

# ASSOCIATION FOR EXTENSION OF SUSTAINABLE NATURAL BEEKEEPING,OUDOMXAY

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### BACKGROUND:

#### **AESBO's History**

In a long, long time ago, our ancestors made and kept 2 or 3 bee boxes in their houses with the aim to harvesting annually just for essential medicine at home. Since then, the beekeeping activities were done very limited. With this finding, we would like to promote this inheritance activities and preserve it to the next generation by promoting the activities with the provision of training, market research, technical assistance to increase the household income as well as lead to forest protection and reservation.

The other objectives is to create an innovative value-added product from the bee products and promote the local product to international arena in order to increase the safety access of premium product. We would love to share our great productivities and we want our customers to get the best consumption products.

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#### **AESBO IN THE PAST 5 YEARS**

From the past 5 years, AESBO had done many activities to help the villagers in our communities, we had help 1000 families and able to increase the household income continuously. Some of our activities are listed below:

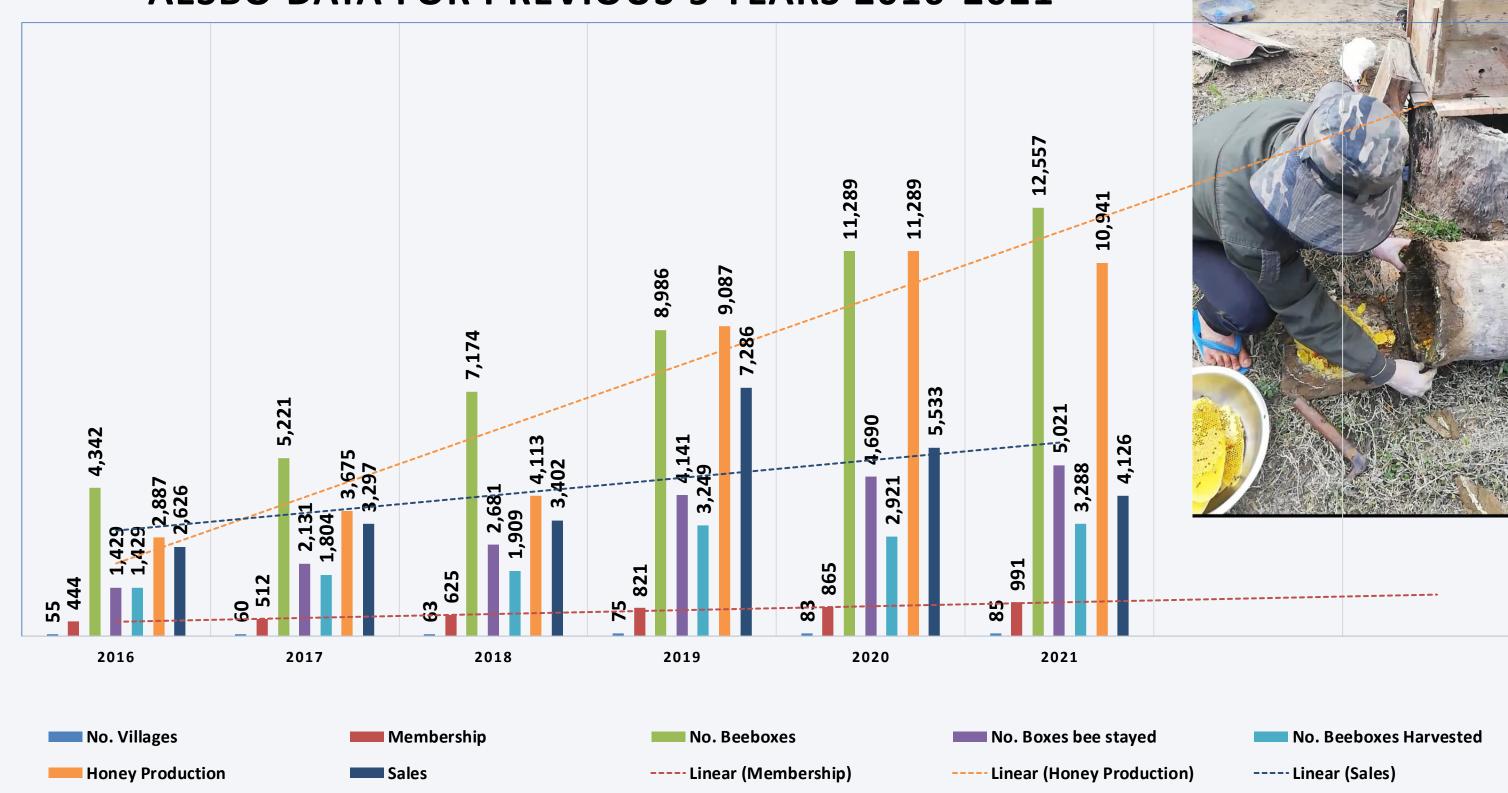
- 1. Technical capacity building to the beekeeper groups & villager
- 2. Support essential tools & equipment to the beekeeper groups
- 3. Conducting market research & market access for the beekeeper group
- 4. Organizing a consultation & knowledge exchange meeting annually at the provincial & any time when seen necessary at the village levels
- 5. Set up the beekeeper groups and provide group management training to the beekeeper
- 6. Work with the concerned government agencies to identifies the forest areas to be protected for as resource of pollens for bees, etc.,
- 7. Scale up existing activities and promote other activities that related in forest products harvesting in sustainable manner, etc.,

