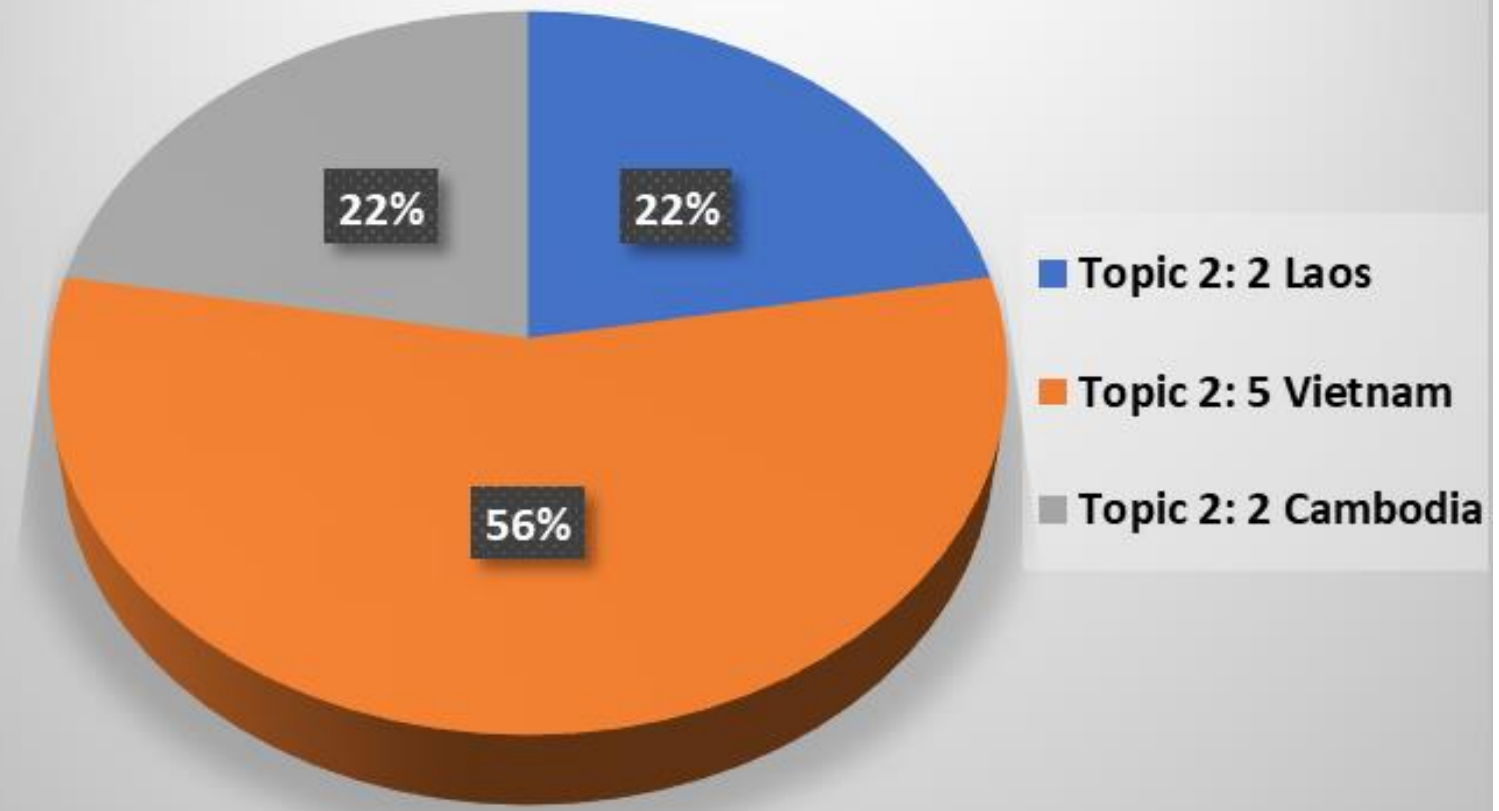
The selection committee members selected 11 Concept notes out of 22 :

