

CHAPTER 9 RECOMMENDATION

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9.1 Efficient Implementation of the Project

In line with the project objectives, namely “Inundation Mitigation”, “Improvement of Agriculture Products Processing and Marketing” and “Irrigation and Drainage System Improvement”, various projects in each sectors are proposed broadly.

The projects are expected to contribute to the socio-economic development of the area by stabilizing and increasing agricultural production, increased market value of the product and improving living conditions of the inhabitants. By implementation of the project, increase in farmer’s income will be achieved and also assist poverty alleviation in the area by increased job opportunities.

These projects range over many types and broad substances and require a lot of investment on long term basis. Therefore, it is important that these projects will be preceded step by step with consideration of priority and interdependency among the projects. In this implementation, following matters can be considered particularly important.

- i. Adequate Fund Mobilization Plan
- ii. Establishment of Solid Implementing Organization
- iii. Approval of the Active Participation of Farmers
- iv. Adequate Operation and Management Plan
- v. Special Consideration on Environmental Impact

9.2 Early Implementation of the Priority Projects

As the following priority projects were formulated with full consideration of the beneficiaries’ urgent needs, their earliest implementation is strongly recommended.

- Small Scale Dike System Improvement Plan
- Rice Production/Marketing Improvement Project

(1) Small Dike System Improvement Plan

Small dike system improvement for rotational inundation control is a rather new approach in the Mekong Delta. If successfully implemented this will be widely applied to other part of the Delta.

Implementation of the project, EIA, particularly concerning consensus building among beneficiaries, is required in advance. Therefore, it is recommended that the project be implemented from the F/S

area in which detailed study for consensus building has already been conducted. Following the implementation of the project in the F/S area, it may be expanded to the Pre-F/S area with preceding execution of detailed social study based on the lessons learned in study for the F/S area.

(2) Rice Production/Marketing Improvement Project

The project takes a holistic approach to deal with improvement of rice quality and is expected to contribute tremendously to regional economy as explicitly referred in other development plans. In this context, the earlier implementation is strongly recommended.

As it covers a broad range of issues in agricultural and rural development, it calls for a solid management of the project implementation by MARD with active participation of DARD to ensure efficiency.

(3) Combination and prompt implementation

Both projects share the common goals and objectives of rural development and call for earliest implementation. Therefore, the two projects are proposed to be implemented simultaneously.