

Meeting Proceedings

7th AsiaDHRRA General Assembly

11 June 2008 • Tay Ho Hotel, Hanoi, Vietnam

Opening Program

VietDHRRA Chairperson Dr. Bui Quang Toan welcomed the participants to the 7th AsiaDHRRA General Assembly (GA). He mentioned how the site visit that the participants conducted the previous day gave everyone a chance to see how VietDHRRA has been working with small farmers. He hoped that today's session would be another opportunity for the group to answer some of the questions that have been raised in the last few days. As well, it will be important to get one another's advice regarding future activities.

After a brief opening message by AsiaDHRRA Chairperson Datuk Marimuthu Nadason, wherein he highlighted the importance of the 4 P's of marketing (product, price, place (distribution), and promotion), the member DHRRA's briefly introduced themselves. A few also shared some of their expectations for the assembly such as acquiring more technical knowledge useful for farmers from AsiaDHRRA and culling out lessons learned from past initiatives.

Business Meeting: Preliminaries

The business meeting proper began with an overview of the 7th GA Agenda. The entire agenda was adopted by the body with the exception of items 10.1 (Proposal to Create an AsiaDHRRA Advisory Board/Committee) and 10.2 (Proposal to Create a New Membership Category), which would no longer be discussed. Ms. Ramirez mentioned that in an earlier caucus of the ExeCom, it was suggested these two agenda matters go through in-country processes first.

Resolution 2008-06-01 Resolved to approved the General Assembly Agenda

(See Annex A for the 7th GA Agenda)

With no comments/concerns regarding the 6th GA minutes as well as matters arising from the minutes, the meeting proceeded with a report from the Chairperson which came in the form of a video brochure. The video focused on the role of AsiaDHRRA, its track record in the past three (3) decades, some challenges, and ways forward. AsiaDHRRA Secretary General Marlene Ramirez shared that the video brochure is a beta version that was produced in-house and that the Secretariat would welcome comments on the video as well as ideas on how AsiaDHRRA should be projected.

Resolution 2008-06-02 Resolved to approved the minutes of the 6th General Assembly

Ms. Ramirez then proceeded to share the Accomplishment Report for the period July 2006 to June 2008, which highlighted the gains within AsiaDHRRA's three (3) focus areas: Policy Advocacy and Development; Capacity Building; and Leadership Development. The results in the

area of Network Development and Management (which supports the 3 focus areas) were also pointed out.

The table below provides a summary of these gains.

Area	Accomplishments/Gains
Policy Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFA as a separate organization and fully operational in 2007 • ASEAN recognition of AsiaDHRRA as a credible NGO, committed to rural peoples empowerment • Broader CSO platform for regional issues recognized by ASEAN • Recognition by global policy makers as a network championing rural development • Relevant research papers and publications available in enhanced website (which now contains profiles of each DHRRA) • Strategic networking and partnerships nurtured
Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional and national cooperation on “Linking Small Farmers to Market” (LSFM) project launched • DHRRA to DHRRA exchanges facilitated • Technical assistance to DHRRA provided
Leadership Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership development sessions sustained • Participation in key regional DHRRA events facilitated • Asian Learning Circle Framework developed
Network Development and Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-year Strategic Plan popularized to DHRRA and other partners • Active governance participation of new ExeCom • Transition to Results Based Framework • Resource mobilization and corporate fund raising conducted • Concept building and project development enhanced • Management Information Systems (MIS) improved

The 2007 Financial Report was then shared. Comparative revenues for the period 2005-2007 showed an increase from US\$130,630 in 2006 to US\$285,638 in 2007. But this is significantly lower than the US\$425,888 revenue posted in 2005. The vertical movement in revenues is characterized by greater diversity in sources of revenue, which (beginning 2005) are now coming from both donor partners and corporate foundations.

A general breakdown of expenses (direct program and recurrent) for 2006 and 2007 was also shown and explained.

Year	Direct Program Expenses	Recurrent Expenses
2006	\$176,698 (73%)	\$66,809 (27%)
2007	\$117,115 (70%)	\$49,918 (30%)

The recurrent expenses of 2006 and 2007, 27% and 30% respectively, are higher than the acceptable average rate. This is because the direct funds managed for AFA were booked separately for AFA starting 2006. If the total amount of resources managed by AsiaDHRRA (including those of AFA) had been consolidated, the recurrent expense would be at an average of 12%.

Most of the direct program expenses for 2007 were used for DHRRA strengthening/capacity building and coordination (63%) while the rest was used for resource development and mobilization (11%); advocacy and movement building (13%); research and documentation (13%)

A motion was raised by the TaiwanDHRRA delegation to congratulate all the DHRRA members, the ExeCom, and the Secretariat, for the job well done over the past two years.

Resolution 2008-06-03

Resolved to accept both the narrative accomplishment report of AsiaDHRRA from 2006-2008, and its externally audited Financial Report for FY 2007

(See Annex B for the Accomplishment and Financial Report PowerPoint Presentation)

The ExeCom resolutions for the period December 2006 to April 2008 were then reviewed and confirmed. These were classified according to five (5) major areas:

1. Network development and management
2. Organizational and leadership development
3. Regional policy and movement building
4. Constituency building and resource development and management
5. Administrative matters

(See Annex C for a Summary of the ExeCom Resolutions)

Finally, there was a suggestion from AsiaDHRRA Chairperson Datuk Marimuthu Nadason for all members to shoulder future GA expenses, e.g. airfare, board and lodging. He also proposed for the annual membership fee to be increased. This gave rise to the following resolutions:

Resolution 2008-06-04

Resolved to increase annual membership dues to US\$100

Resolution 2008-06-05

Resolved to encourage members to design and implement scheme to raise resources to contribute to AsiaDHRRA by paying for their participation in the 8th General Assembly

Report of DHRRA Members

Each DHRRA was given 10 minutes to update the group about their activities in the last two years.

CamboDHRRA

CamboDHRRA is a fairly new organization that was once part of the Cambodian NGOs Alliance for Cooperation or CNAC (until 2007). As a new DHRRA member, it has been working to establish its operations in the last year by organizing its board of directors and executive committee, profiling its organizational members, and developing the CamboDHRRA project proposal, as well as a new proposal for MekongDHRRA, a sub-regional network composed of 5 countries: Cambodia, Myanmar, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam. Members have also agreed to meet on a quarterly basis since March 2008.

	No. of Members	Financial Resources
Organizational Members	10	\$ 1,132,700
Network Members	24	\$ 2,003,557

In terms of initial gains, CamboDHRRA's sectoral activities (in the areas of agriculture, credit, health, income generation through small businesses, arts and culture, environment and natural conservation and agricultural fuel farming (biofuels) have already benefited over 87,000 families.

In moving forward, CamboDHRRA would like to 1) develop the capacities of its organizational members for rural development; 2) provide guidelines/hire a consultant to assist organizational members in their field activities; 3) strengthen member collaboration; and 4) develop web pages that will serve as an information center for members and relevant partners.

JaDHRRA

The activities of JaDHRRA in the last two years have been focused on developing human resources in rural development (making communities aware that they have the resources to address their own problems) and promoting environmental awareness. Some of these include:

1. JaDHRRA study tour to the Philippines (by university students)
2. Exposure of students to farm work (in partnership with Otemon University)
3. Tea-making workshops
4. Tea house building project (as a venue for members to gather and share knowledge)
5. Forest protection (3 ha of forest located on a mountainside that will have a tea field and be a place for people from the urban areas to experience nature)

Currently, JaDHRRA has 30 members composed of members of the academe, economists, sociologists, etc, all with specific expertise that the organization can tap. This expertise, combined with actual experience, is a potential source of tacit knowledge that should be documented or made explicit so that it can be shared with others. One limitation, however, is that JaDHRRA does not have a permanent office nor a permanent set of officers. Many of its core members are volunteers who hold full-time jobs.

