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## Actions in place, plans and priorities to manage cassava disease in mainland Southeast Asia

Vientiane Stakeholder meeting

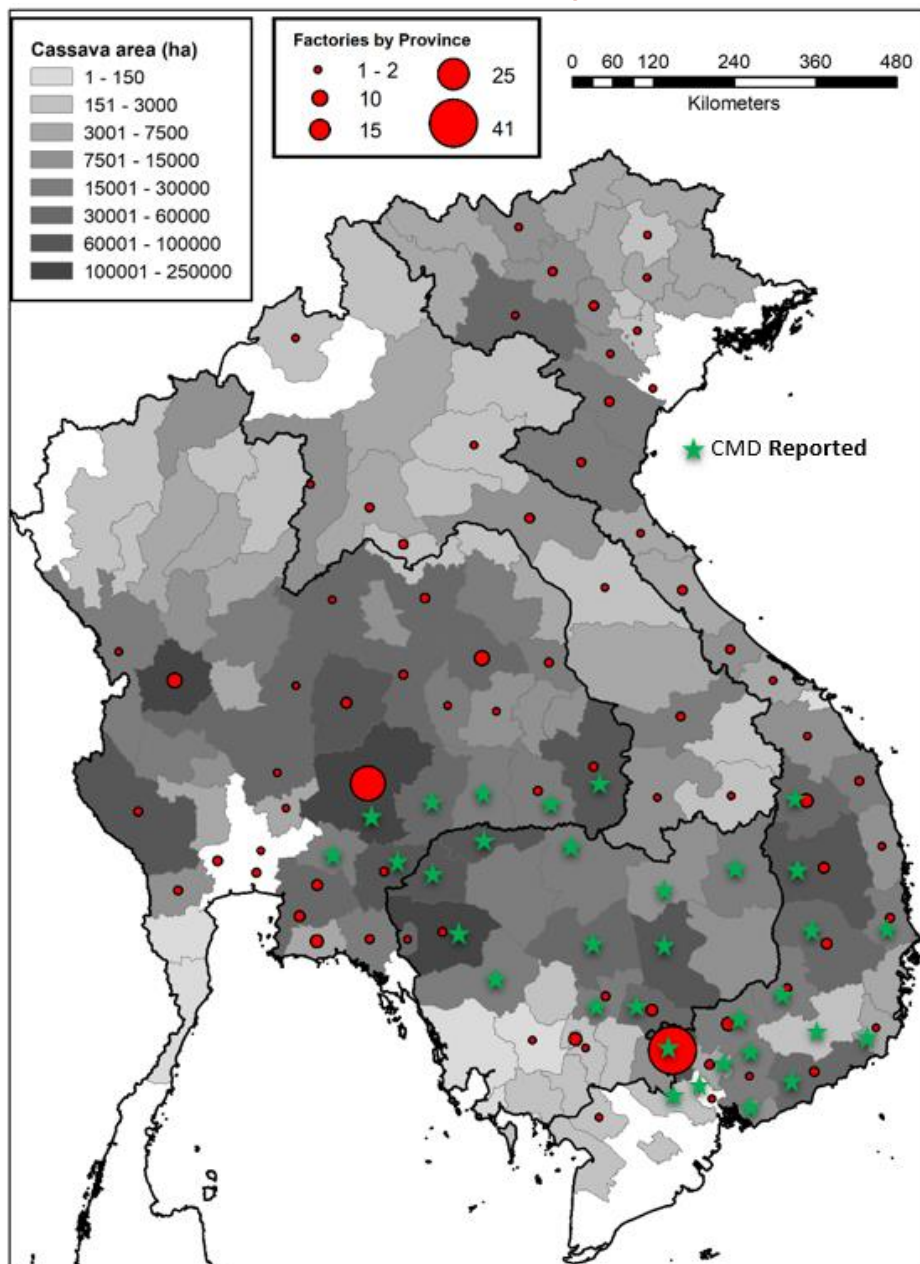
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# Current official reported status of CMD in mainland SEAsia



