Gyeongsangbukdo's Saemaul Undong Globalization Projects as a Practical Model of Regional Development and Governance

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Gyeongsangbuk-do's Saemaul Globalization

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Heightened international interest in SMU in the 2000s

Growing requests to share the SMU experience since the late 2000s

Gyeongsangbuk-do initiated the SMU

Globalization Project in 2005

*** SMU : Saemaul Undong



Establishment of Saemaul Pilot Villages

The first Saemaul Pilot Villages were initiated in Africa in 2010, and expanded to Asia in 2013

As of June 2014, we have built a total of 24 Saemaul Pilot Villages in 8 countries

Asia (9)

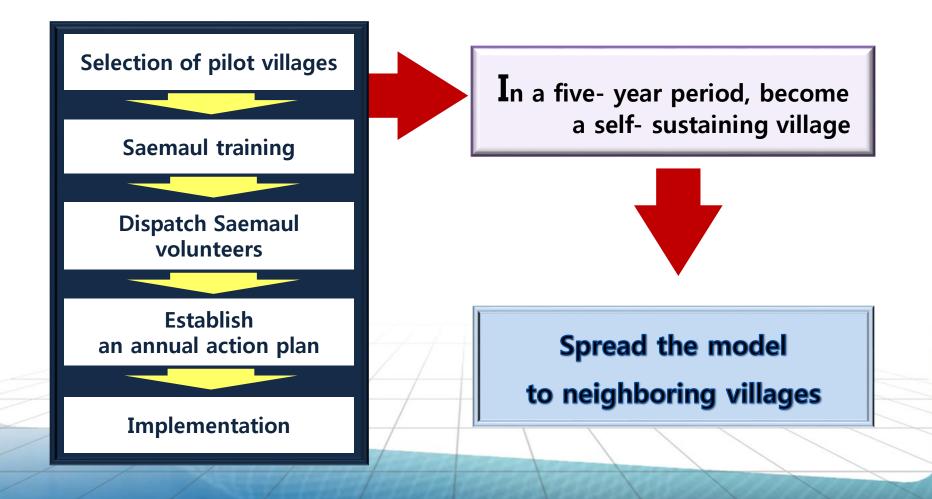
Philippines(3), Vietnam(3), Sri Lanka(2), Uzbekistan(1)

Africa (15)

Ethiopia(5), Rwanda(4), Tanzania(4), Senegal(2)



Establishment of Saemaul Pilot Villages





Offering Saemaul training programs to the international community



As of 2013, approx. 1,000 trainees from 55 countries have completed this program

In 2014, 230 trainees are estimated to attend the program



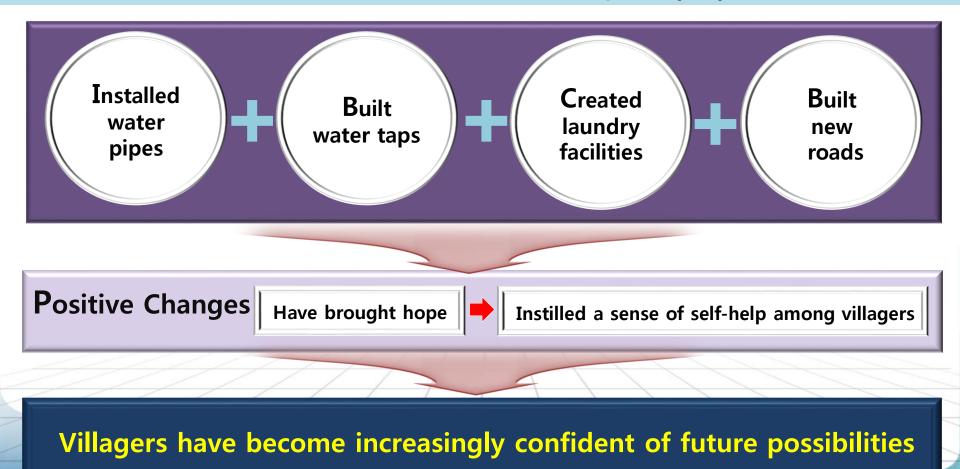
Difference between ODA & SMU

O D A	SMU
Donor –oriented, focused on materialistic or financial aid	Recipient-oriented collaboration effort at the village level Helps villagers build a sense of ownership, become self-reliant and independent Results in sustainable growth



[Adulala, Ethiopia]

Women and children used to walk 6km round trip everyday to fetch water





[Gihogwe, Rwanda]

Up until 2010 Gilhogwe suffered from absolute poverty due to lack of arable land

3 Each household was allocated 1000m² of rice paddy Entire family became devoted to rice farming

Launched a rice-farmers' cooperatives (337 households), worked together to grow rice

Resulted in 20 tons of rice harvest

Transformed an 18-hectare swamp area to rice cultivation paddies
 Built agricultural waterways
 Learned agricultural skills
 Began to grow rice

Spread SMU to neighboring villages

he government of Rwanda benchmarked Gilhogwe as a successful case study



[Kibokwa, Tanzania]

Rice cultivation was only possible during the main rainy season due to a lack of constant water supply





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Outcomes of Gyeongsangbuk-do's Saemaul Globalization Project since 2005

In the early stages of SMU implementation, the majority of villagers were skeptical or

After witnessing tangible results, <u>they</u> became active

participants

Dramatic improvement of living conditions & income increasing were observed in several cases **SMU** spread to neighboring villages & regions

Ethiopia's government opted to promote SMU throughout the country as their own initiative

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Improvement of aid effectiveness and establishment of global partnership for development cooperation

SMU

Seeks to reform the awareness of the local population,

Seeks to help them become self-reliant and achieve sustainable growth

Is a collaborative movement Jointly implemented among the partners Contribute to enhancing aid effectiveness building global partnerships

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Promotion of governance

The implementation of SMU

Based on village units

Villagers are engaged in mutual consultations in village meetings to allocate roles & responsibilities among villagers SMU serves as a good example of desirable community governance paradigm



Enhancing the interest and encouraging the active participation of central and local governments of the recipient countries

The best results can only be achieved with the active support & participation of the recipient nations' central and local governments. The elements of success to Korea's SMU in the 1970s Timely support by the government Dedication of Saemaul leaders Proactive participation of community

Gaining full support of recipient nations' central and local governments is the key to the success



Push forward a global SMU project based on global partnerships to eradicate poverty and hunger of human society.

Let's take a look a video clip



