

# Village Forest Management Agreements as a performance based payments scheme under REDD+ in Lao PDR

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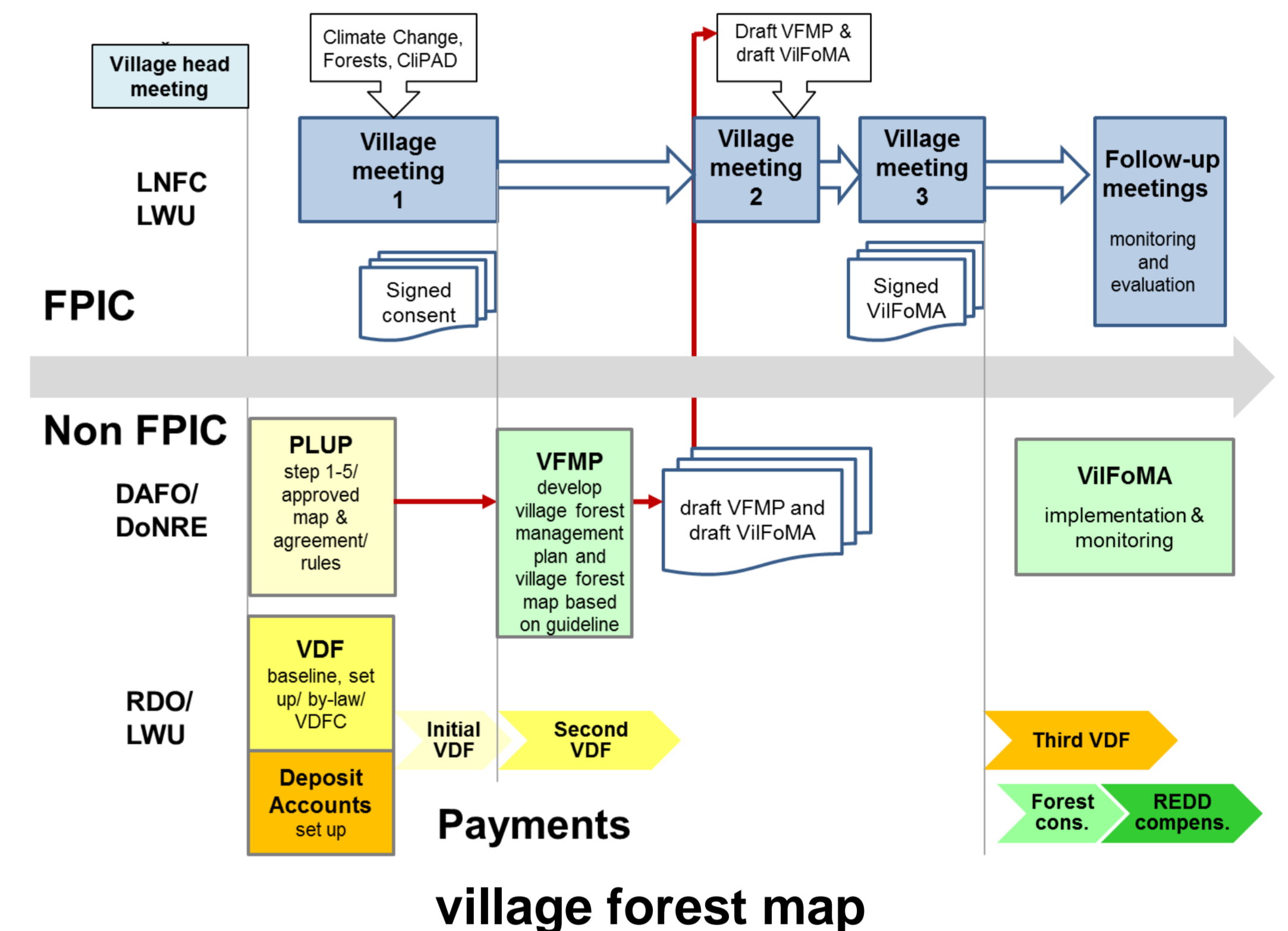
## Scope and Main Objectives

GIZ supports the Lao Government in the province of Houaphan to establish a provincial REDD+ program and provides incentives to local communities to participate in forest management and conservation efforts in village forest areas by engaging sub-national jurisdictions to develop and support strategies for reducing deforestation and forest degradation. The Village Forest Management Agreement (ViFoMA) scheme aims to regulate and promote sustainable management, protection and conservation of village forests. It intends to achieve this by establishing a legal basis and framework to link all village forest categories with international funding for climate change mitigation and channeling it down to the village-level through performance-based payments.