KoDHRRA

Since March 2007, KoDHRRA has been working on developing a scholarship program for students of South East Asian countries. In partnership with AsiaDHRRA, research was done on determining the cost of living and tuition in each country and some guidelines were formulated. Until now, KoDHRRA is recruiting volunteers to help raise funds. (The DHRRA Fellowship and Scholarship Program is one of the new project concepts currently being developed)

Last April 2008, KoDHRRA also arranged for some representatives from VietDHRRA and the Center of Agricultural Extension Volunteers (CAEV) to visit Korea. Some of the organizations/places they visited were the Korea Advanced Farmers Association, Korea Agriculture TV Broadcasting, Korea Farmers & Fishermen's News, Seoul Agricultural and Marine Products Corporation, the Karak Auction Market, and the NACF training center and cooperative. They also conducted some farm study tours.

KoDHRRA also gave some suggestions on topics that could be covered by future GAs. They requested for more discussion and information exchange on productivity improvement, farm mechanization, import and export of agricultural products, processing techniques of agricultural products, and farm resources. It was suggested that perhaps AFA could take the lead in some of these discussions and exchanges.

Laos

At this point, LaoDHRRA has yet to be established. It is an on-going process that has involved meeting with potential members such as the Community Development and Environment

Association or CDEA, and establishing a non-profit association (NPA) network to work and support each other in the interim. Many of the learnings from both the workshop and GA shall be shared with the NPA network to help determine how it can move forward. One possible future activity could be to develop a proposal for farmer exchanges (home-stay) in tea production and marketing.

DHRRA Malaysia

From 2003 to 2006, DHRRA Malaysia has focused on developing and implementing community center projects. Beginning 2006, it shifted to rural development projects and has since ventured into a wide range of initiatives including:

1. Outreach programs
2. Agricultural programs (research, direct partnerships with farmers and fisherfolks, home-stays, study exchanges)
3. Women development programs (there are currently 7 women empowerment centers, each pursuing a minimum of 3 women development programs every month)
4. Youth development programs at the grassroots level
5. Child development programs (247 pre-school teachers have been trained on communications)
6. Income Generating programs
7. Training of Trainors
8. Legal advice and psychological counseling
9. Career test/guidance programs
10. Enviving temple (fundraising activity)
11. Tamil School Development Program (which provides funds and furniture to select schools that are not fully supported by the government)
12. Teambuilding initiatives (internal)

MyanDHRRA

The SEARSOLIN Alumni Association of Myanmar (SAAM) came to be known as MyanDHRRA after the 5th AsiaDHRRA General Assembly in August 2004 and has just celebrated its 10th year anniversary. While it has a set of elected officers and is over 100 members strong with broad experience in implementing rural development projects and the expertise to translate and produce publications useful for Myanmar development workers, there is need to strengthen the organization as a whole. One of the biggest challenges right now is related to difficulties for members to meet and coordinate with each other. This is due to a combination of factors: 1) geographic barriers (members are scattered throughout the country; 2) members are from different religious faiths and each belongs to its own mother organization; and 3) busy schedules that prevent officers and members from focusing on MyanDHRRA (although recently a new set of officers has been elected and they are able to meet more regularly). As a result, members are not updated about each other's initiatives and it has been difficult to work as one team.

PhiDHRRA

PhiDHRRA's initiatives for 2007 were focused on four (4) areas, namely the Sustainable Integrated Area Development (SIAD) strategy, Campaigns and Advocacy, Research and Information and Network Management.

Area	Specific Initiatives/Gains
SIAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of ACCESS Project and start-up of PROJECT-CARAGA both in Mindanao (with funding from Spanish AID) • SIAD Project Development in Luzon (based on Mindanao learnings) • Production of SIAD Guidebook

Area	Specific Initiatives/Gains
Campaigns and Advocacy	<p>The work on campaigns and advocacy is part of what distinguishes PhiDHRRA as a network from its member organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership role in anti-large scale mining campaign in the Philippines (ATM) • Participation in the National Campaign on Agrarian Reform (CARPER) to extend land agrarian law • Participation in the build-up of 2nd National Rural Congress
Research and Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philippine Asset Reform Report Card (PARRC) Project - this is a huge research initiative covering four (4) social justice laws: land, fisheries, indigenous peoples and the urban poor. It has been launched with good media coverage; the Philippine President and Cabinet will be briefed about the project soon. • Assessed the performance of Philippine government in implementing the four (4) asset reform and social justice laws • Updating of websites • Production of campaign materials
Network Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of endowment fund (to lessen PhiDHRRA's dependency on external funds) • Using ICT in Management Committee (i.e. holding Skype meetings and documentation management) • Implementing the communication plan (which projects PhiDHRRA as a reliable source of information) • Preparation for PhiDHRRA's 25th Anniversary (2008)

TaiwanDHRRA

TaiwanDHRRA planned and organized visits by both VietDHRRA and VNFU to Taiwan in 2007. It also played host to AsiaDHRRA's ExeCom meeting that same year. There was also good participation by the group to two regional network meetings held in China and Korea, as well as to the AFA ExeCom activities held in Jakarta, the Philippines and Bangkok. The organization is currently arranging for a government-sponsored student intern to be sent to the Philippines to gain experience at the AsiaDHRRA Secretariat (sometime August or September 2008). TaiwanDHRRA also expressed interest to be the host of the 8th General Assembly in 2010, which in turn was well-applauded by the members.

ThaiDHRRA

Since the last GA, ThaiDHRRA has conducted eight (8) trainings on various topics (leadership, good management, human rights campaign and rural women's rights promotion) as part of their commitment to work with rural communities. Attended by both male and female participants (with especially strong participation by the latter), the trainings were well received and appreciated: the participants felt that their awareness, knowledge and confidence on these important topics were greatly enhanced. While the trainings did not provide the solutions to all the problems, it did equip them to think more critically so that they would be able address their problems and take the necessary steps forward.

The trainings also gave ThaiDHRRA the opportunity to introduce and promote itself as well as strengthen networking and coordination among the different partners.

In terms of future initiatives, ThaiDHRRA would like to establish a rural women's network, reach out to the youth and engage them in farming activities, and influence Thai capitalists to support small farmers.

InDHRRRA

Like other established DHRRAs such as DHRRRA Malaysia and PhiIDHRRRA. InDHRRRA (Binda Desa) has also implemented many programs and has accomplished a lot in the period 2006 to 2008:

Program	Initiatives/Activities/Accomplishments
Community Organizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shift in strategy from strengthening sectoral POs to strengthening community at village level to achieve self-manage rural community • Establish FOs to facilitate and coordinate the work of community organizers • Recruitment of a technical assistant for natural farming • Agri-enterprise development as an integral part of community organizing process
Sustainable Agriculture/ Natural Farming	<p>Development of natural farming technology in 10 provinces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various local varieties of vegetables, fruits and paddy have been cultivated without poisoning the soil and water • Integrated farming such as producing organic fodder has developed new technologies in fishpond and animal husbandry • Models of community-based sustainable natural resources management established
Food Processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processing of products have initially been developed (tomato, cassava, snake fruits, rice, sweet potato, banana, tales, papaya, peanuts, green bean, sticky rice etc) • Rural women groups, who do the processing, get more income aside from their activities in agricultural process of production
Connecting the chain: from the field to consumer	<p>Started to build the road for sustainable agriculture chain by establishing a Business Development Center (BDC) as a medium for marketing of products. Activities in BDC include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of the economic potentials and preparation of its profile • Consultations on micro enterprise development focusing on problem solving, production, packaging, increasing value added and quality control as well as access to market • Capacity building for the community's economic institution • Facilitation of market access for the community's products through direct market to the consumer as well as indirectly to other traders • Provision of a show room in Bina Desa office <p>BDC is also a tool for marketing of sustainable agriculture values to build solidarity for a sustainable rural development.</p>
Advocacy	<p>Continued advocacy on the Right to Food, agrarian reform and food sovereignty through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitating a litigation process on land conflict faced by KTMIM, Langkat, North Sumatra • Establishing a national network on right to food advocacy after a training attended by 22 NGOs all over Indonesia • Judicial review for a new regulation on capital investment which gives privileges to foreign investor in all sectors

