

Questions from SCCF on SPERI's intermediate report PI 242559

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General comment:

Dear Ms Lanh, Ms Kien and SPERI team,

Many thanks for the deeply interesting reports and supporting documents. In particular, the video gives a very good overview of the issue at stake, your position, and work on the ground. Your quick progress in terms of data collection and analysis have been impressive, please congratulate your team for their hard work.

I have listed a few additional questions below. Given we're already halfway through the project, the most important for me is to understand any deviation from the initial activities and budget (because of context changes, or lessons learnt ..), and any potential need for adjustments or reallocation of funds.

Let me know if you have any questions, and thanks in advance for the clarifications!

Financial report

- Could you please share more information on your financial situation and progress (summary of all key information including if there were budget changes, explanation of variation of budget lines outside of the natural project progression, challenges, conclusion on the balance left, etc.) **Answer: SPERI accountant will share detail with you!**
- More specifically, reflecting on the first 6 months of the project, do you identify any meaningful deviation from the project initial activities and budget, and/or additional needs arising? From the report, I noted that Activity 1 seems entirely completed, yet some funds were not used for example. **Answer: Will explain in detail by a zoom in September!**

Narrative report

General

- Could you please share if the political context has changed with regard to the Carbon Law in Vietnam during the reporting period and, if so, what is the potential impact on the project's impact? **Yes, the Decree 107/2022 has been recognizing some vulnerable future! We had success on this. A Zoom for detail how we have been successful in detail! We are waiting for the ending of the project for an official writing and publication!**
- From your results so far and discussions with stakeholders, how do you assess the potential influence of your research on national policy making and/or local governance? **We have achieved both, will explain in detail by a zoom and final report**
- You mentioned working with Nature Life-International (NLI) from Germany. Are you also collaborating with them on a carbon justice project? If so, it would be great to connect with them. If not, do you have other current projects with them? **SPERI and NLI are more than collaborating! In HEPA Scenarios during last 6 months, NLI directly through Professor Goeltenboth has been engaging with all our key**

farmers and SPERI senior staff team to give different training courses either online from Germany or direct face to face in HEPA during two trips (Professor paid by NLI) staying with us from March 17 – 27, 2023, and from April 5 to 17, 2024 for fulfilling any basic needs for moving forwards our CO2 justice project. Additionally, NLI also supporting us with 5,000 EURO for building a series of nurseries (directly to our key farmers forest land holders for enriching rain-forest areas around (HEPA).

- In the report you mentioned working on sampling medicinal plants and herbs. How does this activity support the project objectives and carbon justice? **This issue we cannot write down yet because too many thing according to the CO2 issue in Vietnam we need to give first priority. On ending the project we will write down for sharing to all socially, politically and ecologically what we have been achieving!**
- Regarding the report on HEPA forest volume and carbon stock. Did you receive any response from the Vietnamese ministries yet? **Both Local Provinces and Ministry level are really impressed by our actions, and we influence different levels by their own events. They are inviting us (our senior advisor) to give Key Note Address). However, we should not make a lot of noise during this time which is very sensitive with many y corporations ‘smelling’ the rain-forest potential and wanting to take this opportunity to cheat farmers of their resources for offsetting CO2 emissions!**

Expected results 1

- This result was not mentioned in the contract nor final proposal: “*Different stakeholders to set up and consolidate evidence-base with site-indicators for carbon justice and fair carbon-trading policy inputs for proposing/ submitting policy implications towards improvement of Carbon Justice, particularly regarding Decree 107/2022/ND-CP*”. Did it newly emerge from your ground-work? **Yes, but calm please!**
- Were the discussions led by SPERI? How did the participants express their questions and contestations? How did you assess their understanding and opinions after the workshops?

Expected result 2 (please note that it was Expected result 1 in the proposal and contract)

- Your progress on plot sampling and data analysis is impressive. Farmers and forest owners were trained to collect and understand data: will they be able to continue this work, continue using these skills, without SPERI’s intervention? **Of course, but transferring all database into formulation is impossible for farmers! Farm or Forest Holder still always need our YIELDS-AGREE to accompany them for lay-out of the results mathematically and logically!**
- Looking back at activity 1 and 2 from the contract; it is sometimes difficult to understand your reach concretely. Please see below. **(Dear Margaux, sorry for an Item driven someone like you to read the project in far away from the field work, you will understanding when you visit our HEPA and Farmers for below tailoring technically)!**
 - ✓ Could you please share more information on the direct beneficiaries reached so far, and if you are also monitoring indirect beneficiaries benefitting from the training? **(you will come to the forest and listen to what they are teaching you, I cannot tell you without them).**

- ✓ The proposal mentioned “Two sets of practical training guiding 25 participants”, but you mentioned 20 participants, with no mention of the training. **Admin and Account will explain to you this issue!**
- ✓ From activity 1.6, do you have any progress to share on the “evaluation form to evaluate lessons learned amongst participants”? **Actually during and finishing the field trip as well as training, we all forgot to do so. We are planning a re-union with all trainees and we will give them the space to do among themselves and write down by signatures of themselves and send this to SCCF!**
 - From Activity 2, do you have any updates on the contract with the State-based Research Institute for clear and independent analysis and results and statements? **Not yet!**

Expected result 3 (please note that it was Expected result 2 in the proposal and contract)

- Activity 3 regarding advocacy towards national policy making (on land, forest, and carbon) will be mainly conducted in the next 6 months, but your progress so far from ground work is already promising. How will you monitor your influence nationally? **Wait and patience please!**
- Do you already have plans for the publication of the advocacy article? We are going to public a book on that if we arrange our time ! **The most important achievement is that Dr BAO HUY (2012), who invented this formula, read the action research and high appreciated our work and has agreed to be involved in our Supervision Board for our CO2JUSTICE mission and visionary planning.**
- How are you feeding the living curriculum on Training of Trainer in Agro-Ecology Land Use System on Carbon Restoration Capacity? **Uh, please be patient, we need to have time to breath for our survival SCCF! Do not push too much on questions, we are very much stressed now because of many thing around us.**

Annexes

- Thank you for sharing the “Independent Report - Results Of Forest And Forestry Land Survey And Assessment, And Calculation Of Carbon Stock In Above-Ground Biomass (Agb)”. It was published by CHESH, a friend organization. How do you collaborate with CHESH, and how does it support the project with SPERI? **The HEPA Land legally belongs to Human Ecology Study of Highland (CHESH) where we have been building up an Eco-Farming School. Between CHESH and SPERI and CODE, we have a long term mandated and internal cooperation. SPERI is doing policy analysis and theory while CODE is doing direct lobby to high-ranking, and CHESH (HEPA) is practicing on a ground with farmers.**
- Thank you for sharing the video. How do you plan to disseminate it locally and nationally? **Actually, automatically, there are many people accessing our CO2JUSTICE.ORG after we post some result and VIDEO! We are still working silently but some MEDIA meet up with us and are asking to CO-ORGANIZE an EVENT of «NETZERO 2050 and are inviting us to present this action research!**

Dear Margaux, I am sorry for any inconvenience!