

CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS: ສັນຍາການຮັກສາຄວາມບອດໄພ:

Consensus, Negotiation and
Implementation

SAFE ECOSYSTEMS PROJECT

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Schedule for Achieving Conservation Agreements in 2018

- June 2018
 - Training with Key Staff at PAFO on Conservation Agreements
 - Training with Key Staff at DAFOs in 5 target villages on Conservation Agreements
 - Ensure that all authorities within SVK are aware and approve of CA model for the SAFE Ecosystems Project
- July 2018
 - Engagement with 16 villages within Ong Meng Sanctuary
 - Engagement with 3 villages within Dongvouvieng NPA
- August-September 2018
 - Negotiation with all villages to develop Conservation Agreements
 - Aim towards having all Conservation Agreements signed by the end of Q3.

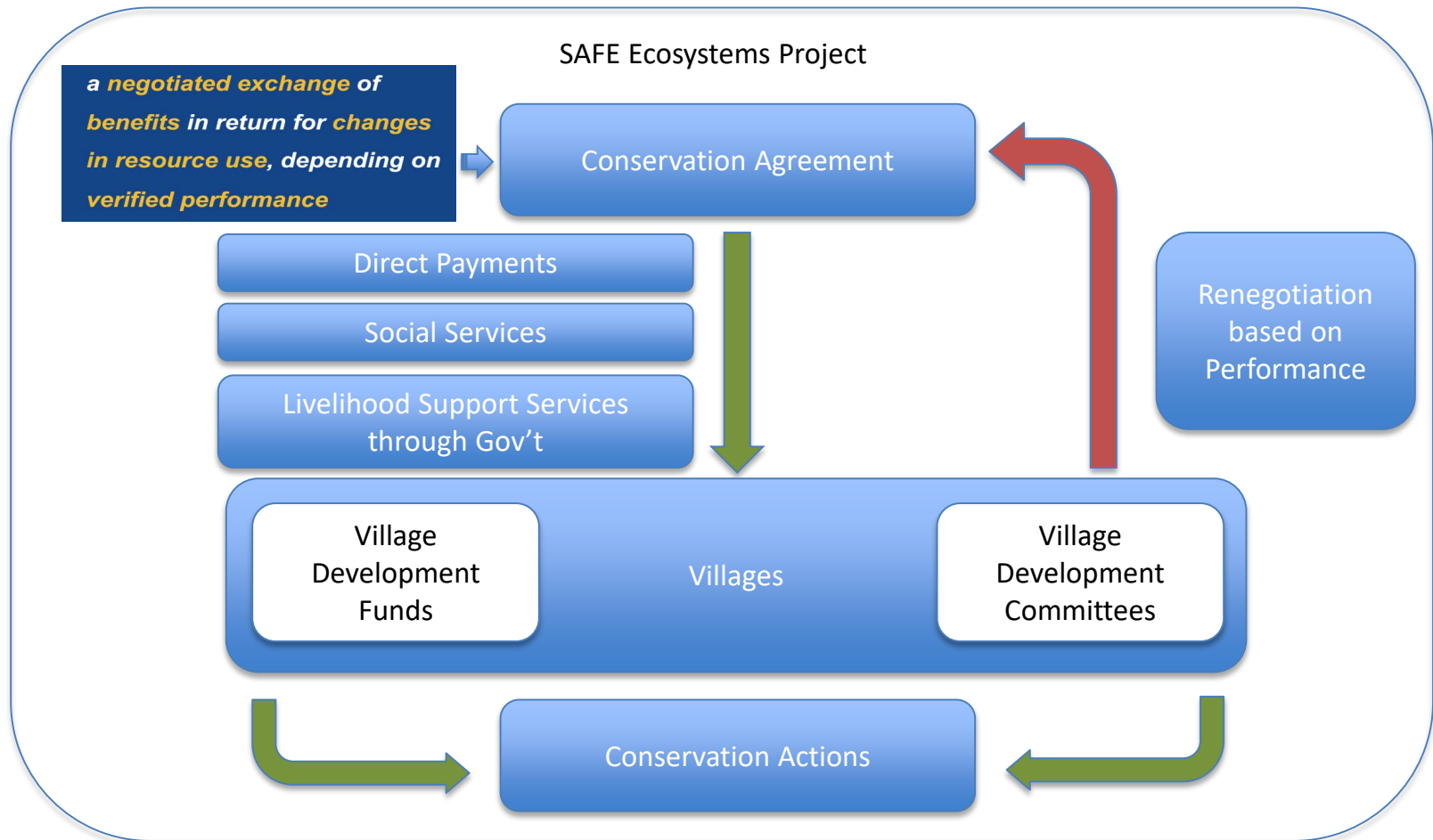
Strategy for Achieving Conservation Agreements - July 2018

- Training of PAFO and DAFO is essential.
- Documents presented in training will be translated to Lao language.
- In July, TA and Technical Specialists will meet with at least 2 villages in each District with DAFO
 - At the first village, the TA and Technical Specialists will present and provide the initial concepts of Conservation Agreements – key staff from DAFO will observe and learn.
 - At the second village, the DAFO staff will present to the villages on Conservation Agreements with support from the TA and Technical Specialists
- The DAFO teams will then be responsible for presenting Conservation Agreements to the remaining villages within their District (Xonnabouly has the most villages).