Program	Initiatives/Activities/Accomplishments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagements with the government (engagement means being critical partners of the government and influencing from within, not just be an implementing partner of a government project) <p>Bina Desa has been elected as a presidium member of the Alliance for Fighting Against Hunger and also elected as a chairperson of the food sovereignty working group under the food sovereignty board of the Government of Indonesia.</p>
In response to natural calamities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aceh - Rebuilding Sustainable Livelihood • Klaten and Jogjakarta Earthquake • Jakarta floods

In January 2008, Bina Desa went through an external evaluation exercise that proved to be very helpful and objective. Aside from determining what the organization had helped to achieve, the evaluation also surfaced some weaknesses that need to be addressed.

New programs to look forward to include 1) a training on Right to Food, Phase 2 (in cooperation with FIAN International and Misereor) and 2) Community Based Monitoring on Reconstruction and Rehabilitation in Aceh (in cooperation with the UNDP). InDHRRA's Strategic Plan for 2009-2013 also indicates a focus on five (5) program areas: Self manage rural community, Training center, Advocacy, Information-Documentation and Self-sufficient fund.

VietDHRRA

VietDHRRA currently has nineteen (19) regular organizational members composed of 5 NGO members, 9 mass movement and PO members, and 5 government-affiliated members. Activities conducted in the past two years include:

1. Six (6) capability building and networking projects
2. Pilot projects at the grassroots level involving 12 villages, 5 of which have ethnic minority roots
3. Human resource development program activities at the grassroots level
4. Development of curriculums, tools and training packages

VietDHRRA has learned a lot from implementing these activities. First, it has realized that effectiveness and realities are at grassroots level. Also, poor and small farmers are in urgent need of sufficient and qualified human resources to confront the emerging trends of trade liberalization and globalization. And finally, the people's participation is decisive factor for success, and training for trainers (TOT) is important for networking and to develop a grassroots action orientation towards rural human resource development.

In moving forward, VietDHRRA is in need of further support such as improved knowledge sharing among the DHRRA, enhancement of their facilitation skills, more advocacy activities and TOT on leadership development for rural areas.

Some Insights and Messages from Colleagues and Partners

On establishing a DHRRA. The DHRRA development process will be a different experience for everyone because of different contexts. Nevertheless, the focus should always be on establishing a solid foundation. This is an important reminder for emerging DHRRA: take the time to develop your members and agree on common platforms right from the very start.

On the role of AsiaDHRRRA as Secretariat. AsiaDHRRRA's role is to link, coordinate, and assist the DHRRRA members. Thus, they should always be informed of the DHRRAs' activities. The AsiaDHRRRA mechanism/system is important in order to "make things happen" for the entire network.

On future country presentations. The group should consider giving more time for the country presentations so that concerns can be adequately discussed. This will be especially relevant for the DHRRRA members who require assistance, e.g. Myanmar and Laos as new partners.

The report from ThaiDHRRRA was encouraging knowing the organizational challenges that they faced the past few years. Their initiatives focused on rural women are commendable and needs to be supported by AsiaDHRRRA. There was also a suggestion that the existing programs of ThaiDHRRRA, InDHRRRA, and other DHRRAs focusing on women should also serve as a starting point for a regional DHRRRA cooperation focused on rural women.

The need to support MyanDHRRRA was also reiterated to make them a stronger DHRRRA partner. In particular, a project cooperation in support of their initiatives to help rebuild communities affected by Cyclone Nargis will be explored, making full use of the experiences of InDHRRRA from their relief/rehab work in Aceh and Jogjakarta, and PhiDHRRRA, whose members have ample experience in handling post disaster community building work.

In line with the discussions related to the DHRRRA report, the following resolutions were made.

Resolution 2008-06-06

Resolved to organize a regional forum on Agro-fuel/ Bio-energy and its impact on food security

Resolution 2008-06-07

Resolved to assist ThaiDHRRRA to strengthen work for rural women; likewise resolved to take stock of the DHRRRA member's initiatives focused on rural women to serve as basis for developing an AsiaDHRRRA regional cooperation

Resolution 2008-06-08

Resolved to assist MyanDHRRRA in developing a community relief and rehabilitation program, with InDHRRRA and PhiDHRRRA as resource DHRRAs given their long experience in handling disaster relief and rehabilitation programs

Message from Partners

Both AFA and World Rural Forum (WRF) congratulated AsiaDHRRRA for its accomplishments and were not surprised to hear how much the group's efforts have been appreciated by communities all across the region. The cooperation of the group is very encouraging and AsiaDHRRRA will continue to remain a strategic partner for current and future initiatives.

(See Annex D for WRF message)

Sharing of Good Practices: PhiIDHRRRA Network Performance Monitoring System

Presented by: Jesus Vicente Garganera, ExeCom Member

Realizing that the network would only be as strong as its members, PhiIDHRRRA embarked on establishing a Network Performance Monitoring System about four years ago. The system was brought about by the need to “measure” members’ participation, as well as foster transparency and accountability between among the members, the secretariat and even the board members. Moreover, PhiIDHRRRA also wanted to be able to measure its own relevance and value-added as a network.

The system monitors PhiIDHRRRA’s performance in the following areas: organizational status of members; members’ level of participation (active, inactive, commendable); and members’ contribution to reduce poverty (i.e. no of hectares, no. of IPs, money for microfinance, etc). In For the period 2005-2006, the system was implemented on a nationwide, network-wide scale. Annual report cards were issued that quantified members’ viability and sustainability; physical presence and operations; “activeness” in programs and projects; and select poverty indicators.

As a result, PhiIDHRRRA was able to gain snapshots of its regional profile. Information from the system was used to de-list non-performing members, as well as prioritize and recognize performing ones. PhiIDHRRRA now has a better basis for assessing impact and is able to produce more coherent and transparent annual performance reports that go beyond “story-telling” but actually provide concrete, quantitative data.

The system is not without some problems and challenges. The quantifiable tools that were used have ended up as benchmarking tools. Also, the database is still crude causing some computation problems. And because data gathering is decentralized, it is also time-consuming. Furthermore, because of the varied profile of partners (farmers, fisherfolk, IPs), it is difficult to develop universal data sets.

But what PhiIDHRRRA has learned and realized is that NGOs should harness ICT in their M&E work because the reflection and decision-making process is enhanced when you take time to “crunch the numbers”. In developing such systems, it is important to secure clear guidance and will from the board (top management) so that 1) the necessary financial investment will be allocated (estimated cost of monitoring work is \$300/NGO) and 2) the system will be mainstreamed into the core functions of the organization. Scalability of the system is also important. And while it may be shared with others, it may need to be calibrated to suit other contexts.

“Telling stories and nurturing partnerships is the DHRRRA way. But this may not be enough to encourage government, donors and other partners to work with us...”

Dr. Liem commented on how NGOs are often criticized by either government or donor partners for being too conceptual and qualitative. He commended the new direction towards results based management (RBM) and this was supported by positive endorsement from DHRRRA Malaysia for all DHRRAs to adopt the tool.