**Vietnam:** 14 Provinces infected  
Current area 17,866 ha infected

**Cambodia:** 10 Provinces declared  
additional provinces with reported symptoms

**Thailand:** 7 Provinces have had symptoms reported

**Laos:** No symptoms reported – planting material coming from Vietnam and Thailand

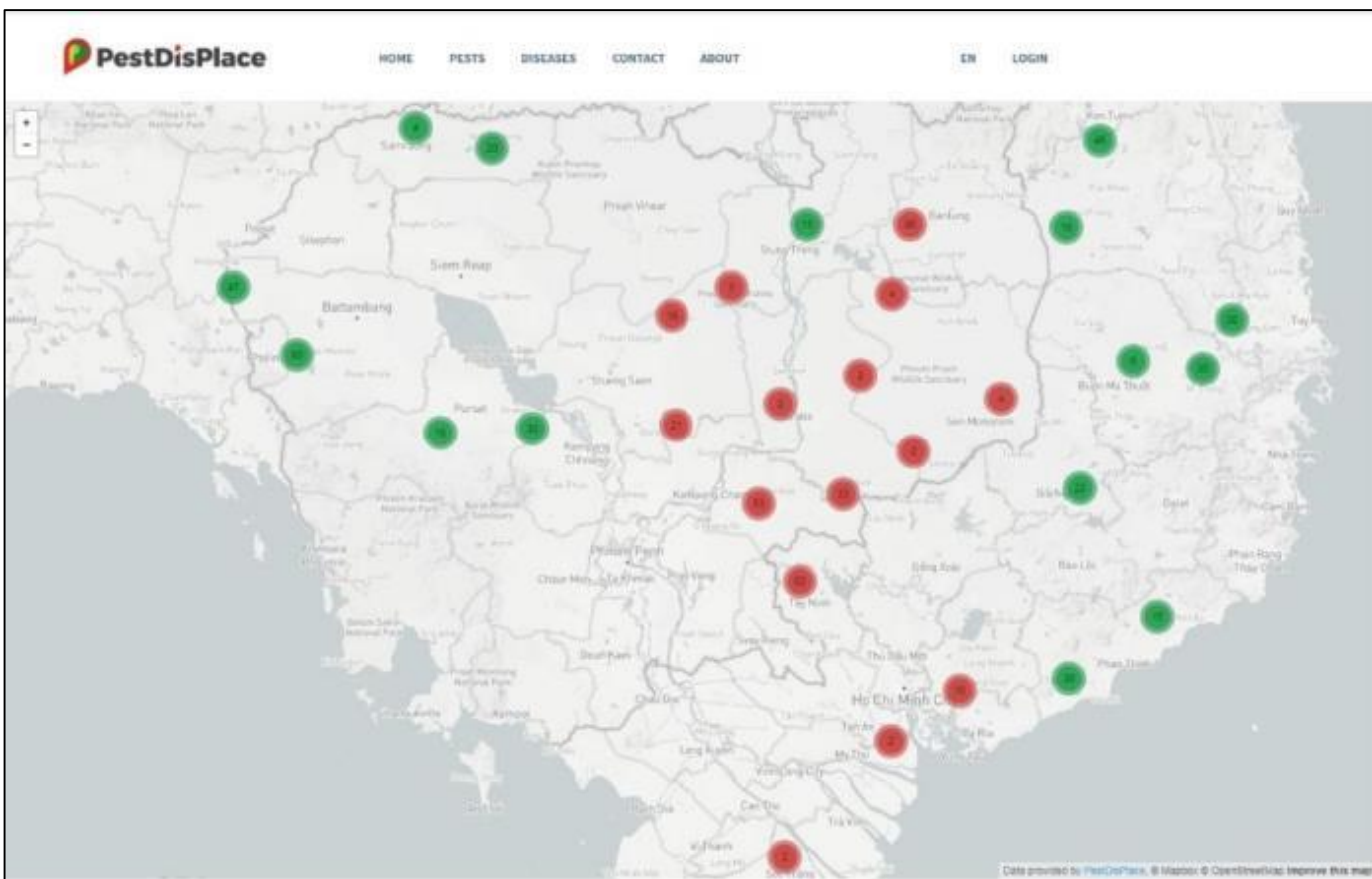
**Myanmar:** No symptoms report – planting material coming from outside

## **Short term**

Evaluate which existing varieties are less susceptible  
Speed of degeneration and yield loss

Develop clean 'seed systems' for production and  
distribution

# Capacity building and platforms for surveillance and communication – where is the disease and where can clean stems can be sourced?