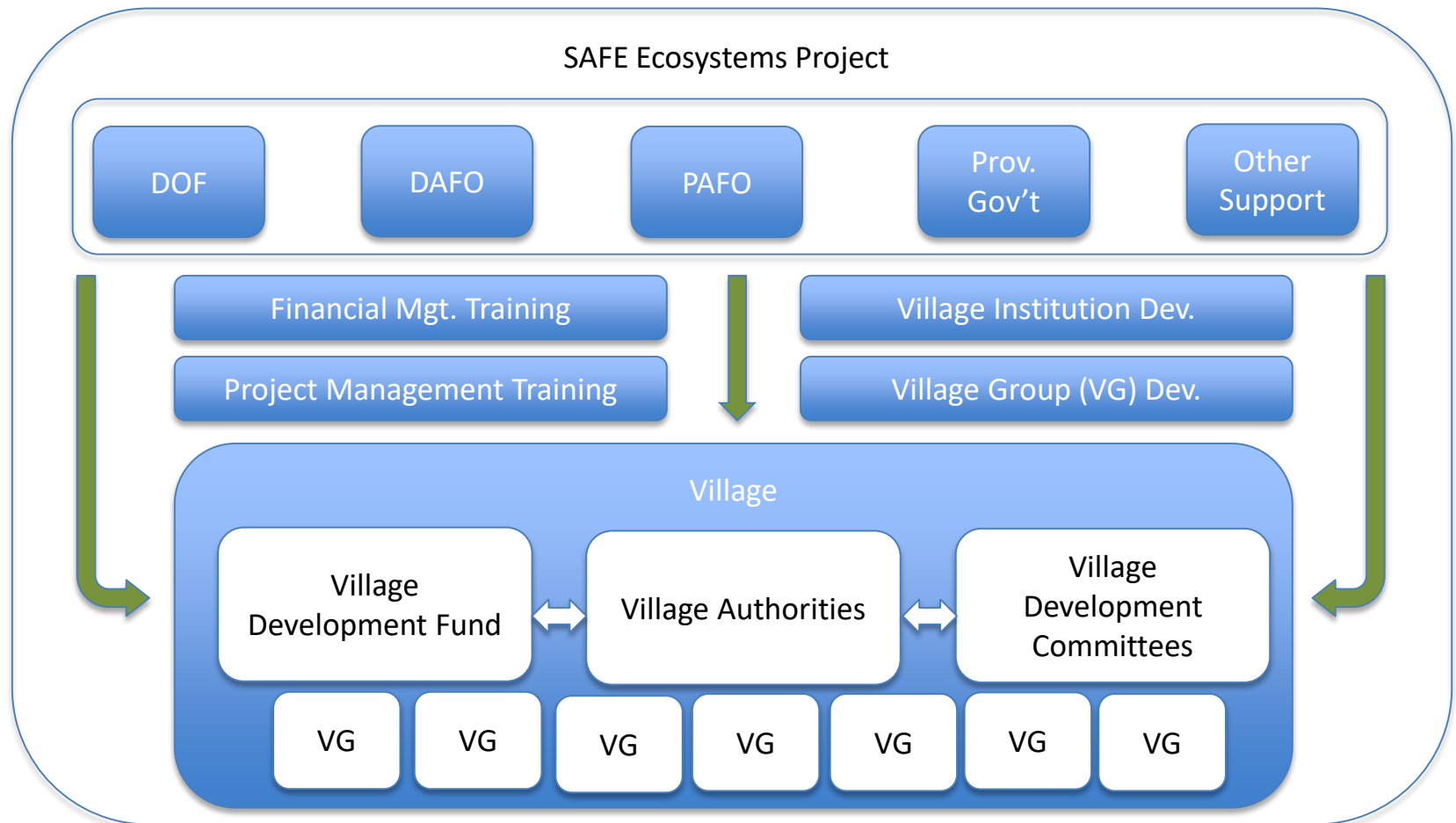
Strategy for Achieving Conservation Agreements - August 2018