Resolution 2008-06-9

Resolved to encourage members to review and consider the network performance monitoring system tool by PhiIDHRRRA and explore ways to harness the tool towards greater transparency and accountability based on their own context

Presentation of New Project Ideas and Concepts

Project Concept	Objectives	Components	Remarks/Comments/Updates
<p>Farmers Electronic Helpdesk</p> <p>Target donor/ partner: Intel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmers become more economically productive and viable with needed information at their disposal for sound-decision making and actions Farmers and other rural development CSOs are able to avail and claim appropriate support services from government agencies needed for various productive cooperation Farmers are able to exercise their rights to demand for better products and services from various providers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity Building ICT Infrastructure development Content Development Partnership Development Popularization thru farm radio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is about making ICT work for farmers Currently brainstorming with Intel Also having discussions with International Farm Radio (Canadian-based)
<p>Effective Policy Reform Support</p> <p>Target donor/ partner: WRF, Christian Aid</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthened capacity of AsiaDHRRRA and its members and the working group for rural development CSOs in engaging ASEAN and other policy making bodies Developed at least 15 core rural CSO women and men leaders able to effectively engage in policy advocacy work and nurture solidarity among themselves Mobilized at least double the core support for concrete on ground work of AsiaDHRRRA and its members and partners CSOs towards poverty eradication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research and Policy Formulation Policy Dialogue and Advocacy Networking and Coordination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small project (funds-wise) Very much related to the core work of AsiaDHRRRA

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<p>Governance and Accountability in Agriculture</p> <p>Target donor/ partner: OSI</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened accountability mechanism within government particularly those agencies involved in rural poverty reduction • Improved budgetary processes and monitoring of public expenditures • Public service reforms • Sustained capacity building on research, monitoring & evaluation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountability mechanism • Budget monitoring • Capacity Building • Policy Advocacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a big project that needs to be scaled down • Its about getting government to invest more in agriculture
<p>DHRRA Scholarship and Fellowship Program</p> <p>Target donor/ partner: KoDHRRA</p>	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents of country with DHRRA member in Southeast Asia • Children, sibling or relative of farmers, fishers, Indigenous people leaders • Open to non-DHRRA partner rural youth willing to work on rural development • Present a plan after graduation <p>Benefit Package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full tuition fee including miscellaneous and laboratory fee • Allowance for book, school project, internet research • Allowance for board and lodging • Training and exposure visit to South Korea • Amount of support shall depend on country cost <p>Field of Study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preference to courses related to agriculture and rural development <p>Application Process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit application to the country DHRRA • Initial screening and recommendation by country DHRRA committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope to get financial support from other donors (not just KoDHRRA) • Would like the program to be flexible; i.e. scholars need not go out of their country. What is important is that the course is related to rural development. • One idea is to tap on-going scholarship programs and offer students more exposure in order to build their social capital • Prioritize DHRRA members in awarding of scholarships • Requirements for initial scholarships need not be complicated; this can be developed further as the program evolves • Consider partial 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward recommendation to Regional committee • Donor/Partner e.g. KoDHRRRA make final decision 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • scholarships, i.e. exclude cost of books • Need too be cautious in the use of the term "scholarship" so as not to raise expectations. Clarify what is being offered: Training course? OJT? Exchanges?
<p>Poverty Reduction thru market intermediation, Organizing farmers along agricultural crop thru extension</p> <p>Target donor/partner: none yet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing and consolidation towards economy of scale • Provision of Agricultural extension • Ensuring market access 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full project title: Poverty Reduction through Market Intermediation, Organizing Small Farmers along Agricultural Crop they Cultivate, and the Provision of Agricultural Extension (PREMIOS-AGE) • Will complement the LSFM project
<p>Farmer Fellowship Program (Earning while learning)</p> <p>Target donor/partner: none yet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate the transfer of appropriate farming technology • Augmented farm labor gap in receiving country • Increase income of sending farmer household • Foster solidarity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmer matching, Monitoring and solidarity • Appropriate technology transfer • Partnership building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will involve on-the-job trainings or OJTs (sending farmers to other countries)

After the presentation of the project concept, the members made the following resolutions:

Resolution 2008-06-10

Resolved to approve all the proposed project proposals and concepts, and adopt the modification proposed on the new projects. For the DHRRRA Training and Fellowship Program:

- 1. Include exposure programs to different DHRRAs*
- 2. Include short-term training course*
- 3. Simplify eligibility and requirements for initial scholarships to be given*
- 4. Do not limit scholarships to universities*
- 5. Review the use of the term "scholarship" to avoid raising expectations and to better reflect what the program is offering (alternative title can be OJT, training, exchange, etc)*

Resolved further that members may send additional suggestions within one week, said suggestions shall then be incorporated in the revision of the project proposal

Dr. Liem also commented on how the distinction between rural and urban is no longer very clear or defined; there is now even such a term as "rurban". Thus, it is important to explore the links between the two.

Resolution 2008-06-11

Resolved to deepen discourse on urban and rural linkage towards more integrated perspective and approaches

Summary of 7th GA Resolutions

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Resolved to organize a regional forum on Agro-fuel/ Bio-energy and its impact on food security

Resolution 2008-06-07

Resolved to assist ThaiDHRRRA to strengthen work for rural women; likewise resolved to take stock of the DHRRRA member's initiatives focused on rural women to serve as basis for developing an AsiaDHRRRA regional cooperation

Resolution 2008-06-08

Resolved to assist MyanDHRRA in developing a community relief and rehabilitation program, with InDHRRA and PhilDHRRA as resource DHRRA given their long experience in handling disaster relief and rehabilitation programs

Resolution 2008-06-9

Resolved to encourage members to review and consider the network performance monitoring system tool by PhilDHRRA and explore ways to harness the tool towards greater transparency and accountability based on their own context

Resolution 2008-06-10

Resolved to approve all the proposed project proposals and concepts, and adopt the modification proposed on the new projects. For the DHRRA Training and Fellowship Program:

1. Include exposure programs to different DHRRA
2. Include short-term training course
3. Simplify eligibility and requirements for initial scholarships to be given
4. Do not limit scholarships to universities
5. Review the use of the term "scholarship" to avoid raising expectations and to better reflect what the program is offering (alternative title can be OJT, training, exchange, etc)

Resolved further that members may send additional suggestions within one week, said suggestions shall then be incorporated in the revision of the project proposal

Resolution 2008-06-11

Resolved to deepen discourse on urban and rural linkage towards more integrated perspective and approaches

Other resolutions, including those related to the Linking Small Farmers to Markets (LSFM) regional forum, were also passed:

Resolution 2008-06-12

Resolved to review the policy recommendations and action plans formulated during LSFM First Regional Forum Workshop and identify those that AsiaDHRRA is expected to take action on. Resolved further to follow through on its engagement with the FAORAP office to explore areas of cooperation in support of the LSFM and other rural development initiatives of AsiaDHRRA and its members

Resolution 2008-06-13

Resolved to accept offer of TaiwanDHRRA to host the 8th AsiaDHRRA General Assembly. In relation to this, members are encouraged to start raising their financial requirement for their participation. Further resolved to provide more time for discussion of critical issues during General Assembly

Resolution 2008-06-14

Resolved to thank to AFA and WRF for continued support and partnership

Resolution 2008-06-15

Resolved to thank VietDHRRA and VNFU for warmly hosting the 7th General Assembly

Resolution 2008-06-16

Resolved to thank all the member DHRRAs, the ExeCom, and the Secretariat for the productive past two years and AsiaDHRRRA's continuing growth as a relevant rural development network in the region

Closing Ceremony

Part of the closing ceremonies was a symbolic turnover of support for the Myanmar cyclone victims, which was received by Ms. Naw Kyu Khin.

Reflections and insights were also shared by AFA Chairperson Sudaporn Sittisathapornku, who is encouraged more than ever to work and partner with AsiaDHRRRA, and TaiwanDHRRRA Advisor Bosco Lee who expressed his appreciation for being given the opportunity to participate and his hope for the DHRRRA spirit to continue.

