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Risk- and Strategy Appraisal Group Discussions

**[Household/Commune Authorities] [Hamlet/Commune name]**

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*Interviewers:*

*Translation:*

*Date:*

*Time:*

*Location:*

*Impression:*

*other comments*

**Information WISDOM and PhD:**

Thank you very much for coming here and taking the time to talk with us. The research project is part of cooperation between Vietnam and Germany. As you might already know, we are trying to learn more about the situation in your hamlet. Your knowledge and experience can help us to understand and find ways how to improve the circumstances for the people in rural areas of the Mekong Delta. The group discussion will take two to three hours. The things you tell us will be kept confidential and will only be used for scientific purposes.

Time **Hh FGD**

	Content	Description	Preparation lists
07:30	<b>Risk appraisal</b>	Risks	
		What are the biggest threats for this community?	<i>Preparation of cards with potential risks. Select the relevant strategy cards for this community.</i>
		Ranking of Risks	<i>Order the risk cards according to the ranking</i>
	Experiences in the last 10 years	When was this risk of particular significance in the past ten years?	<i>Write behind each risk the year / month</i>
08:00	<b>Hazard Impacts</b>	<i>Cause-effect diagram for salinisation/flooding</i>	List of potential direct salinity impacts
		Direct impacts of salinisation/flooding	What are the direct effects of salinisation on the natural environment?
		Socio-economic impacts	What does each of these effects imply for the local communities?
08:30	<b>Adaptation Options</b>	Options to react to each impact (formal and informal / coping and adaptation)	What options does the government have to improve the situation for the local farmers? What options do farmers have? Important: <b>OPTIONS not only actual strategies!</b>
		Which of them were already applied (When)	Which of these options are already applied by government/communities in Tra Cu?
			<i>Give each option a score (0, +, ++, +++) depending on whether it is a not, rarely applied, common, very common measure)</i>
09:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
09:15	<b>Strategy impacts</b>	Costs of strategy	What are the costs of the most important: Governmental coping and adaptation strategy / household coping and adaptation strategy.
		Benefits of strategy	What benefits each of the strategies have?

*Financial, Physical, Human, Natural, Social capital (write it on cards and relate it to each strategy). Each strategy will be first evaluated according to their costs then benefits*

List of costs related to strategies

*Financial, Physical, Human, Natural, Social capital (on cards related to each strategy)*

List of benefits related to strategies

		Long-term impacts of each strategies	Which of the mentioned benefits and costs have severe consequences in the long run?	<i>related to each benefit and cost and distribute scores to each between --- and +++</i>	
10:00	<b>Evaluation</b>	Criteria for good/bad adaptation (cards)	What makes a strategy a good / bad one. Can you name criteria according to which you can judge the quality of a strategy?	<i>Write them on cards</i>	List of Evaluation criteria
		Evaluation matrix	How would you judge the three most relevant strategies according to each of these criteria?	<i>Each criteria on top of the columns; 3 most important strategies of each block at the beginning of each row</i>	
		Scoring for selected strategies	In how far does the strategy fulfill the criteria?	<i>appoint a value between +3 and -3 to each criterion for each strategy</i>	
		Scoring of criteria	How important are the different criteria in your opinion?	<i>distribute the 25 points to the evaluation criteria according to their importance</i>	
11:00					

Timing	<u>Commune Authorities FGD</u>	Content	Description	Preparation lists
07:30	<b>Risk appraisal</b>	Risks	What are the biggest threats for this community?	List of potential risks
		Ranking of Risks	What is the most important risk, which is least important, ...	
		Experiences in the last 10 years	When was this risk of particular significance in the past ten years?	
08:00	<b>Adaptation options</b>	Options to react to each impact (formal and informal)	What options does the government have to improve the situation for the local farmers? What options do farmers have?	List of potential strategy-options
		Which of them are already applied	Which of these options are already applied by government/communities in Tra Cu?	
09:00	<u>Coffee Break</u>			
09:30	<b>Strategy impacts</b>	Cause effect diagram		List of potential costs related to strategies
		Costs of strategies	What are the costs of the three most important: <b>Governmental</b> coping and adaptation strategy strategies.	
		Benefits of strategies	What benefits does each of the strategies have?	
		Long-term impacts of each strategies	Which of the mentioned benefits and costs have severe consequences in the long run?	

*Preparation of cards with potential risk. Select the relevant strategy cards for this community.*

*Order the risk cards according to the ranking*

*Write behind each risk the year / month*

*Find adaptation options for each impact write them on cards. Start with government coping and adaptation then hh coping and adaptation*

*Give each option a score (0, +, ++, +++) depending on whether it is a not, rarely applied, common, very common measure)*

*For the three most important strategy of formal coping and adaptation:*

*Financial, Physical, Human, Natural, Social capital (on cards related to each strategy). Each strategy will be first evaluated according to their costs then by their benefits*

*Financial, Physical, Human, Natural, Social capital (on cards related to each strategy)*

*related to each benefit and cost and distribute scores to each between --- and +++*

10:00

**Evaluation**

Criteria for good/bad adaptation (cards)

What makes a strategy a good / bad one. *Write them on cards*  
Can you name criteria according to which you can judge the quality of a strategy?

Evaluation matrix

How would you judge these strategies for each of the criteria? *Each criteria on top of the columns; 3 most important strategies of each block at the beginning of each row*

List of Evaluation criteria

Scoring for selected strategies

In how far does the strategy fulfill the criteria? *appoint a value between +3 and -3 to each criterion for each strategy*

Scoring of criteria

How important are the different criteria in your opinion? *distribute the 25 points to the evaluation criteria according to their importance*

11:00