Capacity building for increased productivity and profitability of cattle production systems in Vietnam

Dr Stephen Ives, Dr Lydia Turner, Ms Elya Richardson

Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture
University of Tasmania
Capacity Building: Learning & Contributing
Capacity Building: Colleagues & Friends
Capacity Building: Step by Step
“When my mother had to go grazing cattle, I had to cook the lunch. For this reason, I sometimes went to school late and spent a part of my learning time on cooking meals. But now, my mother can cook the meal for my family because she no longer needs to take the cattle grazing, and I can spend my time learning.”

Ms. Nguyễn Thị Liên, daughter of Mrs. Nguyễn Thị Gường & Mr. Nguyễn Văn Hiếp, An Chan Commune, Phu Yen Province
Capacity Building: through Primary School Activities

Using Primary School Programs to Facilitate Intergenerational Learning in International Research Projects
Capacity Building: research methods

Improving Cassava Root Silage Production for Beef Cattle Producers in NW Vietnam
Impact of a School Based Program as an Intervention Activity for Managing Forage Production
“It’s so much better when we can learn together as a family”
Capacity Building: Market Analysis

NW Vietnam Issues and opportunities

Farmers consider cattle production advantageous in building wealth.

Increased demand due to recognition of traditional practices and production quality in study area.

Open policy by local authority to investors.

Winter feed deficit

Inhomogeneous and inconsistent supply

Market price for small farmers set by downstream buyers.

No traceability for domestic beef

Customer willing to pay a premium for traceability.
Capacity Building: Impact Narrative

Mrs Lo Thi Mai – widow with 2 small children

- Project invested in training
- Mai invested in livestock (microfinance)
- Mai has paid off debts and children have been educated
Capacity Building: Practical skills
Capacity Building: What’s the end game?
Capacity Building: Tasmania doing well by doing good

Why do we work in international R4D?

• Builds our research capacity (& keeps us in the state)
• Builds partner research capacity (more collaboration)
• Establishes international networks
• Exposes Tasmanian agriculture and it’s research expertise to the world
• To make an impact and see it in action