

Sustainable Livelihoods Framework and Water-related Climate Change Adaptation Interventions (CCAIs) in Vietnam

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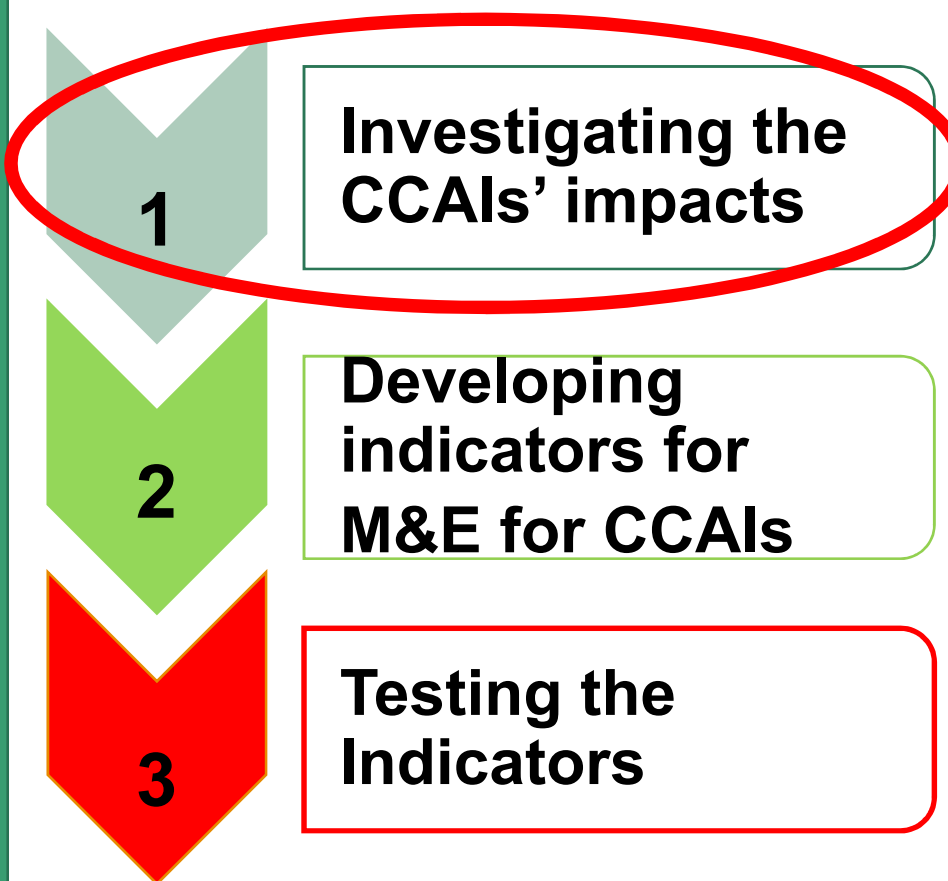
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1. Brief introduction on my whole project

Problem statement

- ❖ Climate change water-related issues – the **first priority** for adaptation measures (*GFDRR, 2011*).
- ❖ **A lot of CCAs** (current and on-going);
- ❖ **Little knowledge** about CCAs impacts on grassroots levels.