50m apart

KU50  
Rayong 11  
SC8  
HuayBong60  
KM98-1  
Rayong 5







Poor management of planting material

“The corner of prosperity”





# Large variation in degree of susceptibility of existing varieties in the regional







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# Cassava witches broom in variety evaluations in Lao PDR



KU50

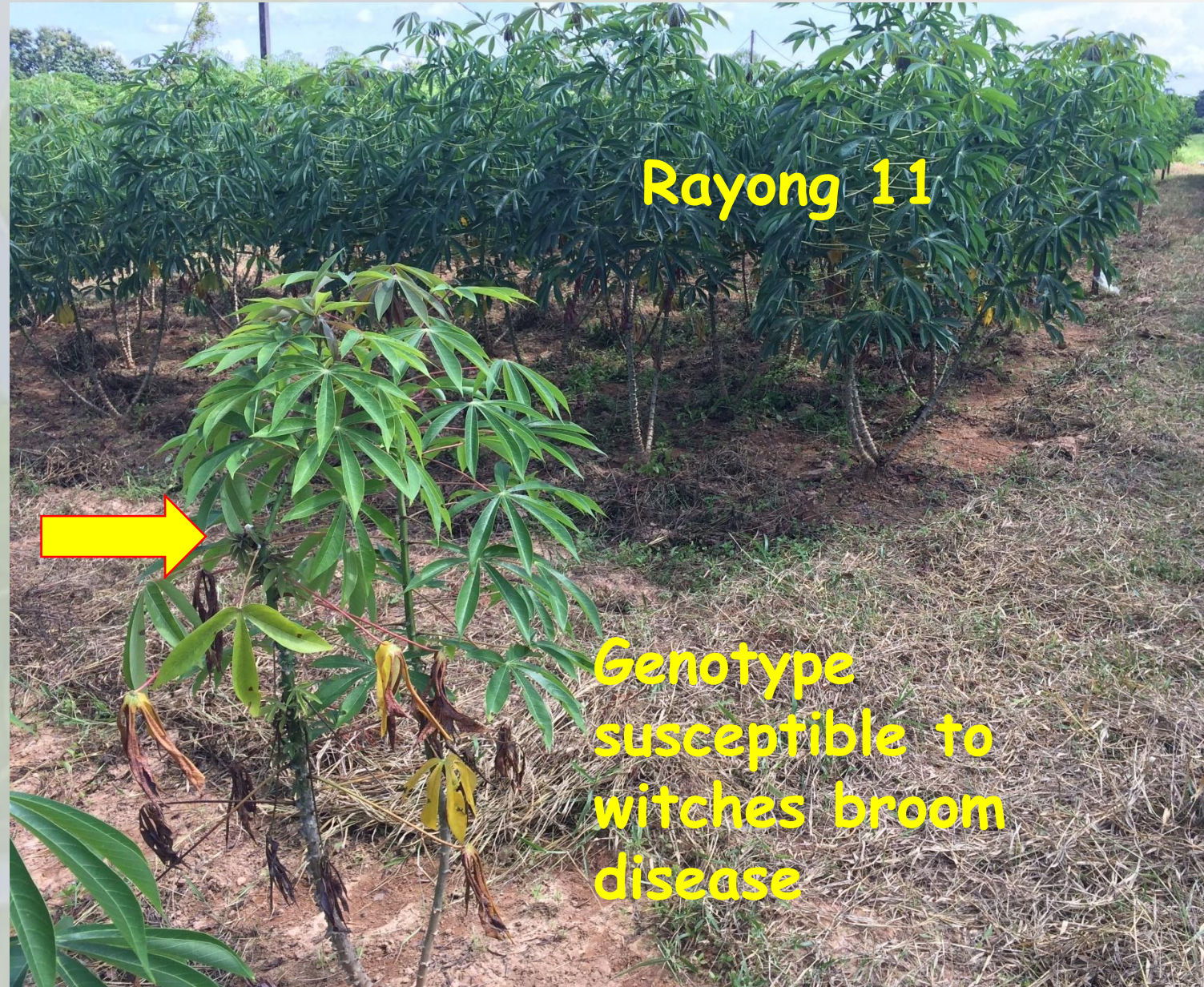
Rayong11



# Incidence of CMD in elite cassava germplasm

Rayong 11 is susceptible to CMD, but is becoming clear that it has good tolerance to witches broom disease