- A key outcome of the July meetings with the communities is FPIC and the consensus to move forward with Conservation Agreements
- By August, the project will be ready to move forward meeting communities to negotiate Conservation Agreements.
- A Conservation Agreement template will be prepared:
 - **Conservation Actions** to be implemented by the communities will be defined.
 - **Benefits** for the communities implementing the conservation actions will be defined.
 - **Monitoring mechanisms** to determine community compliance will be defined.
 - **Penalties** and **Rewards** for community compliance will be defined

Conservation Agreement Structure

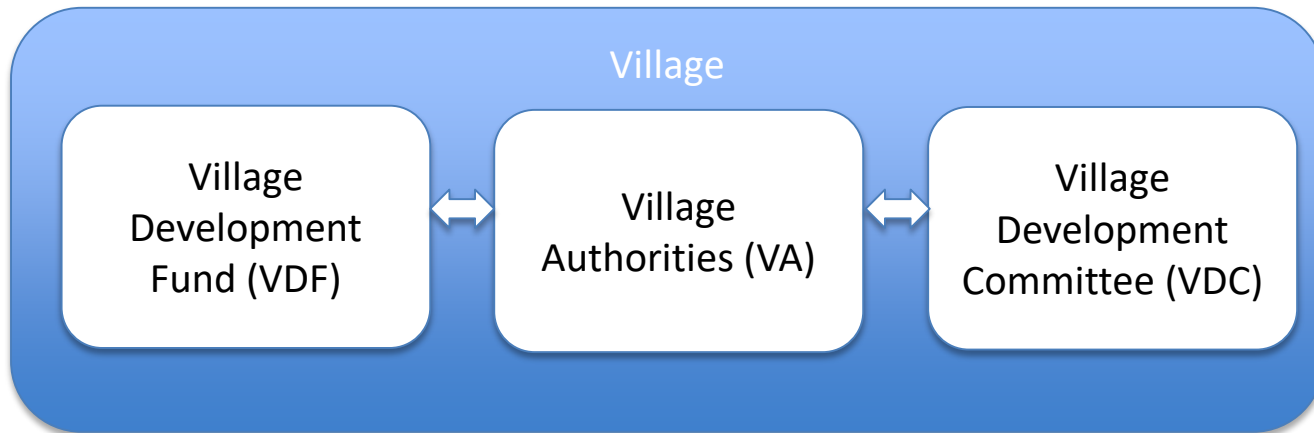


Conservation Agreement Village Structure



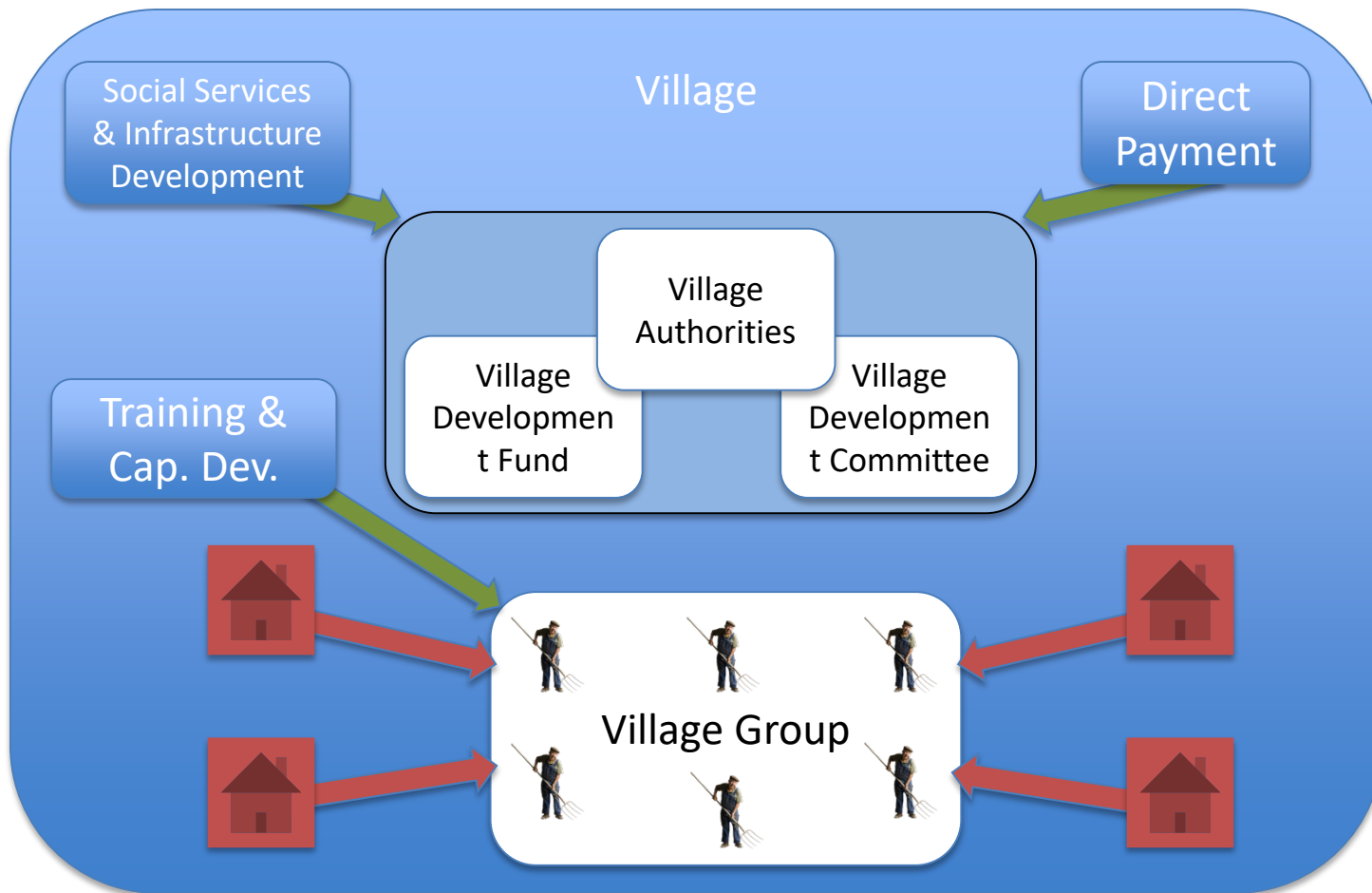
Entry Point: Village Institution Development