- Laos: 3
- Vietnam: 5
- Cambodia: 3

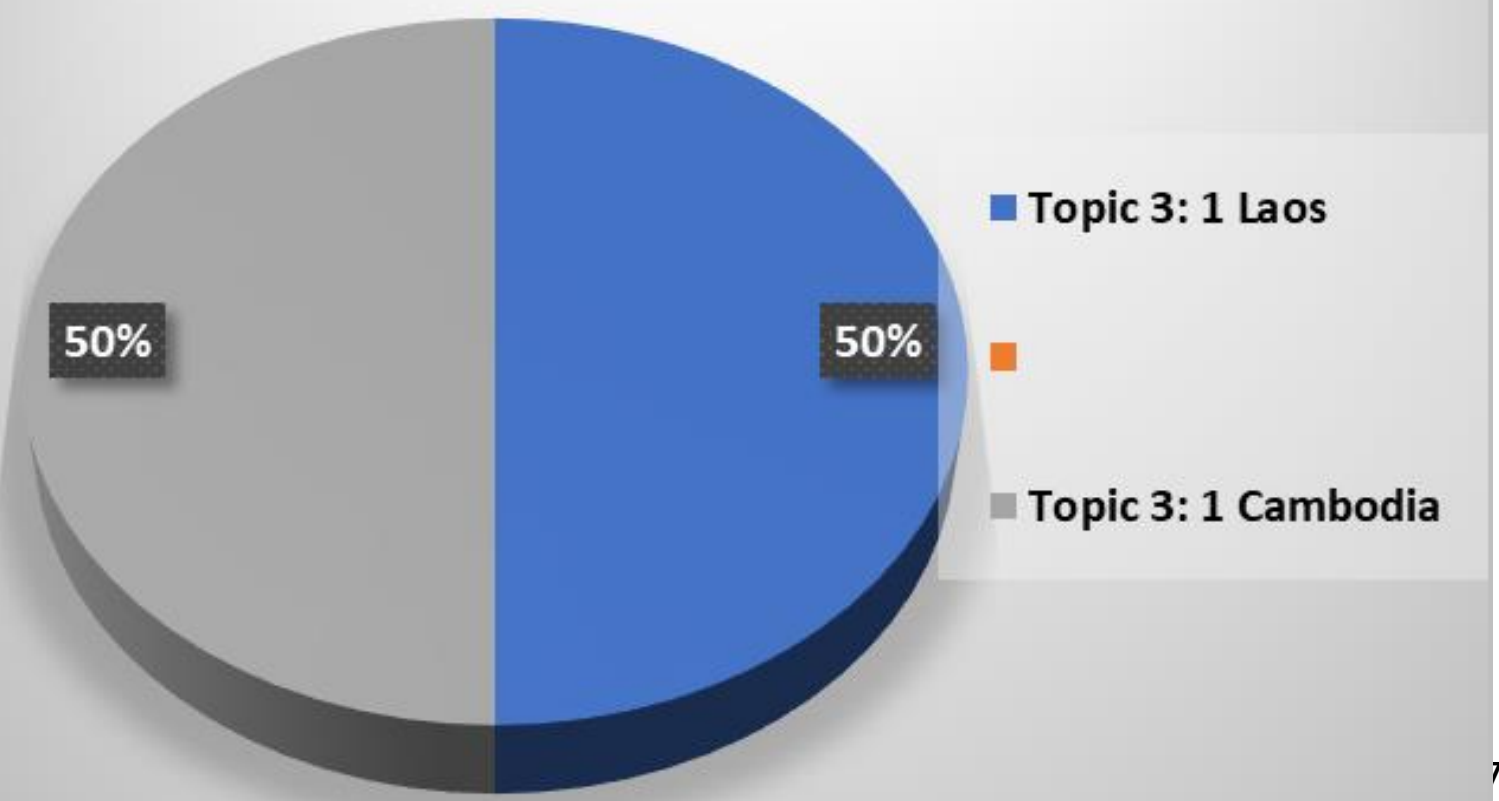
The number of proposals per topic is unbalanced:

- Topic 2 (Innovation) = 9 proposals (Laos: 2; Vietnam: 5; Cambodia: 2)
- Topic 3 (Assessment) = 2 proposals (Laos: 1; Cambodia: 1)

TOPIC 2:



TOPIC 3:



STEP 3: FULL PROPOSAL

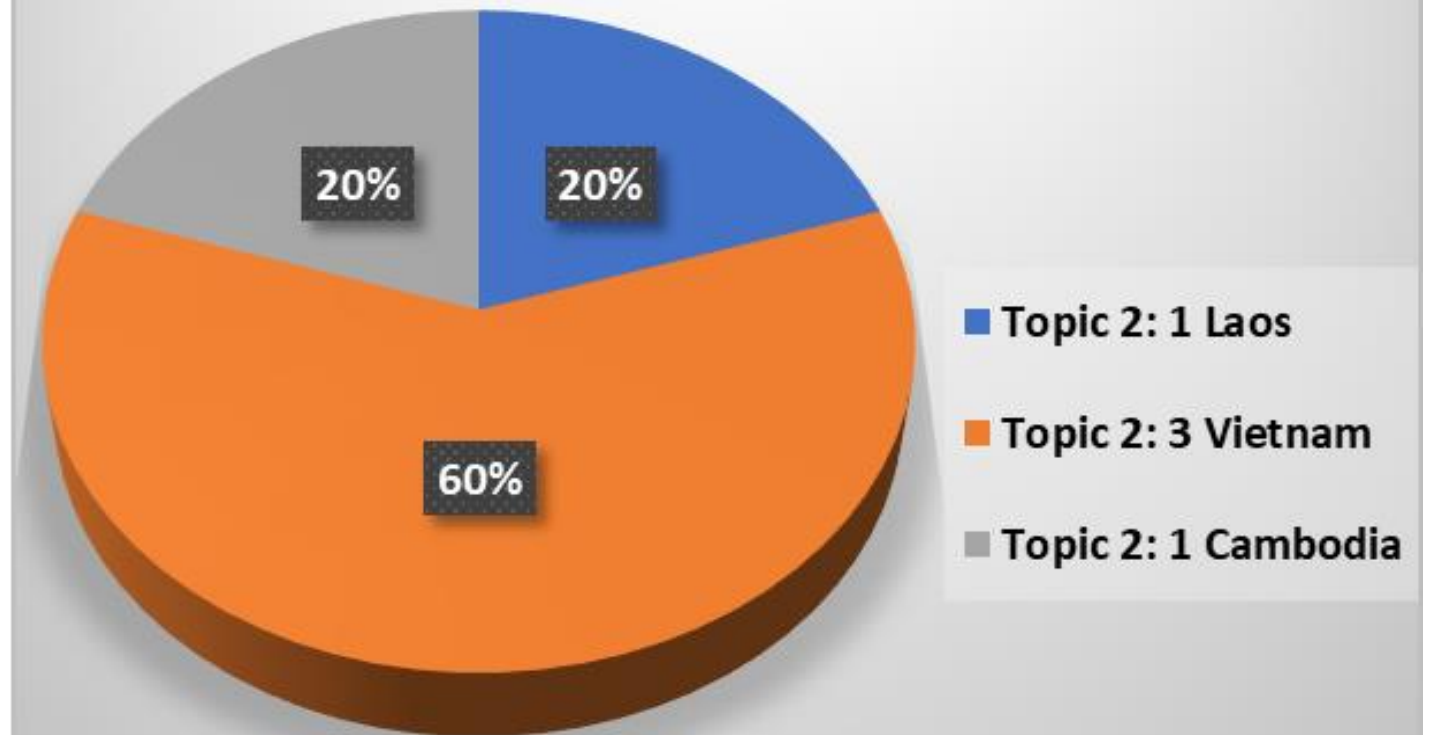
The selection committee members selected 7 Concept notes out of 11 :