Screening of core collection for resistance



Rayong 11

Genotype susceptible to witches broom disease





MGCL Molecular Genetics and Tissue Culture Laboratory

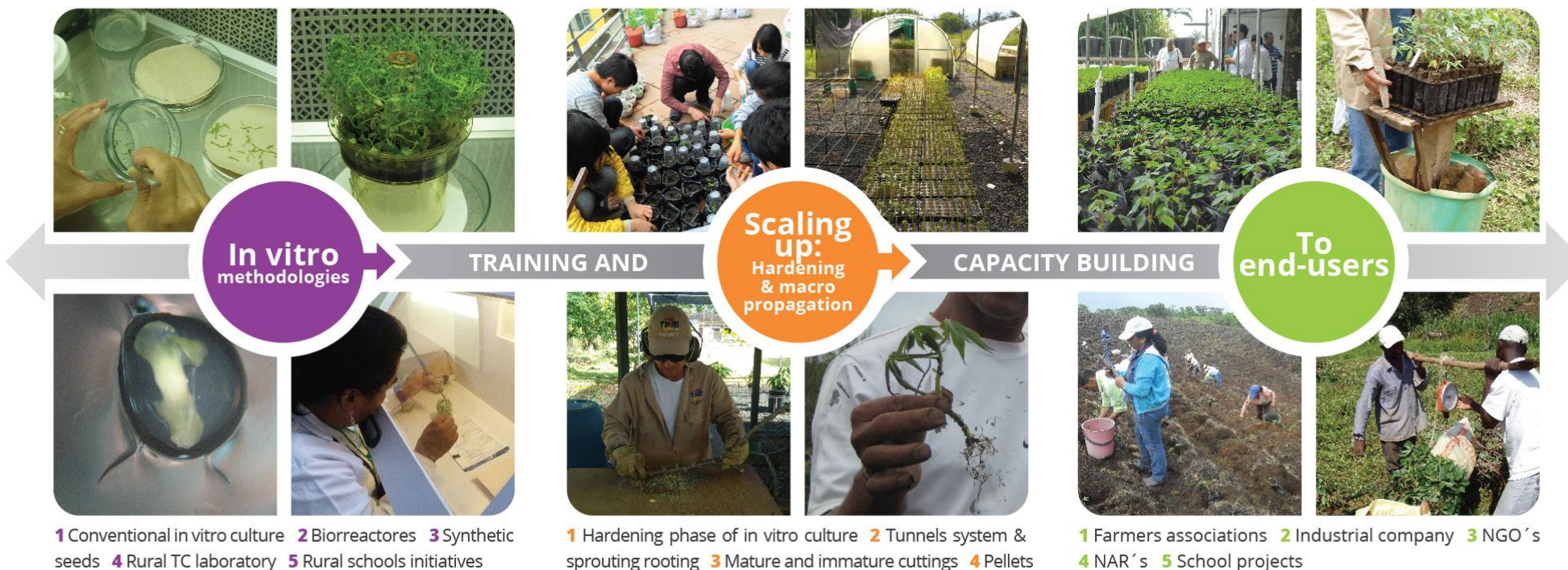
# CIAT'S CASSAVA SEED SYSTEM APPROACH

**1** Implementation of relevant technologies for different scales

- Industrial level
- Small farmer associations

**2** Simplified protocol to achieve low-cost design with adaptable equipment.

**3** High throughput platform to integrate with multiple crops.



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# Hardening phase & harvesting immature/mature tissues & macro propagation