DHRRRA representatives from Japan, Cambodia, Thailand and Korea also shared their impressions on how AsiaDHRRRA has improved and moved forward, in terms of both quantity and quality. They now feel inspired to do their part in order to contribute to the bigger goal of reducing poverty in the region.

AsiaDHRRRA Secretary General Marlene Ramirez also took the opportunity to thank VietDHRRRA and VNFU for hosting the workshop and GA, as well as the secretariat team for their good work.

In his closing message, AsiaDHRRRA Chairperson Datuk Marimuthu Nadason reminded the group of their vision: to help the poorest of the poor so that they can recognize their own potential. Each of the members has their own special strengths, which need to be harnessed in order to attain this vision. "Despite our differences, we are confident about what we want to achieve and we continue to trust and enrich each other towards this end. And because there is confidence and trust, we have hope that we shall succeed."

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ANNEX A

7th GA Agenda

7th AsiaDHRRA General Assembly
June 11, 2008 | Hanoi, Vietnam

08:30	09:00	AsiaDHRRA General Assembly Opening Program
		Welcome Remarks: Dr. Bui Quang Toan VietDHRRA Chairperson Host DHRRA
		Opening Remarks : Datuk Marimuthu Nadason Chairperson
		Introduction of Assembly Participants (DHRRA, Partners & Friends, Secretariat)
		Overview of 7 th GA Program: Ms. Marlene D. Ramirez Secretary General
09:00	09:30	Business Meeting
		1. Approval of the 7 th GA Agenda 2. Review and Approval of the 6 th GA Minutes 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
09:30	09:50	Coffee/Tea Break and Photo Session
09:50	12:00	4. Report of the Chairperson
		i. AsiaDHRRA Video Presentation ii. Accomplishment Report (July 2006-June 2008) ii. Financial Report
		5. Confirmation of Past ExeCom Resolutions (2006-2008)
		6. Report of the DHRRA Members (Facilitated by: Dwi Astuti, ExeCom Member)
		DHRRA Reports (10 minutes each)
		Open Forum
12:00	14:00	Lunch
14:00	14:15	7. Messages from Partners
		Ms. Sudaporn Sittisathakornpul , AFA Chairperson Ms. Miren Larea, WRF Asia Desk Coordinator
14:15	14:35	8. Sharing of Good Rural Development Practice (Presented by : Jesus Vicente Garganera, ExeCom Member)
		Open Forum

New Business Matters

14:35	15:05	9. Presentation of Project Ideas and Concepts 9.1 Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Community-based Integration 9.2 Strengthening of Network Capacity in Policy Reform and Advocacy 9.3 Governance in Agriculture 9.4 DHRRA Scholarship Program 9.5 Supplemental to LSFM 9.6 Farmer Fellowship Program Open Forum
15:05	15:20	Coffee/Tea Break
15:20	16:20	10. Other agenda for GA decision 10.1 Proposal to Create an AsiaDHRRA Advisory Board/Committee 10.2 Proposal to Create a New Membership Category <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Affiliates or Working Partners 10.3 Proposal to Adjust the Annual Membership Dues
		11. Summary of 7 th GA Resolutions
		12. Other Matters
16:20	17:00	Closing Ceremony Solidarity for cyclone victims in Myanmar/Burma Reflections and Messages Reflections from AFA Chairperson Reflections from Council of Elder/s Reflections from Member DHRRA/s Message from the Secretary General Closing Message from the Chairperson
18:00		Free Dinner

ANNEX B

Accomplishment and Financial Report (PowerPoint Presentation)

Major Accomplishments

June 2006-May 2008

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Report Focus

- Policy Advocacy and Movement Building
- Capacity Building
- Leadership Development
- Network Development & Management

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AFA on its own... a dream in 1998, a reality in 2007

- Reached full operational autonomy in July 2007
- Strategic directions set, maturing leadership structure, operational plans and resources, own partnerships built
- Separate office and secretariat team

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- AsiaDHRRA will remain as a strategic partner of AFA -- in solidarity and friendship
- Bound by common agenda and aspirations for the rural people

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ASEAN recognition of AsiaDHRRA as a credible NGO, committed to rural peoples empowerment

- The only NGO mentioned in the official ASEAN Operational Plan (2004-2010) on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (see www.asec.org)
- We opened venues for dialogue with farmers leaders, accompanied by DHRRA partners on critical issues -- *free trade agreements, bio-fuel, Charter, access to information, participation.*

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- ASEAN Secretary General put the final stamp of approval to LSFM proposal to ASEAN Foundation (symbolic of support to small farmers agenda)
- ASEAN engages AsiaDHRRA in relation to its recent effort to strengthen relations with CSOs

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3. Broader CSO platform for regional issues recognized by ASEAN

- Leadership in Solidarity for Asian People's Advocacy (SAPA)
- Participation and inputs in Charter building process

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- Understanding of other regional issues (human rights, migration, burma, etc.)
- AsiaDHRRA took pro-active effort to catalyze formation of Working Group of rural Development CSOs for ASEAN engagement

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Recognition by global policy makers as a network championing rural development

- IFAD Global Farmers' Forum
- FAO CSO Consultation in preparation for High Level Meeting on Climate Change and Food
- UN Commission for Sustainable Development
- CSO Consultation on WB World Development Report 2008 (Agriculture for Development)

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Relevant research papers and publications

- Alternative Regionalism
 - *Building People-Oriented and Participatory Alternative Regionalism Models in Southeast Asia: An Exploratory Study*

- Alternative Trade
 - *Expanding on a Possible World: An Alternative Framework on Trade and Development for the Philippines*

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Relevant research papers and publications

- Re-issued (online version) of Case study on ASEAN rice Reserve Board
 - Emergency Or Expediency? A Study of Emergency Rice Reserve Schemes in Asia

- Online Version of AsiaDHRRA-ASEAN case study.

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Nurtured strategic networking and partnerships

- World Rural Forum (formal membership, board representation, joint effort to mobilize resources for on-ground cooperation, solidarity grants)
- Trade Advocates Group
- Philippine-Japan Partnership Program (Japan ODA advocacy)

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Capacity Building

..... to be more effective catalysts of change, towards reduction of poverty

Launched the regional and national cooperation on LSFM

- Capacity building of DHRRAs, partner NGOs/FOs on marketing
- Anchored on concrete model-building initiatives (in-country pilots Cambodia, Philippines, Vietnam)

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DHRRRA to DHRRRA exchanges facilitated

- JaDHRRRA-PhilDHRRRA, VietDHRRRA-TaiwanDHRRRA, VietDHRRRA-KoDHRRRA
- Focused on sociological and technological objectives
- Strengthened solidarity among DHRRAS => strengthens the network

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Technical Assistance to DHRRA's provided

- Built capacity of VietDHRRA staff on Project Management, Policy Advocacy, Facilitating, Proposal Development and Writing, Case Documentation
- Small TA fund to CamboDHRRA (*profiling of members*), MyanDHRRA (*SA piloting*), LCDA (*Lao working partner - thematic forum for network building*)

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- Deepened awareness and capacity of DHRRA's in understanding AsiaDHRRA's strategic directions vis their own (*ThaiDHRRA, PhilDHRRA, DHRRA Malaysia, InDHRRA, VietDHRRA*)
- Accompaniment to Sub-region Mekong DHRRA's, including successful fund sourcing for ThaiDHRRA (2 funded small projects)

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Leadership development sessions sustained

- Clarified leadership agenda of new ExeCom vis Strategic Plan; Defined individual leadership development plans and growth monitoring tool
- Leadership agenda tied to priority thrusts of AsiaDHRRR -- resource building, policy advocacy, capacity building on marketing and leadership development

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Participation in key regional events of DHRRA members facilitated