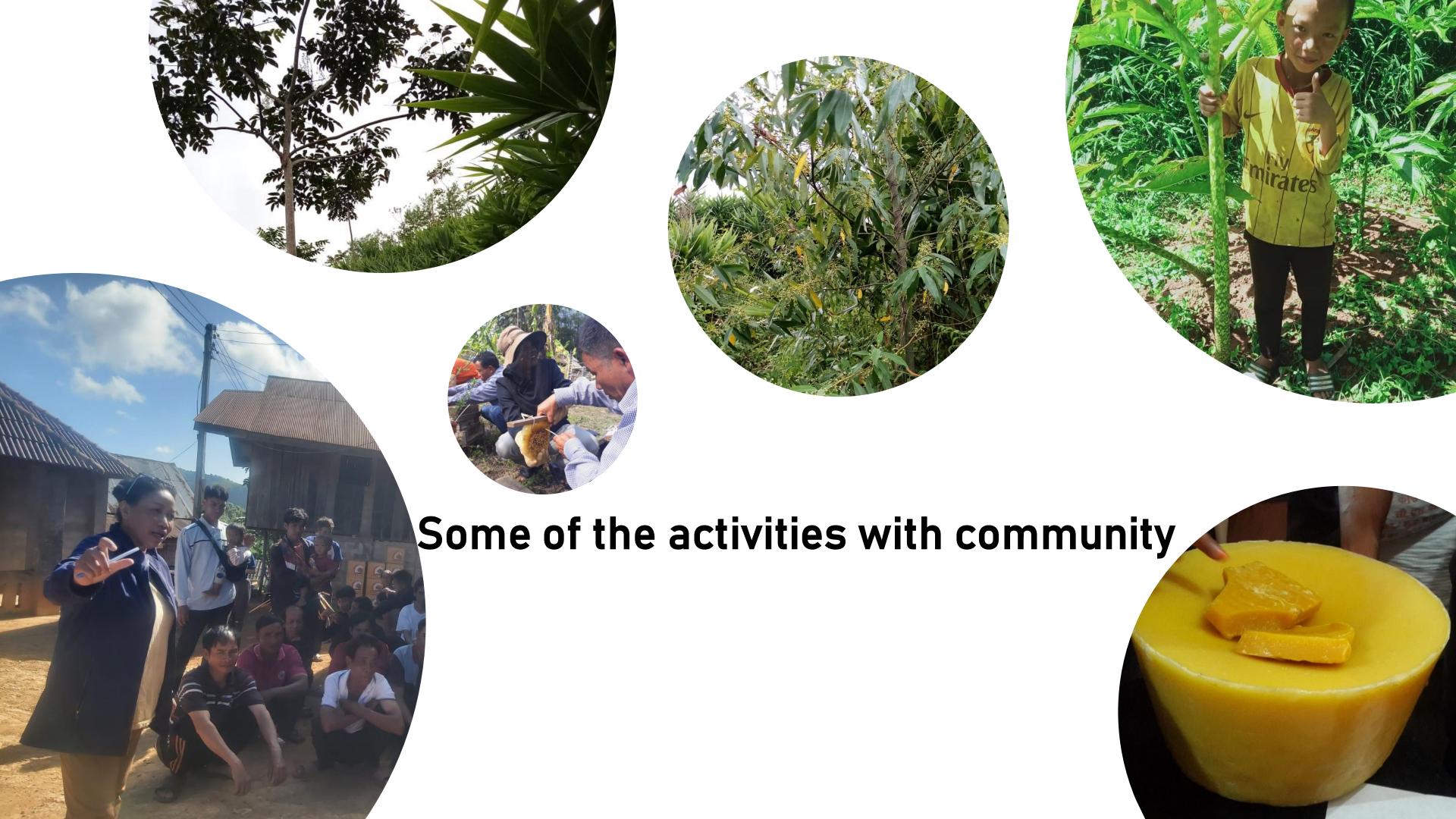




#### **AESBO's ACTIVITIES IN PAST FIVE YEARS**

**AESBO DATA FOR PREVIOUS 5 YEARS 2016-2021** 



















Some of the activities with community



### Impact of mono-culture agriculture

In Laos is one of the country is a least develop country and its government is trying to introduce and promote the mono-culture plantation recently and this create a lot chaos to our activities in beekeeping in Laos. Some of its impacts that we are observed are listed below:

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Bee population decrease lead to less honey production in the community

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Bee's habitats and pollens are decreased ultimately lead to bee absconded

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The communities feels discouraged to continue the beekeeping activities

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The honey get contaminated with chemical substances due to an increase on the use of chemical fertilizer & pesticide in mono-culture agriculture.



## CONCERNS ON THE RECENT DEVELOPMENT OF MONO-CULTURE AGRECULTURE:

As one of the community-based association, worked closely with the villagers and communities we had observed and raised on the concerns of mono-culture plantation that threatened us and create chaos as below:

- 1) The mono-culture plantation is increasing substantially in the country in just one decade (Banana, rubber tree, casava, sweat corn, cardamom plantation, etc.,)
- 2) Lack of skill human resource on conducting scientific researches as references on mono-culture planation
- 3) Loss of forest, meaning losing of the sources of nectars to the bee
- 4) Slash and burn cultivation is wide range undertaking in the rural area
- 5) Mono-culture plantation bring more use of Chemical fertilizer & pesticides are being used widely
- 6) Lacking guidelines & Policies toward Beekeeping





Some of the impacts on mono-culture plantation in Laos



### Next steps forwards

In the future to come we already have some ideas in mind to work together with government, individuals or legal entities who love bee or have interest in beekeeping across the country. Hold a meeting meet to shape concepts and work together to promote and advocate the importance of honeybee and natural forest products, especially with the existing beekeepers and younger generation. Those activities are listed below:

- 1) Increase market research and market access in the country
- 2) Create innovative value-added products from bee products
- 3) Work with the relevant government agencies and propose to work closely with the beekeeper associate to undertaking the research on the impact of mono-culture agriculture
- 4) Disseminate the research studies to the communities in order to form contextualize regulation at the sub-national level
- 5) Hold a consultation with the local government on how to form the policies to promote beekeeping activities in the country
- 6) Propose to the relevant government to include the honey into exporting list to foreign countries
- 7) Hold a consultation with the relevant government agencies to promote the use of local product especially honey from Laos









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