

OUTCOME HARVESTING AS THE MONITORING AND EVALUATION TOOL IN THE ECOHEALTH FIELD BUILDING LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE (FBLI)

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KEY POINTS

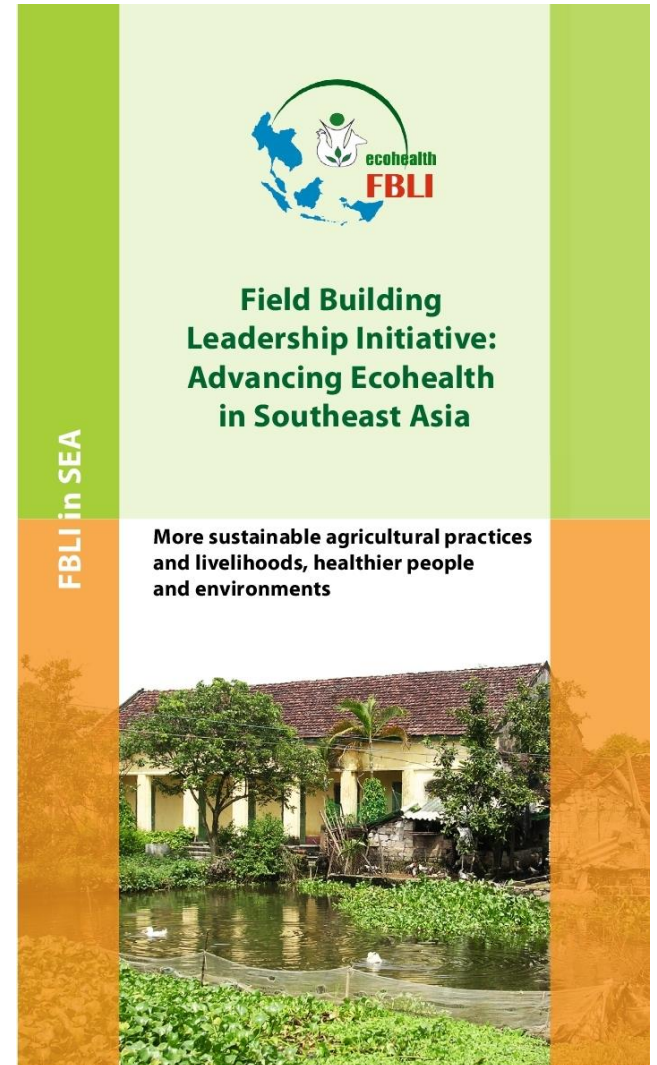
- **Doing self-evaluation in the FBLI contribute to the capacity building of research team members and the building Ecohealth field**
- **Outcomes Harvesting (OH) proved to be an suitable tool for evaluation in the unpredicted circumstances**