- ASEAN-related consultations/conferences
- venue for applied leadership development especially DHRRA second liners
- exposure to broader platforms and advocacies

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Asian Learning Circle Framework developed

- successor to Asian Leaders Dialogue (ALD)
- circle anchored on grassroots issues, resolution-oriented and research-based
- for continuing refinement and resource building

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Popularized 5 yr Strategic Plan to DHRRA and partners

- DHRRA orientation sessions
- ExeCom discourse and anchoring
- Broad dissemination to partners

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Active governance participation of new ExeCom

- anchoring of program areas by members
- providing of leadership support
- openness to learn and grow as leaders

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Transition to results-based framework

- secretariat capacity building on result-based management
- operational review of 5 Year Strategic and operations plan
- repackaged 5 Year-Strategic Plan

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Resource Mobilization

- Major grant mobilized from ASEAN Foundation (US\$439,000)
- Small grants/fees for research papers and case studies from TAG and Forum Int'l Montreal(US\$10,000)
- Core support of US\$10,000 in relation to Learning Circle from CENDHRA

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- Counterpart funding from DHRRAs and partners --- 6th GA and 7th GA (35%), waived travel reimbursements, opportunity costs, free consulting services)

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Corporate Fund Raising

- Start-up partnership with Intel Technology (US\$ 18,000 grant for ICT community-based integration workshop); now developing 2nd part of cooperation -- agri portal/social networking project
- Initial research on prospective corporate donors
- Follow-through on prospect of tapping POSCO Foundation, thru KoDHRRA support

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Concept Building and Project Development

- ICT for agriculture
- Strengthening of AsiaDHRRA, member DHRRA and partners' capacities for on-ground work (marketing)
- Capacity building on policy advocacy (esp vis ASEAN)
- Learning circle
- Governance and Accountability in Agriculture
- DHRRA Scholarship Program
- Farmers Fellowship (OJT) Program
- Supplemental to LSFM (productivity development, agricultural extension, marketing)

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- Unfunded but for continuing fund sourcing:
LSFM for Indonesia and Thailand, Capacity Building for MyanDHRRA and CamboDHRRA, OD for DHRRA
- Cross-cutting issues on rural women and youth

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Management and Information System (MIS)

- Instilled member DHRRA's consciousness on providing information to AsiaDHRRA
- DHRRA Profiling -- data base building at network level (on-going)
- Widened AsiaDHRRA's presence in the internet"(postnuke to wordpress cms)

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- “mini agri-portal” for Asian rural development issues (marketMon, techTues, hungerWeds, farmfriday, ???Thurs)
- increased web traffic from monthly ave of 300 in 2006 to 1500 in 2007.
- e-books (pdf and digital distribution) to lower cost and widen reach
- good publications (researches, marketing, issue papers)

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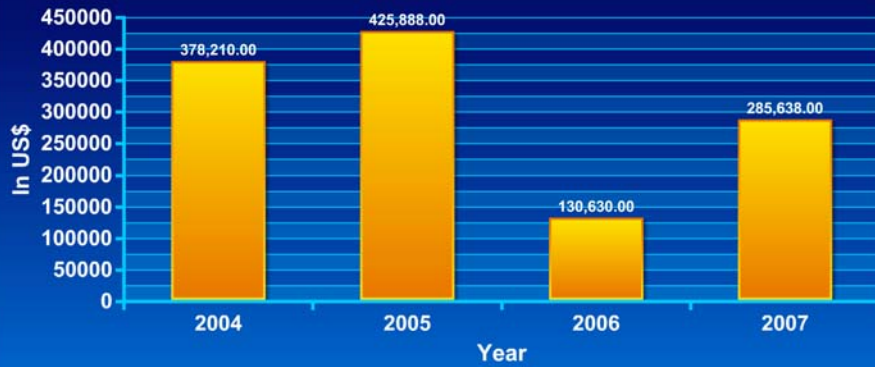


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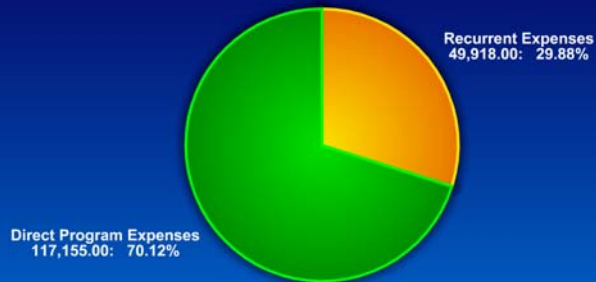
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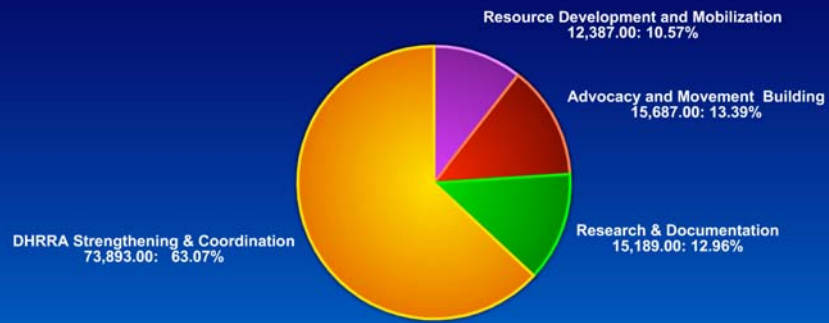
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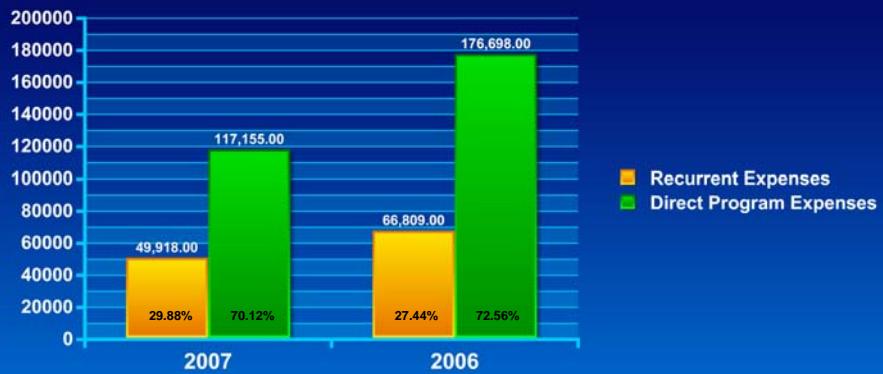
General Breakdown of Expenses



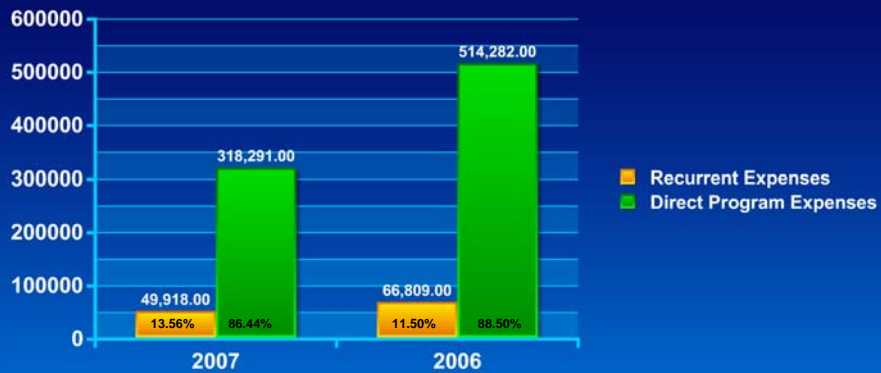
Breakdown of Direct Program Expenses 2007



General Breakdown of Expenses 2006-2007



General Breakdown of Expenses 2007-2006 With AFA funds



■ Notes to General Breakdown of Expenses

- the recurrent expenses of 2006 and 2007, 27% and 30% respectively, are higher than the acceptable average rate. this was because the direct funds managed for AFA were booked separately for AFA starting 2006.
- if the total amount of resources managed by AsiaDHRRA (including those of AFA) are consolidated, the recurrent expense is at an average of 12%.



