# Thailand: Revitalizing the Evaluation Result for Effective South-South Cooperation

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### **Thailand and South-South Cooperation**

- Supporting Developing Countries in Capacity Building for Poverty Reduction and Improving Quality of Life.
- Striving for Regional and Sub-regional Integration
- Strengthening Global Partnership
- Supporting the Global Agendas

### Thailand and South - South Cooperation

### Thailand's partners:

- CLMV
- Asia & Pacifics
- Africa
- Latin America & the Caribbeans
- Middle East

### Initiated actions with:

- PICs: Vanuatu, Tonga, Fiji
- Latin America: Cuba, Mexico
- Africa: Togo

**TOURISM** • SUFFICIENCY ECONOMY **HRD PUBLIC HEALTH** OTHERS: SMEs, FOOD PROCESSING. **ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY EDUCATION** FORMS OF COOPERATION 1. Development projects 2. Experts & Volunteers 3. Training AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT 4. Scholarships

Key Areas

### **Evaluation Framework/Performance**



Joint evaluation working group was established to review & set up M&E system

**Evaluation Handbook was** developed

Ex-post evaluation of scholarships being conducted to get feedbacks to improve scholarships programme

Workshop on Lessons Learned on Thailand's SSC Development held in December 2014

Joint project evaluation with partner donors

Development model in agricultural sector is in the process of refining and evaluating



A series of training in management for development results has been provided e.g. RBM, project management, and M&E to GMS etc.

In 2010, two supported projects in Lao PDR were evaluated to examine the progress and performance of the projects.

An evaluation on agricultural projects in Lao PDR has been planned to conduct at the last quarter 2015 to acquire more evidence-based in agricultural sector

### ENHANCING EVALUATION and CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT for SSC

### **Improvement**

- Include M&E into the planning and implementing phase
- Use of mobile technology such as crowdsourcing for M&E
- Strengthen personnel capacities with third parties
- Join with ADB to strengthen TICA's capability in M&E

#### **Capacity Development**

- Support from traditional donors e.g. training, workshop
- □ Participate in international seminar/workshop/conference
- □ Conduct training courses for SSC on partnership TICA-UNDP
- Join JICA mission/ team in projects evaluation in Thailand

### **Key vital points**

- Program/project design is far from the result-based/impacts
- Stand alone activities
- Lack of ownership
- Bureaucratic ineffective
- Short term vs Long term impacts

### Towards a sustainable SDGs

- To prepare for the post-2015 SDGs with earnest efforts, a meeting comprised public and private sectors was held by MFA in 2014
- As a result of the meeting, SDG targets should be achieved through strong partnership and collaboration
- Evaluation plays an instrumental role in ensuring sustainability and impact of our development cooperation with development partners, showing whether Thailand's expertise are matched with partner countries' needs

## What should be learned from M&E for future improvement

- More synthesizing on the impacts i.e. poverty reduction. Finding development models.
- Thematic focus rather than project based
- Focus on result/impact –based
- Create more value-chain to real target groups
- Building more systematic approach of M&E process at all level (programme, sector and national)
- Strengthening triangular cooperation for M&E