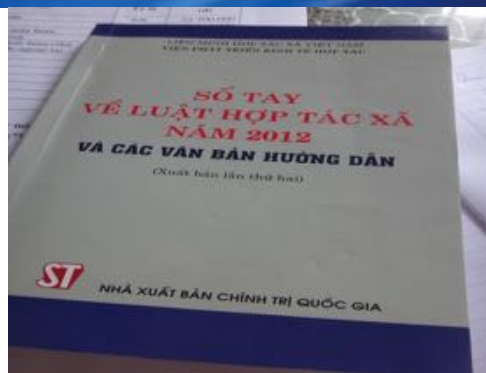
Research objectives



2. Method



Observe the communities



Collect official documents



Interviews

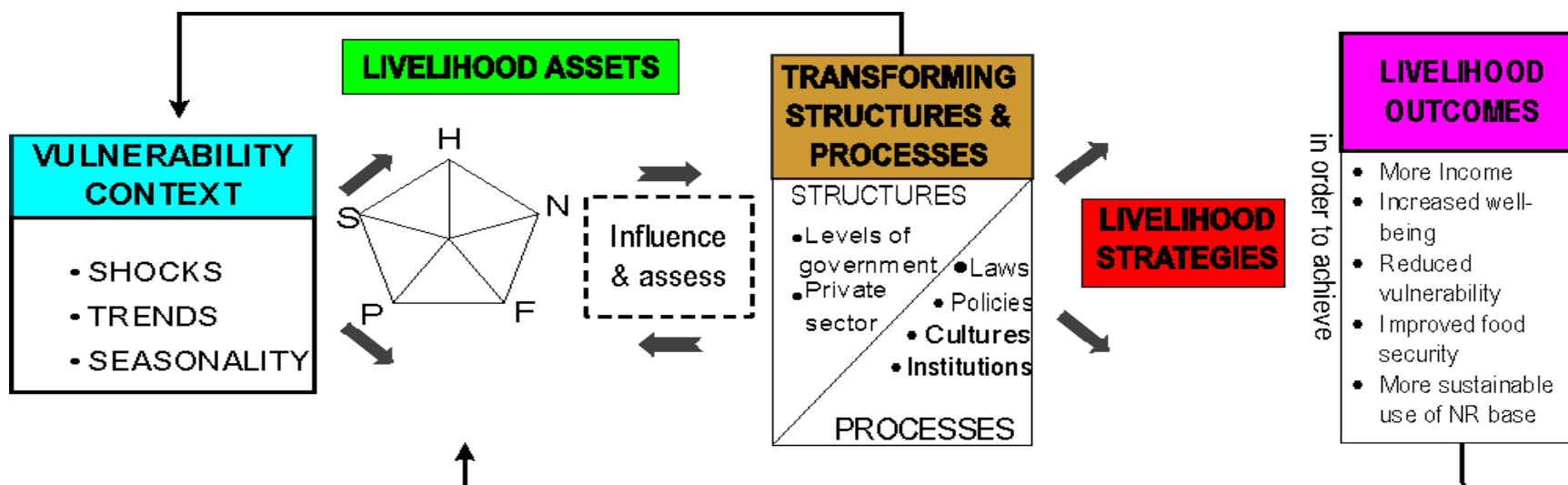


Figure 1: Sustainable Livelihoods Framework (DFID, 1999)

3. Area context

Figure 2: Map of Thai Binh

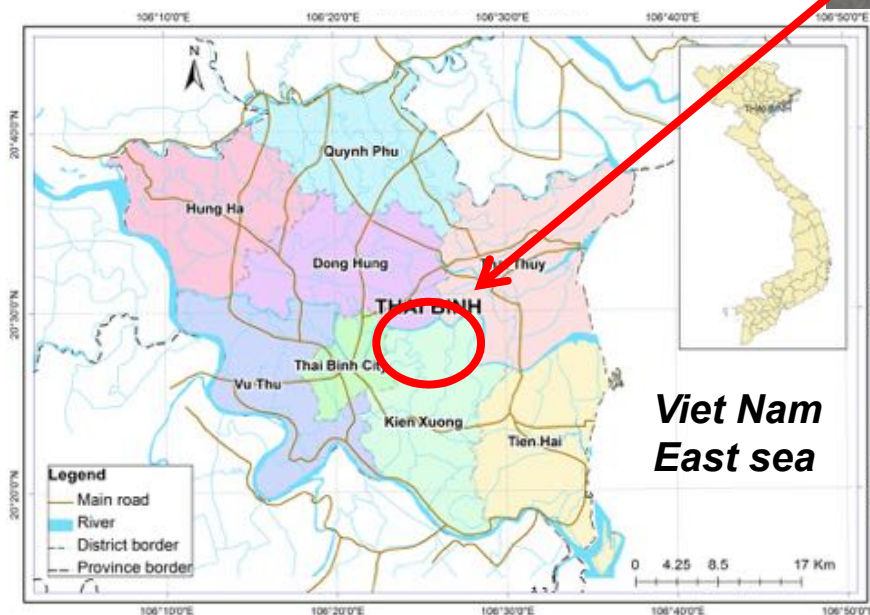


Figure 3: Picture of Quoc Tuan community

- Population: 7.435, Area: 6.8 Km²
- Located in the lowest elevation area;
- Most of the residents are involved in agricultural practices;
- Main income resource is not from agriculture production

(UBND xã Quốc Tuấn, 2016)



The main objectives of water-related CCAs are to:

- ❖ Improve water-related **infrastructure**;
 - ❖ Adjust local **irrigation plans** and **cultivation schedules**;
 - ❖ Raise local **residents' awareness** of climate change and train them in advanced livelihood practices;
 - ❖ Enhance the **local engagement and participation** in climate change adaptation.
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4. Initial findings

