SRI –GPM ROTATION MODEL: AGROECOSYSTEM ORIENTED APPROACH AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

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WHAT IS SRI?

1) Transplanting young rice

2) Low density

3) Do not use herbicides, encourage muddy grass raking

4) Minimize inorganic fertilizer, encourage the use of organic fertilizer

5) Interleaved wet-dry irrigation
What is GPM

- Growing potatoes by the minimum tillage
- Use straw to cover when planting potatoes
- Benefits:
  - Saving labor for land preparation and harvesting
  - Do not burn but use straw, create humus, moisturize.
  - Farmers can grow potatoes in wet soil.
  - Increasing productivity, product quality and economic efficiency
  - Increasing soil nutrition, reducing the cost of the next crop
BENEFITS OF SRI – GPM ROTATION MODEL

- **Economic efficiency:**
  - Increase crops and land use efficiency
    - Reduce input (varieties, chemical fertilizers, pesticides, water pumping materials ...)
    - Increase output (productivity, high quality, high price)

- **Eco-friendly cultivation:**
  - Reduce chemical fertilizers, pesticides ...
    - Managing straw
    - Soil environment (increasing organic, biodiversity)
    - Climate change: reducing GHG, increasing the ability to cope with cold weather, drought, lodging, or flood.
Society:
+ Improve the capacity of farmers (rice physiology, environment, climate change adaption)
- Promote the power of women
- Create team working
- Increase community structure
- Increase partnership
SRI – Climate change adaption

- **Drought resistant ability:**
  - Story of summer rice Xuan Phuong, Phu Binh, Thai Nguyen in 2010
  - Story of summer rice in Dien Chau, Nghe An, 2016
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SRI – Climate change adaption

- **Ability against falling:**
  - Story in Đài Nghĩa, Chương Mỹ, Hà Nội, 2005
  - Story in Xuân Phương, Season Crop 2010
Story in Xuân Phương, summer rice in 2010
SRI tolerant to logging

SRI
- Stems is more strong
- Pest and Disease is low

Conventional field fields (the same vars with SRI):
- Rice were logging because of strong wind
-- Wheat blight disease was 30%
SRI – Climate change adaptation

- **Ability against cold weather:**
  - Story in Xuân Phường, Spring crop 2011
  - **Story in** Phú Thượng, Võ Nhai, Spring crop 2013
Story in Xuân Phương, Spring rice 2011
SRI – Climate change adaption

- Ability to cope with Flood
  + Story about Season Crop 2017 in Dai Tu, Thai Nguyen
Flooding at the later stages of transplanting (Cù Văn)
Flooding at the boosting stage (Phúc Linh)
• Burn straw
GPM
PROBLEMS EXIST

- Recognized as update technical advances:
  - SRI (2007)
  - GPM (2012)

- Both SRI and GPM are in the direction of ecological agriculture
- SRI and GPM are still implemented separately
- Lack of connection
SRI-GPM MODEL

Adaptive Research on Rice/Potato Rotation Model
(Applying System of Rice Intensification - SRI for rice and Minimum tillage method for potato - GPM)

SRI - GPM Rotation

Economics:
- Reduce seeds and inputs;
- Save labor and water;
- Increase productivity;
- Product quality;
- Income;
- Economic efficiency.

Environment and Climate change:
- No herbicides
- Reduce chemical fertilizers
- Pesticides
- Straw management
- Reduce GHG
- Improve soil nutrition and biodiversity
- Resistance to cold, drought, lodging, flooding.

Social advantages:
- Improve capacity of farmers
- Support gender equality
- Strengthen farmer’s group activities
- Promote partnerships

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RESEARCH APPROACH

- Conduct research on the field and farmers conduct research with support from the ICC.
- FFS is used in the implementation process
- Holistic approach (rotation and nutrition cycle, analysis aspects: society, environment, society, gender, value chain and participation of all parties)
- Promote partnership
DEPLOYED ACTIVITIES

- Organizing meetings with the people and local authorities on the implementation of this research
- Summer rice 2017: Training SRI
DEPLOYED ACTIVITIES

FFS Classes:
Sowing seeds, transplanting, weeding, fertilizing...

Field workshop
DEPLOYED ACTIVITIES

- Farmer investigation and evaluation after the end of Season crop
- Collect data and write the Report
Winter Potatoes Crop 2017 (GPM)

- Conduct techniques training on potato cultivation using the minimum tillage method – GPM
- FSS classes for the Potatoes – GPM model
RESULTS ACHIEVED

1) Meeting SRI-GPM model with people and partners

2) Training courses about FSS; SRI for farmers

3) SRI rice model (2 ha) with 30 households in Vien village

4) Organize meetings for farmers to self-evaluate: monitoring book form, questionnaire after the end of Summer rice crop
RESULTS ACHIEVED

1) Organizing 01 Field Workshop to assess the results of SRI
2) Summary Report on study results for the 1st Crop
3) Training course on GPM for the 2nd Crop.
4) Build the model applying GPM
DIFFICULTIES

➢ The size of the area and number of households involved is less than the plan

➢ Some households do not pay much attention to rice cultivation. Despite their attending the training, they have no application, or partial application.

➢ Difficulties in promoting cooperation between enterprises and farmers
  - Farmers get used to working traditionally and individually
  - Farmers do not believe in the enterprise
  - Enterprises pay more attention to profits,
  - Enterprises’ support for farmers is limited
SOLUTIONS

- Closely cooperate with local authorities in promoting people's participation
- Regularly check and assist people in taking care of the crop
  ✓ Promote commitment value
  ✓ Organize production in small groups of 3-5 households
  ✓ Do not support for individual, but focus on group support; and based on the results of participation and outputs
  ✓ Select the key farmers to build a small model and commit to cooperate with enterprises
  ✓ Provide enterprises with CSR knowledge
  ✓ Call for encouragement policies to support the link chain
Thank you for your attention.