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- Creation of **Village Development Fund** to receive direct payments from the project.
- Creation of **Village Development Committee** to coordinate activities at the village level.
- Capacity Building: (i) Financial Management, (ii) Project Management

Entry Point: Village Group Development



Current Status Towards Conservation Agreements with Ecotourism

- Eco-tourism potential assessment in 14 villages completed.
- Site surveys in Dongpouvieng, Phouxanhay, as well as Eld's Deer Sanctuary completed
 - 3 village Phin with high potential
 - 3 villages in Xonnabouly with high potential
 - 1 village in Songkong with high potential
- Potential Eco-tourism trek in Dongphouvieng NPA (Phin)
- Eld's Deer Nature Trek in Ong Meng (Xonnabouly)
- Elephant & waterfall trek in Phouxanghay (Phin)
- Lake and crocodile viewing (?) (Xonnabouly / Songkong)
- Marketing Survey completed for Eco-tourism
- Bike survey completed in Ong Meng Area
- Site survey in Dong Muot, Tong Wai Kho, Tong Wai Nam (Xonnabouly)
- Guide training for 15 people from Eco-guide Unit from SVK
- Testing of ecotourism site Dongvouvieng

Required 2018 “Next Steps” for Conservation Agreements & Ecotourism

- Organize provincial consultation meeting for ecotourism development.
- Set up eco-tourism activity in Dongpouvieng NPA.
 - CAs required for implementation of activities.
 - Awareness raising for 3 villages
 - Establishing VDF & VDC (capacity building finance mgt. & project mgt.)
 - Village Group Development for Ecotourism Activities
 - Capacity building & training for ecotourism activities
 - Designing, construction and installation of infrastructure
 - Tourism operators testing; promotion & website

Current Status Towards Conservation Agreements with Livelihoods

- Village assessments conducted in 2017
 - baseline surveys, village data, understanding village priorities...
 - All 16 villages covered
- Workshop with counterparts with planning in 2017
 - Preparation of village plans based on rural develop plans.
- Technical needs assessment performed in 2018
 - livestock, agriculture, rural development, LWU
 - Selection of people involved with activities
 - All 16 villages
- Meetings have been held in each of the 16 villages to nominate and establish the VDCs.
 - Village chief, treasurer, accountant, head of committee, assistants (committee members)
- Prepared activities for veterinary care, LWU and agriculture
- During April, some discussions were held with all 16 villages regarding CAs, but no official decisions were made.
- Discussion of priority activities for the villages.

Required 2018 “Next Steps” for Conservation Agreements & Livelihoods

- Activities for Veterinary Work, Agriculture, and LWU have been prepared.
 - Implementation to initiate in May 2018
- These activities need to continue as planned
 - Message to villages is that these activities provided initial incentive and to move forward need to engage with CA development
- CA overview needs to be provided.
 - Completion of Phase 2 engagement and Phase 3 CA Building.
 - Aim for completing all 16 villages by end of Q3
 - Initiate the following:
 - Creation of **Village Development Fund** to receive direct payments from the project.
 - Creation of **Village Development Committee** to coordinate activities at the village level.
 - Capacity Building: (i) Financial Management, (ii) Project Management
 - Creation of Village Groups

Thank You!



Questions?