



## **The Socio-Economic Assessment of Natural Resources Development Project<sup>#</sup>**

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**Abstract:** This article is a short presentation of the study Socio-Economic Assessment of Natural Resources Development Project. The Natural Resources Development Project (NRDP) is being implemented since 2005 in the mountainous and hilly areas of the country with its primary objective to support the participation of communities in project activities and benefiting from its implementation in order to adopt sustainable governmental practices of natural resources, such practices which would lead to an increase of production and incomes, reduce the rate of degradation, improve water quality and ecosystems conservation considered of major importance. Its primary objective was to assess the socio-economic impacts of project activities, first on the agricultural households and then on communities living in areas where the project operates. Assessment of economic impacts includes an evaluation of communities' income resources and the role of natural resources in their daily lives, by differentiating between the impacts that arise directly from the employment benefits of their members in project activities and impact of implementation governmental and sustainable practices in generating additional income for the community. The survey area includes the entire geographic coverage of project implementation, where the geographic sampling selection includes 20 communes as surveyed. The assessment aimed to accomplish an analysis of the sustainability of adopted practices through a sustainable management of resources in terms of their recognition by communities, active participation in designing of management plans, and opportunities to get incomes by the using of these resources.

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