**In vitro plantlet**



**Substrates composition &  
Mycorrhiza & Trichoderma**



**Field conditions  
4-6 months**



**Mini cutting + sprouting + rooting**



**To root each miniset  
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# Tunnels system: For scaling up and speed up process



Lateral table 1  
0.7 x 9 m  
36 tray/50 holes  
3600 plantlets

Central bed  
1x 8 m  
1000 mini-cuttings

Lateral table 2  
0.7 x 9 m  
36 tray/50 holes  
3600 plantlets

## Benefits:

Allow to attend remote areas and offer planting materials at rural level

Easy construct of system & It could facilitated a entrepreneurship



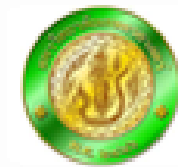
## **Medium term**

Evaluate varieties with resistance for performance in different agro-ecological regions



# Safe introduction of varieties from IITA (Africa) and CTRI (India)

- I must emphasize the **SAFE** introduction of material from Africa and India
  - Africa has many strains other strains of CMD, brown streak disease
  - Industry must ensure that in the search for a 'quick solution' no one tries to introduce through informal mechanisms

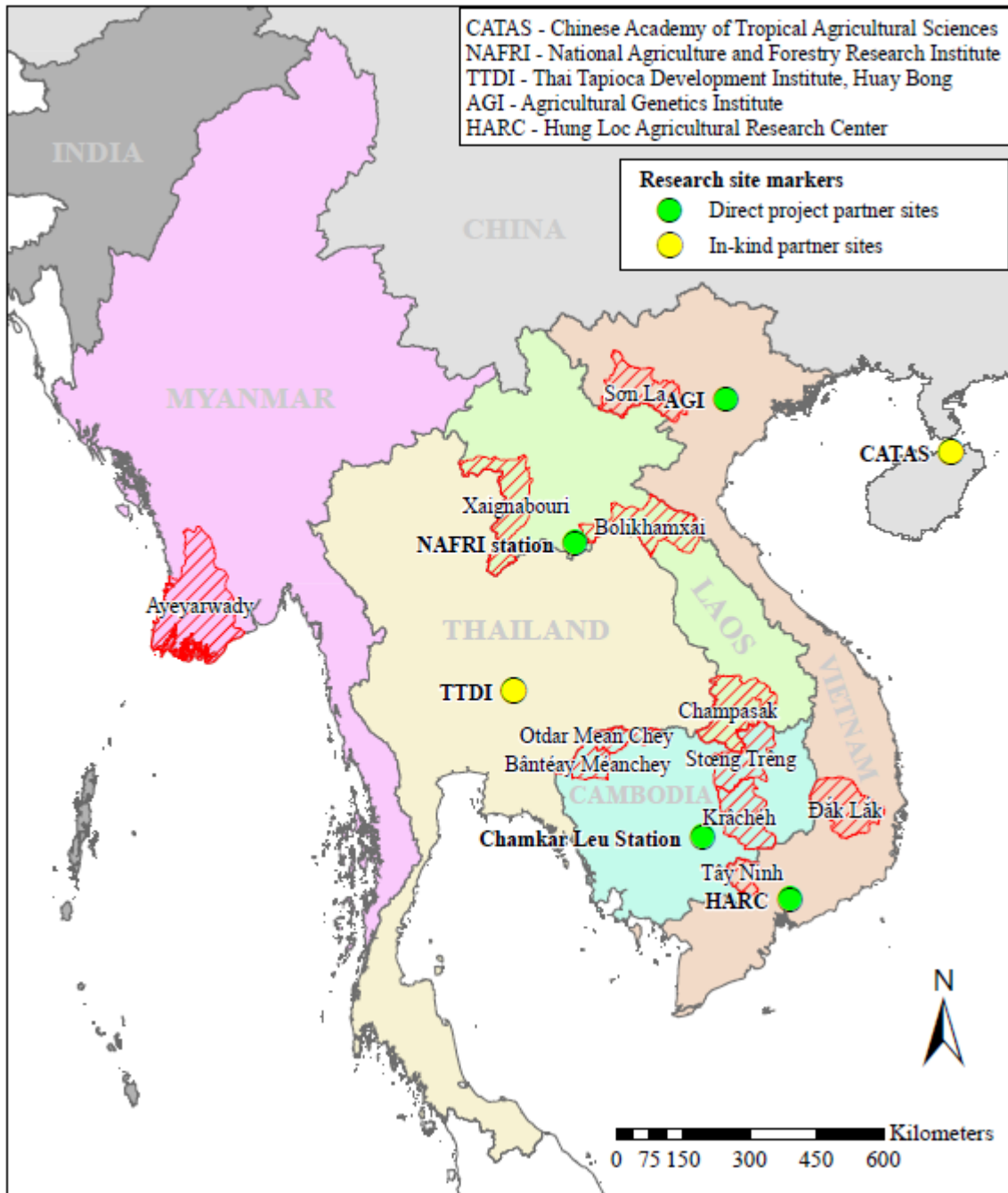


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**How do these varieties compare to clean KU50 over time?**

This work need to happen with public and private sector in these different agro-ecological zones



# Multi-location evaluation and scaling with national & industry partners



Planning with factory staff



Trials on factory land



Agents take best varieties



Demonstration with traders



Demonstration with farmer leaders



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## **Longer term**

Breeding for resistance for SLCMD and CWBD



# Evaluation of new clones with partners: over 200 new clones in TayNinh



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# Screening has began in southern Vietnam



## 203 genotypes being screened

- 150 genotypes are landrace that collected from 26 provinces in Vietnam representative for all different ecological region
- 8 varieties of HLRC
- 39 CIAT genotypes
- 6 varieties popular in the North of Vietnam

**7 symptomless at 12 weeks**



## Additional diversity and sources of resistance coming

CIAT has transferred an additional 151 clones carrying TME3 to Vietnam for screening, breeding and distribution into the region





# Regional Workshop – Collaboration and Coordination



**CASSAVA MOSAIC DISEASE REGIONAL EMERGENCY CONTROL PLAN IN MAINLAND SOUTHEAST ASIA**

**Objectives of the proposal**  
To kick start the CMD plan of control, agreed by representatives of the four countries (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam) and by members of international organizations.