ANNEX C

Summary of ExeCom Resolutions (December 2006 - April 2008)

SUMMARY OF EXECOM RESOLUTIONS

(December 2006 - April 2008)

I. Network Development and Management

Resolution 2006-12-06

Resolved that the Financial Report be approved as presented by the secretariat.

Resolution 2006-12-07

Resolved to put its investible fund (capital build up) to the PEF/ING investment scheme, on condition that there is assurance that there is presence of individuals in the PEF Board that are credible to AsiaDHRRA.

Resolution 2006-12-12

Resolved that the proposal for AsiaDHRRA to formalize its membership with WRF be approved, given the prospective benefits such membership to a global platform could give to the network.

Resolution 2006-12- 13

Resolved that the proposed salary structure and scale be approved, effective July 2006, subject to periodic review to be determined by the ExeCom

Resolution 2006-12-14

Resolved that Guidelines on Christmas bonuses and term completion pay be drafted by the secretariat for presentation to the ExeCom.

Resolution 2008-04-03

Resolved that each ExeCom, instead of oral reporting, in the interest of time, will submit within first week of May 2008 an update on the work they do related to their respective DHRRA or the AsiaDHRRA tasks assigned to them. .

Resolution 2008-04-06

Resolved to add Mr. Jesus Vicente Garganera, an ExeCom member based in the Philippines, as additional bank signatory for AsiaDHRRA

Resolution 2008-04-07

Resolved that AsiaDHRRA 2007 Financial Report be accepted

Resolution 2008-04-08

Resolved that AsiaDHRRA 2008 Budget be accepted subject to submission of a new version that will include the projected revenues. Resolved further, to approve the use of the capital build up to augment the necessary budget for operations, including the projected deficit in the upcoming 7th GA.

Resolution 2008-04-13

Resolved that AsiaDHRRA create membership committee to look into membership related concerns. The functions of the committee shall be developed and shall be headed by Mr. Jesus Vicente Garganera.

Resolution 2008-04-14

Resolved that Dr. Wenc-Chi Huang, anchor for Marketing initiatives, now act as Chairperson of the Project Advisory Committee of the LSFM project in the light of the thrust of providing more active roles for the ExeCom in AsiaDHRRA work.

Resolution 2008-04-18

Resolved to accept the proposed revision in the presentation of the 5-year Strategic Plan in the light of the result-based management process that was undertaken by the management to improve the network operations. Resolved further to present the revised version of the Strategic Plan during the General Assembly for their appreciation and approval.

II. Organizational and Leadership Development

Resolution 2006-12-03

It was agreed that the POSCO on-line training program be incorporated as part of the AsiaDHRRA LD program and to operationally integrate OD and LD since the two build on each other.

Resolution 2006-12-05

Resolved that the secretariat will continue to develop innovative ways – especially web based projects -to promote AsiaDHRRA

Resolution 2006-12-08

It was agreed that the secretariat share with InDHRRA the concept paper on Disaster Management Capacity Building Program that will be drafted for Inwent for Dwi Astuti/InDHRRA to comment on.

Resolution 2006-12-10

For the secretariat to draft a practical research framework and mechanism as basis for developing a research cooperation in the network, and such be presented to the ExeCom.

Resolution 2007-05-03

Resolved that the network will draft a concept paper on DHRRA scholarship which can be supported by North DHRRA and other donors and other potential benefactors

Resolution 2007-05-05

Resolved that AsiaDHRRA and AFA will pursue efforts to provide concrete on-ground interventions to farmer household both in production technology exchange and marketing support. Resolved further to come-up with revised concept on farmer on-the-job training and fellowship program.

Resolution 2007-05-07

Resolved to pursue the proposal development of linking small farmers to markets, Asian rural learning circles and alternative tourism taking into consideration available in-country successful models

Resolution 2008-04-09

Resolved to pursue the development and resource mobilization of presented project

concepts and proposals considering the specific suggestions given by the ExeCom members. Discussed and approved for fund sourcing and implementation are the following:

- 1. CSO ICT Portal and Agri Portal-e Complaints and Resource Center)*
- 2. DHRRA Scholarship and Fellowship*
- 3. Farmer Fellowship Programming*
- 4. Core Support to AsiaDHRRA: Building Capacity on Policy Reform and Advocacy*
- 5. Agricultural Governance in the Region*
- 6. Supplemental Support to LFSM (Agri Extension/Productivity Development and Marketing)*

Resolution 2008-04-10

Resolved that to improve the quality of the DHRRA-DHRRA exchanges being facilitated by AsiaDHRRA, a Guideline to serve as basis for effective learning experience shall be drafted. In relation to the concluded VietDHRRA visit to Taiwan, VietDHRRA shall be reminded to submit their overdue written feedback about their visit which is deemed necessary by the host DHRRA to help them in future hosting.

Resolution 2008-04-11

Resolved that a discussion paper on the proposed agenda for the 7th GA be prepared for ExeCom review to include a) creating an Advisory Board, b) considering a new category e.g affiliate member, c) introduction of tools for monitoring performance and poverty reduction commitment prior to presentation to the General Assembly.

Resolution 2008-04-12

Resolved that the annual membership dues be increased to \$ 200 from \$50, in the light of the growing cost of the network operations and in the spirit of increasing stakeholderhip as decided in the 2nd GA in 2001. This shall be discussed in the 7th General Assembly.

III. Regional Policy and Movement Building

Resolution 2006-12-04

Resolved that each ExeCom member will present advocacy updates in the next meetings to ensure pro-active involvement in issues of relevance to the network and to enrich ExeCom discussions.

Resolution 2006-12-15

Resolved that Sung Lee and Marlene represent AsiaDHRRA in the AFA Autonomy Task Force.

Resolution 2007-05-04

Resolved that AsiaDHRRA will offer oversight function to AFA under the stage 2 transition stage. Further resolved that the tasks of the Regional Policy Advocacy and Movement building be temporarily carried on by the Secretary General and the Program officer for Organizational and Leadership Development

Resolution 2007-05-06

Resolved that PhilDHRRA will anchor the IP and mining advocacy of the network,

InDHRRA will anchor the fishery sector and the secretariat will pursue the building of platform for rural sector.

Resolution 2007-05-08

Resolved to continue engaging with AFSA and to encourage AFA to join in the process of AFSA formation

Resolution 2008-04-04

Resolved that the GA decision in 2006 to invite AFA during AsiaDHRRA ExeCom meetings, in the spirit of partnership, be modified such that their participation becomes on need basis. AsiaDHRRA will request for a separate dialogue session with AFA after its ExeCom meeting if and when necessary. However, participation of AFA in General Assemblies and other strategic regional events remains. The same level of AsiaDHRRA participation to AFA ExeCom meetings is expected such that there will be no automatic assumption that each one has to be present in every ExeCom meeting of both organisations. The secretariat was tasked to convey the message formally to AFA leadership.

Resolution 2008-04-16

Resolved that AsiaDHRRA should engage in advocacy and campaigns regarding this issue together with other concerned CSOs at the regional level in the light of the recent food and rice crisis.

Resolution 2008-04-17

Resolved that the active and dynamic level of engagement with ASEAN be strengthened, sustained and synchronized with the issues being addressed by the members and partners at the regional and national level based on the current

IV. Constituency Building and Resource Development and Management

Resolution 2006-12-09

Resolved that the secretariat continue exploring the feasibility of launching an Altour Program"

Resolution 2006-12-11

Resolved to give at least six months for Marimuthu to plan out his strategy for AsiaDHRRA' fund raising targets. There was also understanding that each will try to support AsiaDHRRA's effort to mobilize needed resources and that FR planning will be part of the future ExeCom agenda.

