

## **Internship Background Summary (KMSS)**

Internship of KMSS with SPERI was rooted in the past three-year experiences of getting to know each other through FETRA platform facilitated by SCCF. The FETRA platform includes SCCF's partners from Myanmar, Bangladesh, India and Vietnam. Through this platform, the partners shared their works related to ecological transition based on each political, economic and social backgrounds. The meetings were organized in series online and face to face. Based on the understanding of each other's organization and its works, partners of the same interest were given opportunities by SCCF for exchange learning and sharing using most probable approaches for the best outcome. KMSS chose to have an exposure visit to SPERI to learn good practices of land governance and land use including agro-ecology in their working areas. The exposure visit (in March, 2024) turned out to have a good outcome of knowledge and learning with demand of further and deeper learning for a longer period of time. Therefore, with a series of discussions between KMSS, SPERI and SCCF about the needs and requests of KMSS, the internship program was approved after nearly one year (since July 2024 up to January 2025 (preparation- discussion-online meeting and finalized by TOR which applied for 60 days from February 17<sup>th</sup> to April 17<sup>th</sup> 2025).

With the prior understanding about each other (about organization and works), KMSS and SPERI are to focus on the purposes of the internship during which KMSS is to make use of every given day for their best learning and for satisfying their needs under the facilitation of SPERI. Therefore, SPERI is responsible to give any possible and best information (or capacity or skill) designed within the program related to the learning areas as per MoU agreed between KMSS and SPERI and fund approved by SCCF. This further means to say that SPERI is responsible for a final say and decision about designing the program as most effective as possible.

The duration in the initial discussion for internship was 3 months but due to challenges of funds and availability of the interns (leaving families behind in difficult time and context), the duration was reduced to 2 months. Due to unforeseen issues of visa application, the internship period was delayed with additional reduction of number of participants from 7 to 4 persons. Therefore, the program run with full proposed funds requires more demand to make the best of it for 4 participants. However, we are very positive about making this program successful with the best effort of KMSS and SPERI during this short period for a variety of interests and learning topics.