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Risk- and Strategy Appraisal Group Discussions

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

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*Interviewers:*

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

		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	Risk appraisal	Risks	What are the biggest threats for this community?	Preparation of cards with potential risk. Select the relevant strategy cards for this community.	List of potential risks
		Ranking of Risks	What is the most important risk, which is least important, ...	Order the risk cards according to the ranking	
		Experiences in the last 10 years	When was this risk of particular significance in the past ten years?	Write behind each risk the year / month	
08:00	Adaptation options	Options to react to each impact (formal and informal)	What options does the governemnt have to improve the situation for the local farmers? What options do farmers have?	Find adaptation options for each impact write them on cards. Start with government coping and adaptation then hh coping and adaptation	List of potential strategy-options
		Which of them are already applied	Which of these options are already applied by government/communities in Tra Cu?	Give each option a score (0, +, ++, +++) depending on whether it is a not, rarely applied, common, very common measure)	
09:00	Coffee Break				
09:30	Strategy impacts	Cause effect diagram		For the three most important strategy of formal coping and adaptation:	
		Costs of strategies	What are the costs of the three most important: <u>Governmental</u> coping and adaptation strategy strategies.	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	List of potential costs related to strategies
		Benefits of strategies	What benefits does each of the strategies have?	Financial, Physical, Human, Natural, Social capital (on cards related to each strategy)	List of potential benefits related to strategies
		Long-term impacts of each strategies	Which of the mentioned benefits and costs have severe consequences in the long run?	related to each benefit and cost and distribute scores to each between --- and +++	

10:00	<b>Evaluation</b>	Criteria for good/bad adaptation (cards)	What makes a strategy a good / bad one. <i>Write them on cards</i> 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?	<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>
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List of Evaluation criteria