

Implementing the Free, Prior, Informed Consent (FPIC) in Viet Nam

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Introduction on the UN-REDD Vietnam Programme

- **Long-term Objective:**

Assist the Government of Viet Nam in developing an effective REDD regime in Viet Nam and to contribute to reduction of regional leakage

- **Specific objective:**

To build capacity to aim at by the end of 2012 Viet Nam is REDD-ready and able to contribute to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation nationally and regionally



Introduction on the UN-REDD Vietnam Programme

- Expected Outcomes:
 - **Outcome 1:** Improved institutional and technical capacity for national coordination to manage REDD activities in Viet Nam
 - **Outcome 2:** Improved capacity to manage REDD at district-level
 - **Outcome 3:** Improved knowledge of and promotion of regional cooperation of the REDD+ implementation to reduce regional leakage

Our opinion

- Implementation of FPIC is to ensure the safeguards to be respected;
- SFM and REDD+ implementation REQUIRE active and effective participation of local stakeholders, esp. local communities - Implementation of FPIC is essential;
- FPIC is living process which should be **suitable with country/local-specific situation** – one cloth is not fit for all;



Context of the FPIC Implementation in Vietnam

- Vietnam is one of the first countries to pilot FPIC exercise. No internationally detailed guidance existed;
- GoV confirms to promote and create enabling environment for various stakeholders, including ethnic minority to participate in and benefit from socio-economic development policies;
- Land and Forest Tenure in the country's Constitutions and Laws;
- Forest management and protection in two pilot districts;

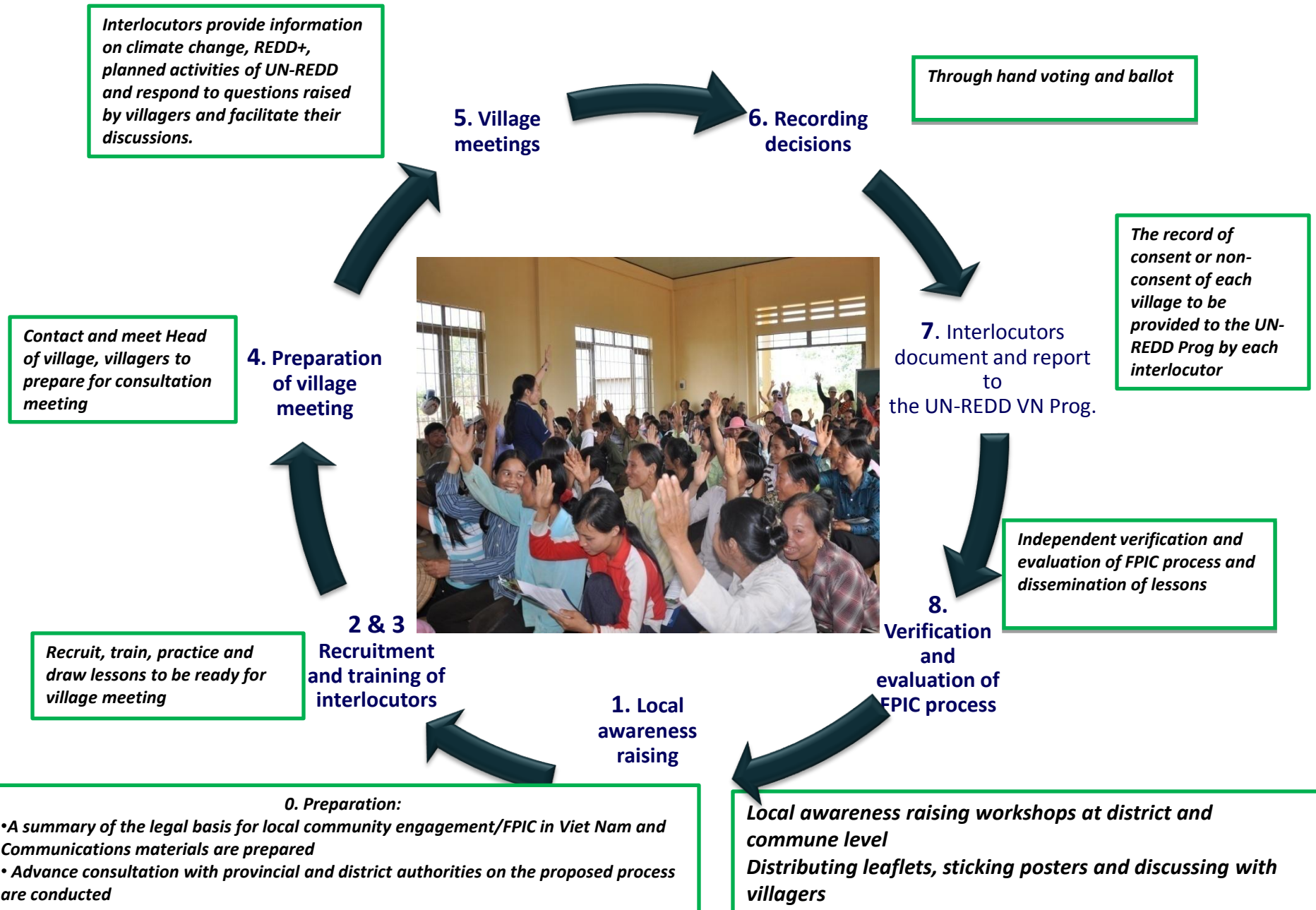


FPIC Implementation: a phased approach

- Piloting FPIC exercise is divided into 3 phases:
 - ✓ Phase 1: 20 villages
 - ✓ Phase 2: 31 villages, and
 - ✓ Phase 3: 25 villages
- Purpose: draw experience and lessons from previous phase(s)



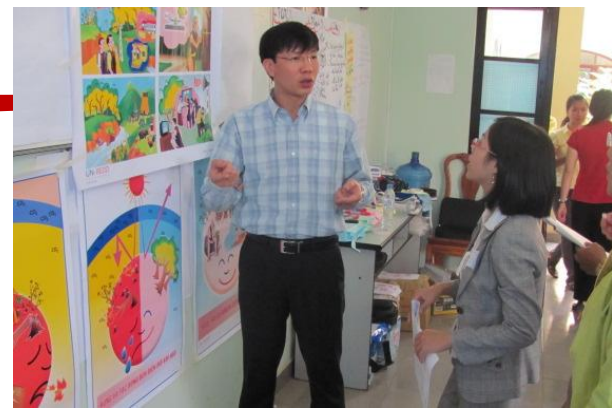
FPIC principles, 8 step process



Awareness raising to have better understanding on REDD+



All the engaged people have belief in the next steps!



Some preliminary lessons

- Public awareness raising is very important for the FPIC. It is time-consuming and difficult process;
- Need to be well planned;
- The socio-economic and local cultural situation should be taken into account;
- Ideally, interlocutors are local people;
- Interlocutors should be well trained to provide right and enough information to local people;



Some preliminary lessons

- Local people should be given enough time for digesting information, doing internal consultation, then taking their own decision;
- Local NGOs should be involved in the FPIC process;
- FPIC which should be:
 - ✓ Consistent with international negotiation process and guidance;
 - ✓ Consistent with the process of REDD+ implementation in the country and area – and of UN-REDD VN Prog;
 - ✓ Suitable with country/local-specific situation – one cloth is not fit for all;



Thank you!