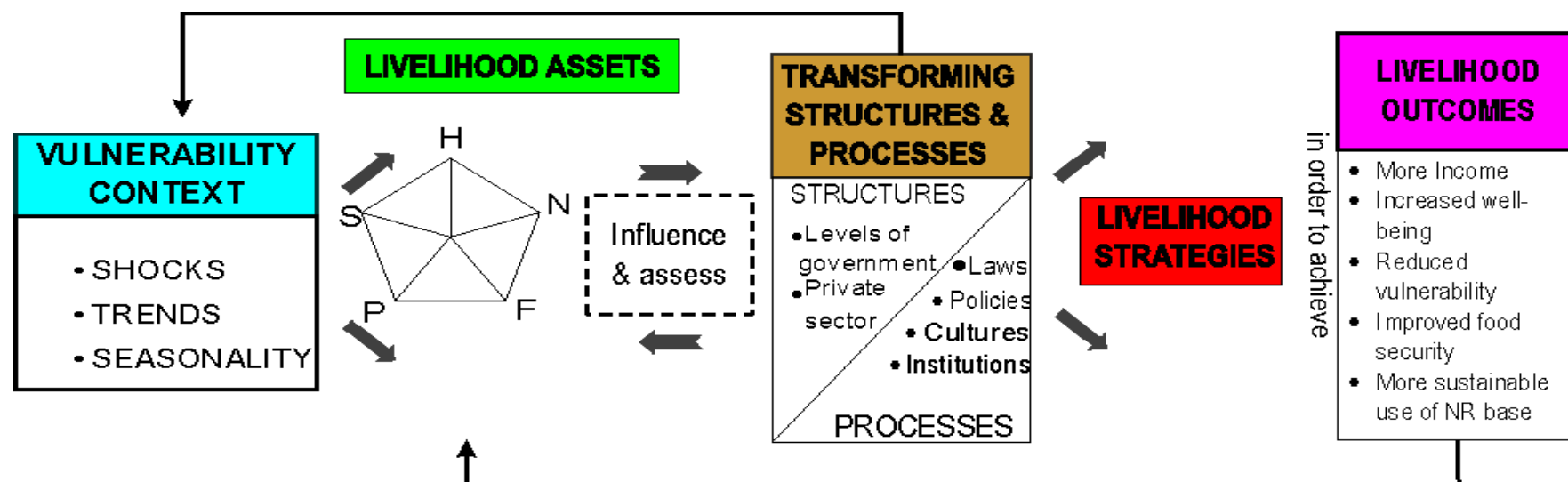


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☺ “...**less risks for the crop** (e.g. pest epidemics, extreme cold and hot spells,” [Farmer].

- VULNERABILITY CONTEXT**
- SHOCKS
 - TRENDS
 - SEASONALITY

LIVELIHOOD ASSETS



TRANSFORMING STRUCTURES & PROCESSES

- STRUCTURES
- Levels of government
 - Private sector
- PROCESSES
- Laws
 - Policies
 - Cultures
 - Institutions

LIVELIHOOD STRATEGIES

In order to achieve

LIVELIHOOD OUTCOMES

- More Income
- Increased well-being
- Reduced vulnerability
- Improved food security
- More sustainable use of NR base

☹ “**The water level at Hong river is very low, so it will be not enough water for paddy rice at critical periods.**” [Farmer].

☹ “... **instead of taking the fresh water, my field was affected by brackish water.**” [Farmer].

4. Initial findings

☺ There are 3 sluices and 2 pump stations, which **supports well for water irrigation operation** [Officail].

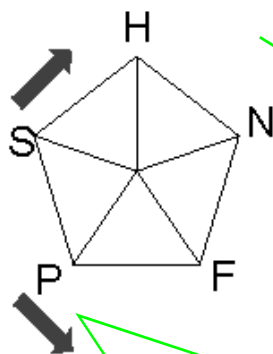
☺ “Now farmers just need to **bring their hoes** to extract or withdraw water” [Former official]

☺ “Our private pump is now **hardly needed ...**” [Farmer].

☹ “There was a project to concrete the river banks. The workers **broke the water supply pipes**” [Farmer].

☹ We still lacked of **drinking water - storm water** [Farmer].

LIVELIHOOD ASSETS



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4. Initial findings

😊 "...with the ongoing storm information, I sometimes netted fishes as usual... I even **caught more fishes and small shrimps than usual**" [Fishman].

😊 "Now, all farmers **followed the rice direct seeding practices**" [Official].

☹️ "... at the **rice pollination phase, it requires a lot of water, but with small private pump, our field is just soaked a little. This is not enough.**" [Farmer].

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😊 “...have **more time for entertainment** and accumulate other knowledge” [Famer]

😊 “...it **saves time and costs** for family and society” [Famer]

😊 “... will be **better for environment** as we used fewer chemicals” [Famer]

LIVELIHOOD
OUTCOMES

😊 “...**less fertilizer needed**” [Famer]

😞 “I had to **spend extra working days** to recover the fields...” [Famer]

😞 “We **lost around 20% of our crop productivity**” [Official]

😞 “I spent more money for **fertilizers and herbicides**” [Famer]

4. Initial findings

“...have good connection between the officials and local residents. We often hold the meetings. [Former official].

“... farmers are now willing to raise their voices . They are not like before.” [Farmer].

**TRANSFORMING
STRUCTURES &
PROCESSES**

“I will not rock the boat which are the official irrigation plans, though sometimes they are possibly not suitable for local conditions and harm local livelihoods”. [Official].

5. Conclusions

1. Had both **positive and negative effects** on sustainable livelihoods. These effects could be categorised into “**Livelihood outcomes**” and “**Vulnerability context**”. They also affected the ways the residents pursued their “**Livelihood strategies**” and accumulate “**Livelihood assets**”;
2. Some **contradictions** amongst the impacts of water-related CCAs on the local livelihoods..
3. Some **influencing factors** which are mostly related to the “**Institutional structures and processes**” .
4. These preliminary findings form the basic of my next research step to **develop indicators**.

Thank You for your attention!

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