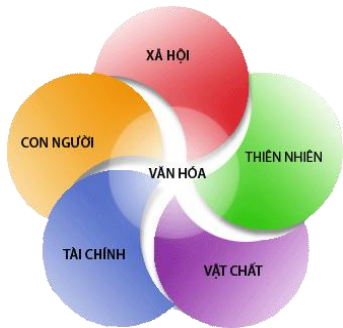
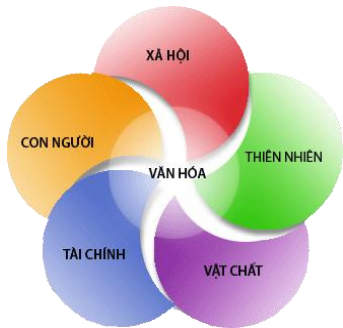


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## ***ABCD AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN VIETNAM***



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# ABCD WAS INTRODUCED TO VIETNAM IN 2006.....



**25**  
participants



# SO FAR....



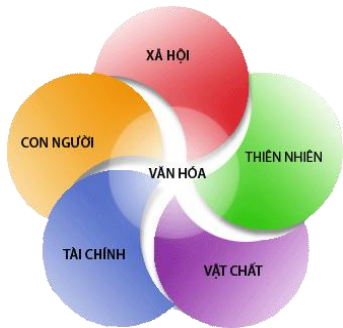




2015 – 2016: ABCD alumni working in different fields: PWD, Health, Natural Resource Conservation, Education, Eco.Tourism.....



**ABCD Core team** establishment with support from Center for Educational Exchange with Vietnam (CEEVN; an US-based NGO)



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# National New Rural Development Program

- A national program leading by Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Development (MARD)
- Idea of the program: mobilizing available local resources of community (village level) for rural development while reducing state budget investing in agricultural and rural development
- As a result:
  - ❖ Two research institutes under MARD: National Institute of Agricultural Planning and Projection (NIAPP) and Institute of Policy and Strategy for Agricultural and Rural Development (IPSARD) assigned to pilot ABCD approach
  - ❖ Purpose: testing **ABCD approach in 17 villages**, drawing lessons and proposing to MARD on how to apply ABCD nationwide in rural development



Piloting ABCD in rural development in Vietnam - 2007-2010:  
17 villages in different provinces in Vietnam were introduced  
ABCD







Mobilizing assets (internal resources in Vietnamese) for rural infrastructure, livelihood development.... with support from Government (MARD): each villiage was provided **16,000 USD** or 290 mil. Vietnam Dong)



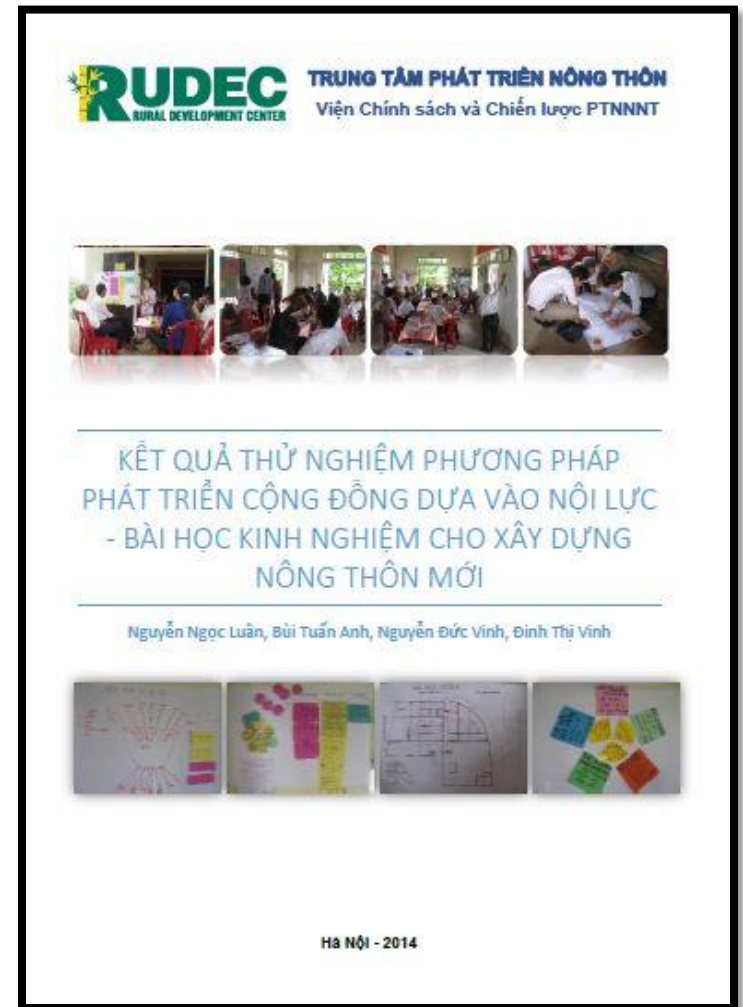
Constructing inter-village roads



Growing mushroom in the village



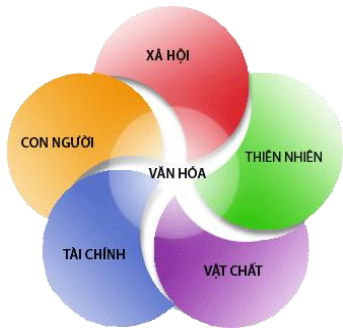
2013 - 2014



Working with Rural Development Center-RUDEC (IPSARD) to pilot ABCD in 2 villages, composing training manual adapted with national rural development program handing over it to IPSARD

# Lessons learnt (after trying to introducing ABCD in MARD system)

- The Government (MARD)
  - Consider ABCD a toolkit for villages development planning
  - Consider assets of community are contribution of local people in term of money and labor work
  - Provide funding to villages (16,000 USD/village) but very complicated procedures for fund disbursement
  - Complain that ABCD taking too much time to apply
  - Still want to control the development process of the community: interfere/impose their ideas on village development plan



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# An Khe town

- An Khe town (Gia Lai province) is located in the Highlands area of Vietnam
- The population is more than 66,000 with 11 administrative units, "communes or wards".
- Bahnar and Cham are main ethnic minorities in An Khe



# ABCD is considered a new way for socio-economic development of the town

- Both the town's Political Bureau (Poliburo) of Communist Party and People's Committee (PC) agree to apply ABCD in socio-economic development (which have never happened before)
- The leaders of Poliburo and PC take turn to participant in the 1<sup>st</sup> ABCD training course in May 2017
- They even assign town's officers to attend in ABCD training course then going down to the wards to develop ward development plans with local people



# Future action plan of applying ABCD in An Khe town

- ABCD core team with support of Center for Education Exchange with Vietnam (CEEVN) has formed an ABCD consulting team to support ABCD development in An Khe
- The team has signed a MOU (2018-2020) with An Khe town to provide ABCD trainings to all the wards and communes in the town and support them in apply ABCD in practice







**THANK YOU!**