- Laos: 2
- Vietnam: 3
- Cambodia: 2

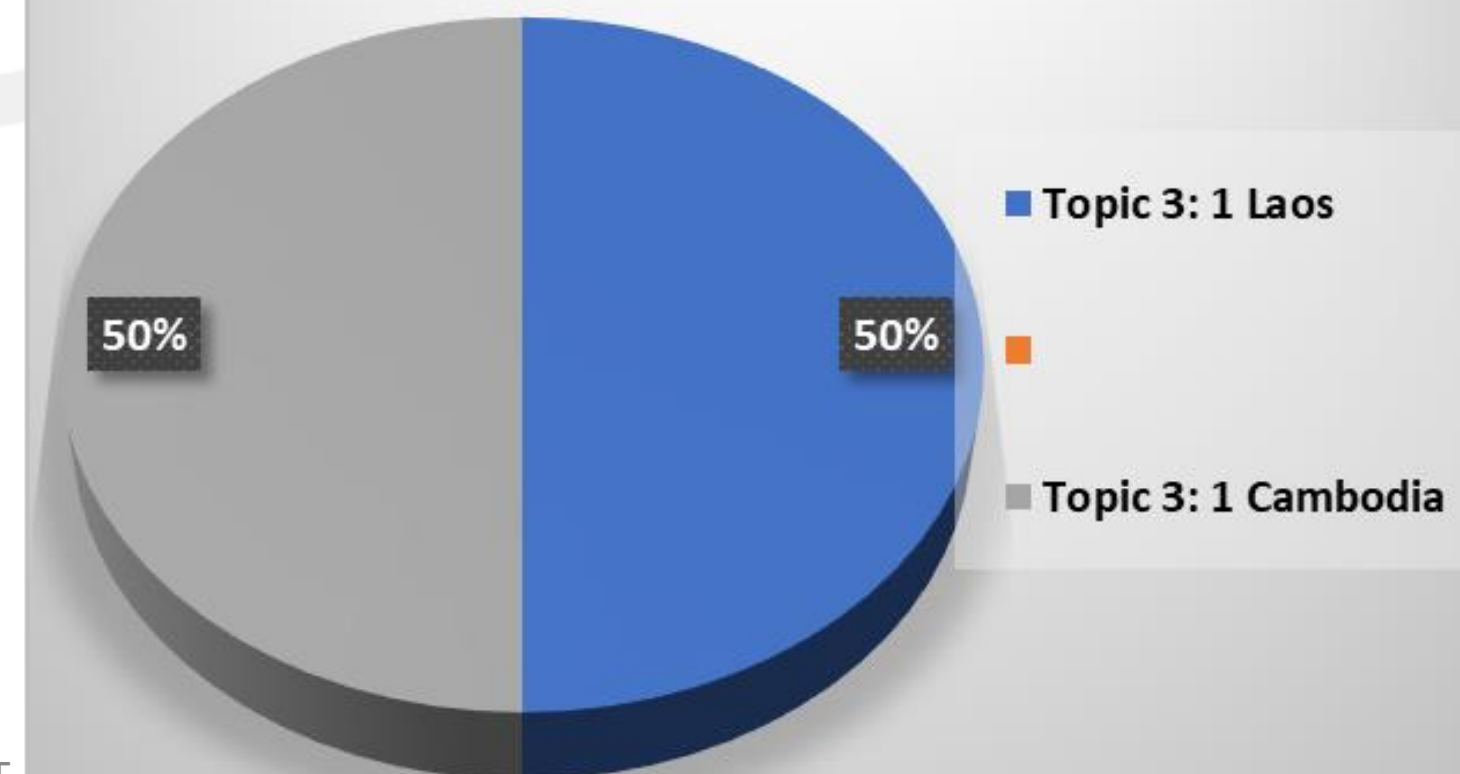
The number of proposals per topic is unbalanced:

- Topic 2 = 5 proposals (Laos: 1; Vietnam:3; Cambodia: 1)
- Topic 3 = 2 proposals (Laos: 1; Cambodia: 1)