Resolution 2008-04-05

Resolved that AsiaDHRRA in dealing with corporate fund raising at the regional level will pursue a flexible policy. Country DHRRA's will decide on the engagement and determine the form of cooperation depending on their organizational mandate and country context. Resolved further to consider the agreed Fund Raising Code of Ethics as guide in engaging corporate entities. The secretariat was also tasked to send the existing code of ethics to all new members of the ExeCom for further enhancement.

V. Administrative Matters:

Resolution 2006-12-01

Resolved that the proposed agenda be approved for discussion.

Resolution 2006-12-02

Resolved that the proceedings of the 6th AsiaDHRRA General Assembly be approved for dissemination to all DHRRA members and GA participants.

Resolution 2006-12-16

Resolved that the next meeting be held in Taiwan around first week of May. This will be hosted by TaiwanDHRRA.

Resolution 2007-05-01

Resolved that the proposed agenda be approved for discussion

Resolution 2007-05-02

Resolved that the minutes of the 16th ExeCom meeting be approved

Resolution 2008-04-01

Resolved that the proposed agenda be approved for discussion

Resolution 2008-04-02

Resolved that the minutes of the 17th ExeCom meeting be approved

Resolution 2006-12-17

Resolved to thank PhilDHRRA for warmly hosting the ExeCom meeting

Resolution 2007-05-09

Resolved to thank TaiwanDHRRA for warmly hosting the ExeCom meeting in Kaohsiung, Taiwan

Resolution 2008-04-15

Resolved that the next ExeCom meeting be held on the 1st week of December 2008 in South Korea and shall be hosted by KoDHRRA.

Resolution 2008-04-19

Resolved to thank PhilDHRRA for warmly hosting the ExeCom meeting in San Pablo, Laguna, Philippines.

ANNEX D

WRF Message

Pathfinder, there is no path, the path is made by walking. Antonio Machado

Our partner, AsiaDHRRA, has asked us to contribute with a text for their annual report for 2007 and it is an honour from WRF to do so.

In 2007, AsiaDHRRA became an official regional partner and a member of the family at the World Rural Forum. The formal inclusion of AsiaDHRRA has been a firm confirmation of the collaboration and friendship that goes back many years with our colleague Joseantonio Osaba, back to the year 2002 when he immersed himself in the Southeast Asia in representation of the World Rural Forum in search of potential collaborators.

AsiaDHRRA is a mature organization with a long path behind it, with concise objectives, a consolidated legal status and a highly dynamic and professional working base. Apart from the technical efficiency that AsiaDHRRA has shown, what is most attractive to us is that it is a model organization in the human sense.

This human aspect does not arise from well-structured strategic plans, nor from perfectly defined procedures, which in themselves are absolutely necessary in any serious organization; the human aspect is found in the day to day dedication of the persons in the organization, something that confers warmth, comprehension and solidarity. This is the facet that is most significant at AsiaDHRRA.

We have had the privilege of witnessing the process that has given rise to AFA, based on the contacts, initiatives and relations of AsiaDHRRA and all the effort and dedication that this entails. We have seen firsthand how this organization has brought about and fostered the conception of this dynamic organization of small-scale farmers. We have also observed that the unavoidable tension involved in the consolidation of AFA has been handled very well.

In addition, last year, AsiaDHRRA actively contributed in drawing up our internal operating documents and membership documents. We maintain constant contact with the exchange of information and opinions.

As a young organization that is growing inside the WRF, we place a high value on the unwavering support that we receive from AsiaDHRRA. For us, AsiaDHRRA is a valuable regional partner that offers its rich experience to enhance the World Rural Network.

In the words of the poet, Antonio Machado "Pathfinder, there is no path, the path is made by walking": in a project like ours, in which the path to take is not always clearly marked, in which the result of our daily efforts may not be patently clear and always operating with medium to long-term plans, it is important to count on colleagues that are by your side and that can inspire and stimulate us along the path that lies ahead.

The Executive Secretariat at the WRF is firmly committed to contributing to the ongoing stability and success of AsiaDHRRA, making real progress in the coordination of justice and fairness in rural areas and improving the livelihood of farmers around the world.

ANNEX E

PhiIDHRRRA Network Performance Monitoring System (PowerPoint Presentation)

PhiDHRRA Network Performance Monitoring System (NPMS)

AsiaDHRRA General Assembly
Hanoi, Vietnam
June 11, 2008

Outline

- Brief Background
- Results and Outcomes
- Strategies and Approaches
- Issues and Problems
- Lessons Learned
- Replicability and Sustainability

Brief Background

PhilDHRRA is membership driven...

Network has to be measured in terms of:

- Organizational Growth of members
- Level of participation of the members in the PhilDHRRA network
- Contribution of PhilDHRRA in reducing rural poverty

The reason to monitor:

- Increased calls for ACCOUNTABILITY
 1. Accountability of NGO-members
 2. Accountability of secretariats
 3. Accountability of the board of trustess
- Institutionalizing TRANSPARENCY in the network
- RELEVANCE of PhilDHRRA as an anchor

Brief Background

Monitor PhilDHRRA performance in:

- Organizational status of individual NGO-members
- Level of participation of NGO-members to network activities
- Contribution of PhilDHRRA NGO-members to reduce poverty

Brief Background

Its basically a report card that quantifies:

- organizational viability and sustainability of the PhilDHRRA members
- scope and coverage of physical presence and operations of PhilDHRRA members
- “activeness” of members to PhilDHRRA programs and projects
- selected indicators on poverty reduction

Brief Background

Other main features:

- implemented on a national scale, network-wide for the period 2005-2006
- intended to measure annual performance
- database capabilities
- multiple use potential for PhilDHRRA

Results and Outcomes

1. Snapshots of regional profiles (*who is PhilDHRRA? where are we? what are we doing?*)
2. We have used information to delist members and recognize the “performing” members (*are we achieving the mission?*)
3. More clear picture of the nature and types interventions for membership development (*are our members sustainable and reliable?*)
4. Basis for assessing impact (*are we making a difference?*)

Results and Outcomes

1. This is a concrete move to comply with the Covenant on Philippine Development and the Code of Ethics (are we still rooted?)
2. Establish clearly the “value-added” of being a PhilDHRRA member? (are we relevant to our NGO-members as a network?)
3. We hope to see more coherent and transparent annual performance reports.

Strategies and Approaches

- Quantifiable tools were developed to measure organizational growth, scope and coverage, level of participation and contribution to poverty reduction
- Good NGO governance as a rallying call, transparency and accountability as a measuring stick.
- Decentralized data-gathering but nationally-coordinated research design and consolidation.
- The monitoring work was embedded as a network “imperative”.

Issues and Problems

1. Annual performance ended up as a benchmarking tool.
2. Computation problems due to data gaps.
3. Time-consuming for both members and secretariats.
4. Universal data sets are almost impossible with PhilDHRRA.

Lessons Learned

- Reflections (and decision-making) are enhanced when you crunch numbers.
- ICT offers tremendous capacity for NGO monitoring and evaluation work.
- Clear guidance, directive and political will from the board of trustees is essential.
- Scalability of systems and tools (pilot test -> refine -> expand -> full implementation)

Replicability and Sustainability

1. The annual performance monitoring has been adopted by PhilDHRRA as a “core function”, from 2007 and beyond.
2. Database system can be shared to all other networks, with some re-calibration of datasets. This has been used as a template by the largest network of NGOs in the Philippines
3. Cost of monitoring work: US \$ 300 per NGO

At the end of the day...

The exercise was meant to address one key concern for PhilDHRRA...

“Why are we still RELEVANT?”