**Duration**  
2 years  
2019-2020

**Evaluation cost**

**Countries participants**  
Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam

**Composition of the CMD Emergency Plan Steering Committee**

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**Summary**

In 2016, the first publication of the cassava mosaic disease (CMD) was published, reporting the unequivocal identification of the Sri Lankan cassava mosaic virus as responsible for CMD symptoms in Thailand and as of mid 2018, the disease was present in 6 provinces in Cambodia. In Vietnam, the disease was reported in 10 provinces in 2018, and now 3 provinces in Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos. There have been reports of the disease in 10 provinces in Cambodia to an estimated 10% of the cassava cuttings. Therefore, the impact of the disease is spreading quickly. The disease is transmitted by the cassava whitefly vector (presumably *Bemisia tabaci*), and the impact is severe. There is no transmission between the provinces of Cambodia and between Cambodia and Thailand. Although there is clearly insect transmission through cuttings, it is believed that currently the disease is mostly spread through cuttings. Considering the importance of cassava in the region (>55 million tons/year and >\$10 billion business), urgent action is needed to stop the spread and put CMD under control. To this effect, the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) (GCP21) and the Australian Government (AGU) (GCP21) with additional funding from the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR), organized a regional workshop on 18-20 September 2018, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, aiming at establishing a unique regional plan of control of CMD in Cambodia. The workshop gathered 75 people belonging to international organizations, officers from the Ministries of Agriculture and Commerce of the four countries, donor representatives and communication experts. The workshop gathered a list of recommendations in four different topics: Policy; Market Engagement, and Communication; Surveillance and Diagnostics; Virus-free Seed Multiplication; and Testing and Breeding Resistant Material ([www.gcp21.org/meetings2018.htm](http://www.gcp21.org/meetings2018.htm)). This report provides the complete list of recommendations and also outlines urgent need to put in place an immediate CMD Emergency Control Plan for fundraising purposes.





Industry is essential for the success of addressing cassava disease and maintaining the productivity and competitiveness of the cassava sector






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