## Main Steps of the ViFoMA Approach

- Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)
- Participatory Land Use Planning (PLUP)
- Village Development Fund (VDF)
- Village Forest Management Planning (VFMP)
- Village Forest Management Agreement (ViFoMA)

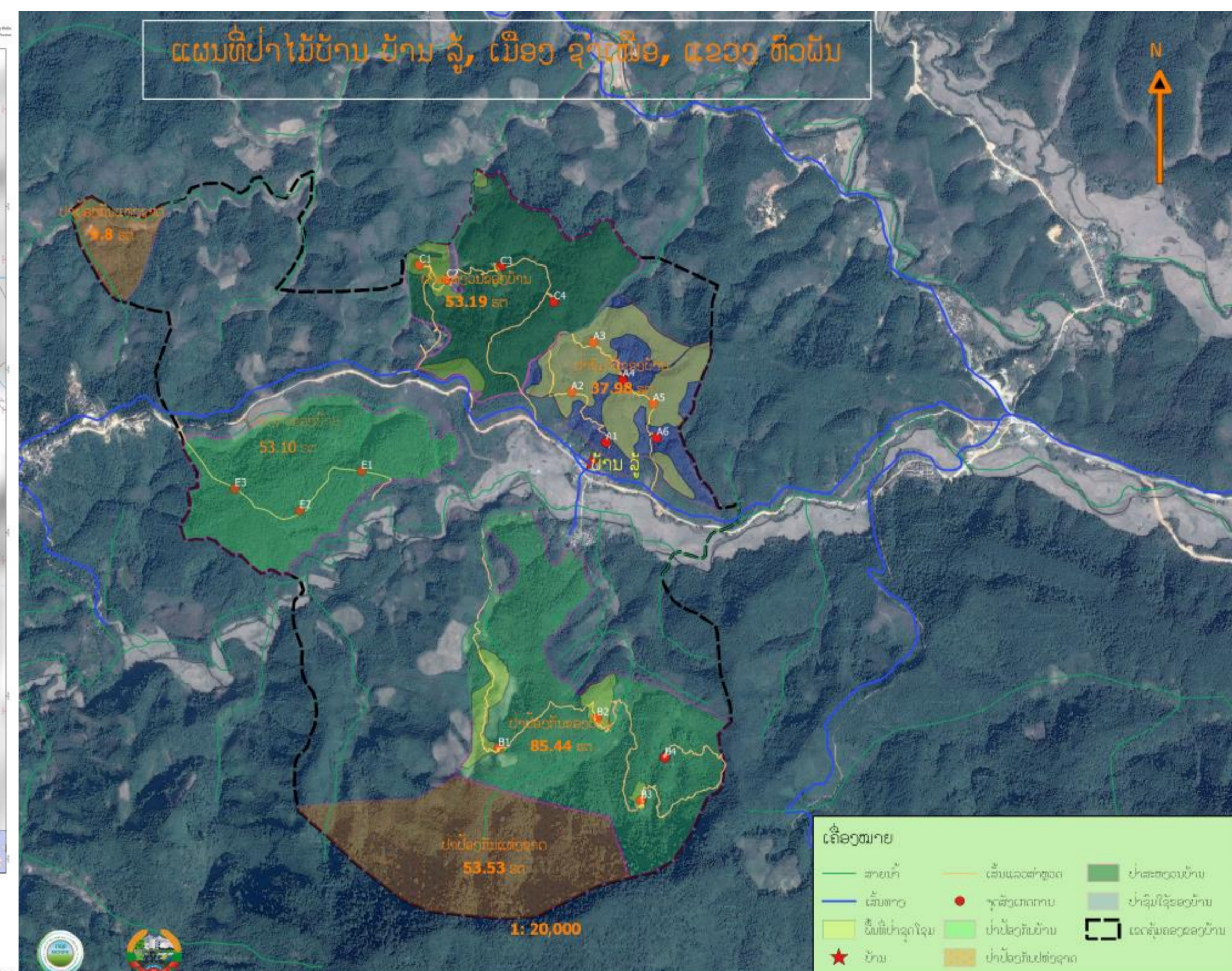
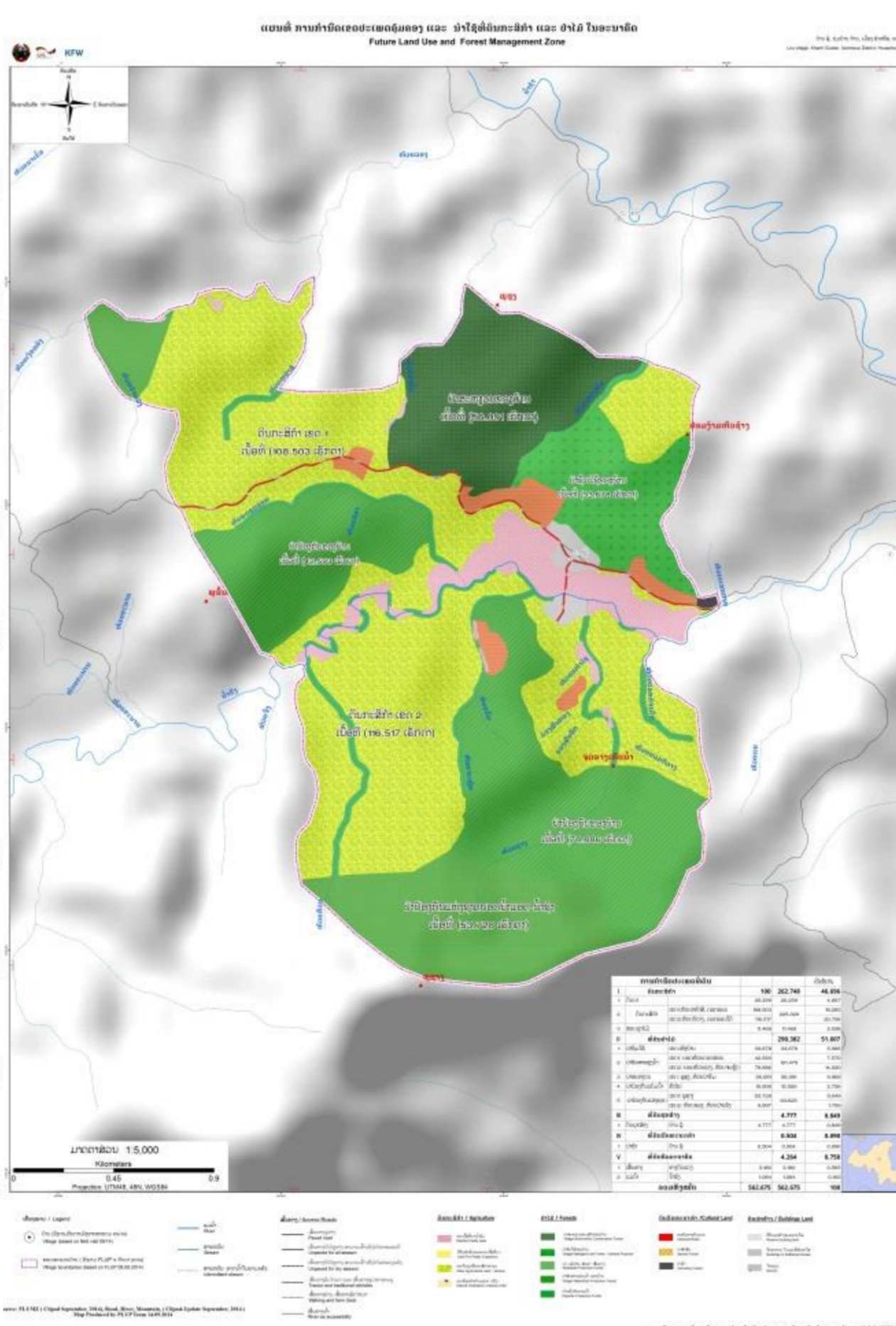
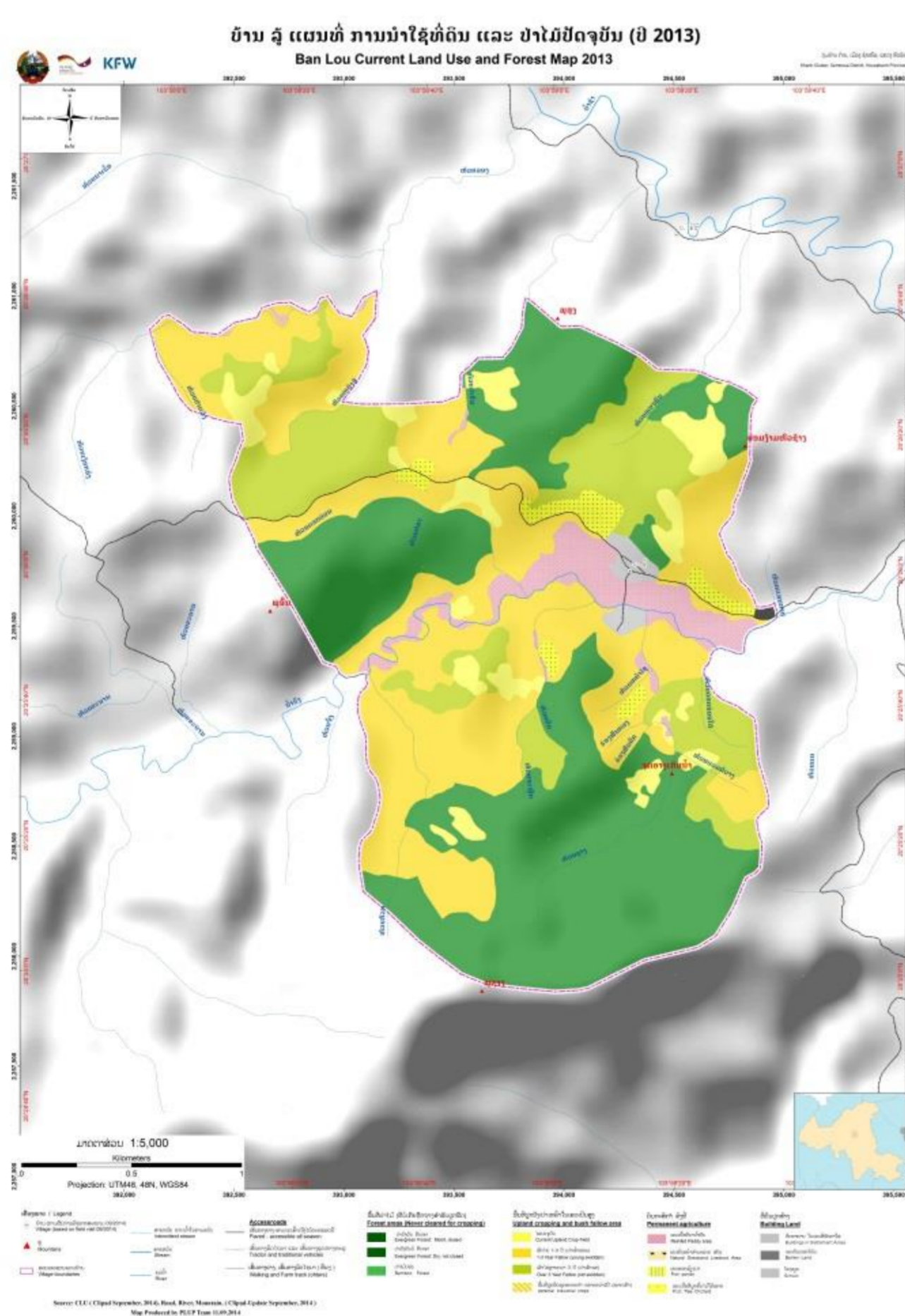


satellite image

current land use

future land use (PLUP)

village forest map



## Conclusions

Although village forestry is not a new concept, it has not yet been implemented in the uplands of Lao PDR on a broader scale. In addition, the ViFoMA approach links the activities of each village's VFMP and corresponding annual work plan to funding. Currently, funding is secured through the cooperation with KfW Development Bank until the end of the project's lifetime. Hence, the approach provides an opportunity for long-term financing to manage village forests in a sustainable way. However, uncertainties still exist with regard to future funding sources once the program ends as Lao PDR has not yet established all necessary REDD+ framework conditions. Nevertheless, Houaphan province is part of the Emission Reduction Program Idea Note (ER-PIN) currently accepted into the FCPF Carbon Fund.

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