TOPIC 2:



TOPIC 3:



SELECTED GRANT in 3 countries

| Topic | Organization | Title of Proposals | Location | Period | Start | Country |
|-------|--------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------|
| 3 | CLICK | Link and learn agro-ecology from the field (To capitalize of best agro-ecological practices were captured, assessed, shared and learned by members of ALiSEA, Lao Farmer Network and Department of Agriculture Extension and Cooperative) | All provinces | 18 months | Dec-22 | Laos |
| 2 | CDEA | Promotion of renewable energy into agriculture post-harvesting for smallholders (To ensure food security via environmentally friendly solutions and Small scale farmers in Lao PDR applies renewable energized application in their post-harvesting practices to gain decent economic benefit and improve their life). | Vientiane province | 18 months | Jan-23 | Laos |
| 2 | HEKS | Research and demonstration of climate-resilient and agro-ecological cashew nuts production (Smallholder cashew farmers' resilience to climate change is strengthened and knowledge on agro-ecological production is made available and Find climate and pest resilient cashew variety and demonstrate innovative methods of agroecological practice of cashew cultivation) | Kampot & Kompong Thom Provinces | 18 months | To be confirmed | Cambodia |
| 3 | ECOLAND | Multidimensional Evaluation of Agroecological (MuLAgE) (To multi-dimensionally access and evaluate the agroecological performance of the ALiSEA members' farms in northern Cambodia for smallholder farmers' agroecological transition and propose solutions for upgrading the transition and access baseline data on current agroecology practices and transition in the study areas; identify the agroecology constraints and its characteristics for agroecological transition; generate multi-dimensional strategies to adopt in order to promote agroecological transition) | Battambang Province | 12 months | Jan/Feb 2023 | Cambodia |

SELECTED GRANT in 3 countries

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| 2 | CGFED | <p>Strengthening community capacity in monitoring pesticides use and promoting agroecology- FOR A NON-TOXIC ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>(Reduce the use of hazardous pesticides and promote agroecology practices and Enhance capacity for farmers and stakeholders especially rural female farmers in pesticide use monitoring to promote agroecology)</p> | Nam Dinh province | 12 months | To be confirmed | Vietnam |
| 2 | SPERI | <p>Supporting the transition towards more diversified farming system by developing experimental cultivation of native medicinal herbs and edible herbs on upland farming areas,</p> <p>(To supporting capacity development for farmers and concerned stakeholders for knowledge about transition towards diversified farming system by testing and integrating herbs and building experimental pilot farms of about 2-3 ha transitioning towards diversified farming system by integrating, acclimatizing, and propagating medicinal herbs and edible herbs under the canopy of fruit trees of the upland farming areas;)</p> | Kon Tum province | 14 months | To be confirmed | Vietnam |
| 2 | CARES | <p>Eco-weed control: a participatory experimenton PGS organic vegetable farms.</p> <p>(To experiment if transplantation of well prepared & healthy vegetable seedlings (through nursery practices) can effectively control weeds on PGS organic vegetable farms with reduced/minimum soil tillage applied as compared with existing farmer's practices of direct vegetable seeding).</p> | Hanoi & Hoa Binh provinces | 12 months | To be confirmed | Vietnam |

STEP 4: GRANT AGREEMENT

- 1. Validation from the Donor in progress**
- 2. Sign the Grant Agreement with grant organizations (December 2022)**
- 3. Start to Implement (January 2023)**

LESSONS LEARNED:

- Lack of time to develop partnership/consortium for the proposals;
- Lack of time to write Concept Note + Full Proposal, in only 6 weeks.

NEXT CALL:

- Allocate more time for organization between launch of the call and submission deadline;
- Organize a face-to-face coaching session in each country to explain the guidelines and template (CN/Full proposal);
- Add a section on Agroecology key principles and how the project intend to contribute to AE principles;
- Topic of next call will be based on National ToC and General Assembly Results

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