OUTLINE

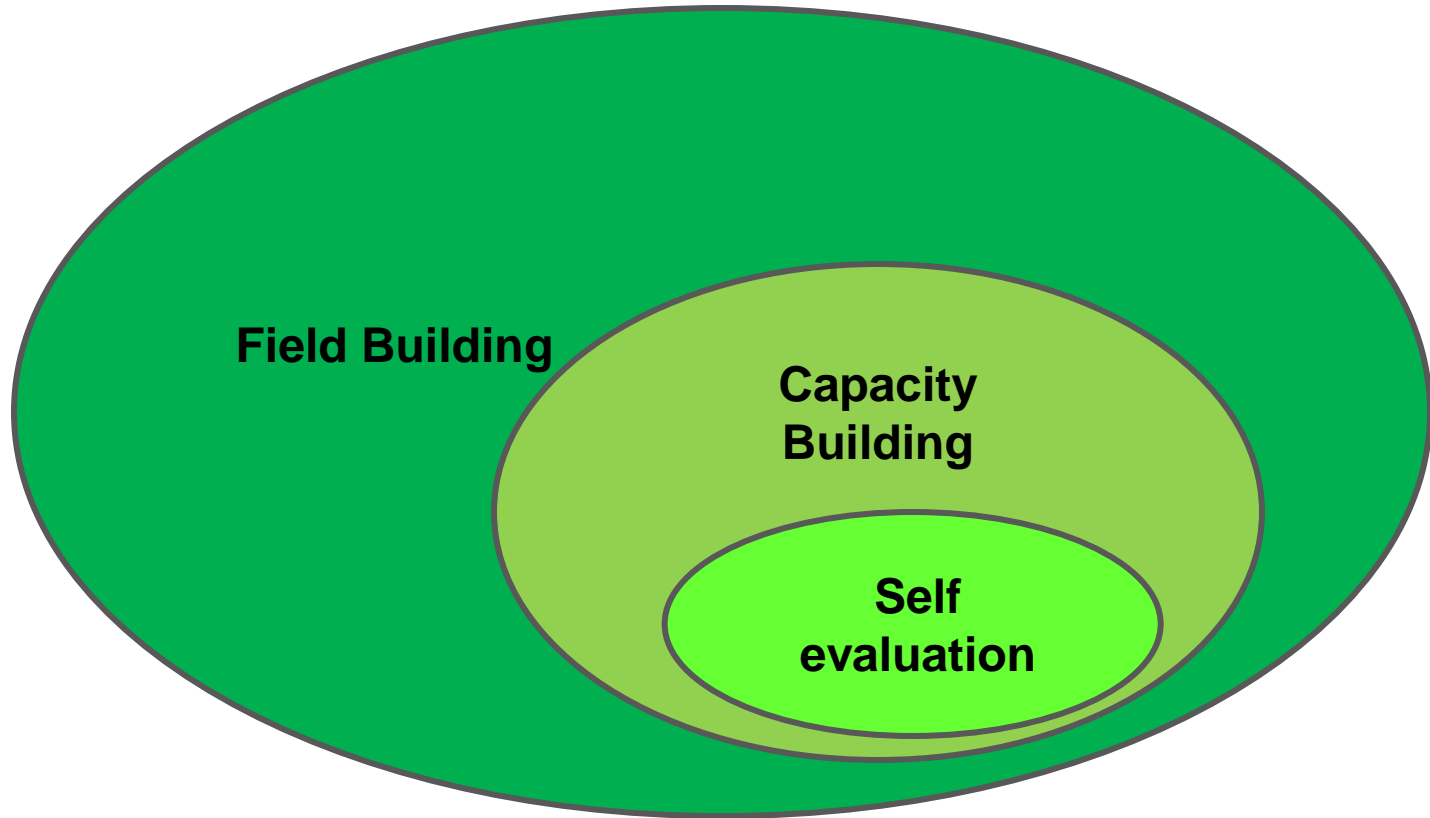
- **What is the FB LI?**
- **Self-evaluation and Outcome Harvesting**
- **What we have done so far?**
- **Initial findings over the last year**
- **Way forward**

THE ECOHEALTH FIELD BUILDING LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE (FBLI)

- Aims at building the Ecohealth field in South East Asia through three components : Research, Capacity Building and Knowledge Translation
- Implemented in four countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Kunming province of China, and Vietnam) with seven partner institutions
- The program started from 2012 and scheduled to close in 2017
- More details at websites:
<http://ecohealthasia.net/>
<http://cenpher.hsph.edu.vn/>



STRONG CAPACITY BUILDING WILL MAKE A STRONG FIELD



Capacity Building is not just the job of making others better, it is also about improving ourselves in our ways. Self evaluation encourages people to share their experiences and lessons learnt to improve themselves.

SELF EVALUATION AND EVALUATION



SELF-EVALUATION IN THE FB LI

The self-evaluation activity aims at:

- identify what can do and what cant be done in implementing the FB LI program,
- to determine how well the FB LI members/non-members understand and apply ecohealth approach
- to assess the extent to which the FB LI is approaching its objectives
- to pinpoint the lessons learnt and challenges of building a field in the context of South East Asia

OUTCOME HARVESTING

Outcome Harvesting is a method that enables evaluators, grant providers, and managers to identify, formulate, verify and make sense of outcomes (Wilson-Grau & Britt, 2012)

OH consists of six iterative steps

- Design the Outcome Harvest
- Gather data and draft outcome descriptions
- Engage change agents in formulating outcome descriptions
- Substantiate
- Analyze and interpret
- Support use of findings

OH is a participatory approach

WHAT WE HAVE DONE SO FAR?

- **Develop evaluation framework based on the principles underpinning the program**
- **Develop guiding questions**
- **Face-to-face and Skype interviews**
- **Survey monkey for the questionnaires**

-> *Participatory way*



AND WHAT WE FOUND

- **Getting team members to step out of their mind set of traditional evaluation is very important to ensure the strong commitments of team members to participate in the self-evaluation activity**
- **Team members thought of research outcomes rather than field building outcomes**
- **Answers from questionnaires helped identified Some of the unexpected outcomes**

WHAT WE FOUND (CONT.)

- **It is very important to get as much as involvement of team members in the process of self-evaluation from very beginning. In that way, the information they got at the very end will provide good lessons learnt**
- **In the context of the FBLLI, using the OH is a suitable tool to perform the self-reflection since it works retroactive and encourage participation**

WAY FORWARD

- **All the findings over the last year is very important for the team to decide what next steps should be done. The design of the evaluation focus on the need of the team members**
- **More concrete results from the self-evaluation exercise will be presented**

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR ATTENTION**