Summary – what's next?

PEN workshop, Barcelona, 8-12 January 2004

1. Summarizing fieldwork and methods experience

- 1. Research papers based on methods testing
  - Uganda & Bolivia (Sanrem)
  - Nepal
  - Madagascar
  - Ghana
  - Tests in individual surveys:
    - ~~enumerator bias~~
    - respondent bias
  - Tests based on global data set
    - Systematic variation between quarters
- 2. PEN partner survey
  - Jens to administer
  - Make report/paper?
  - Use for 3

Fieldwork ....

- 3. Book on fieldwork
  - Explore the market and interest (e.g. Earthscan)
  - The whole process from idea to paper/thesis
    - Also include sections on data analysis?
  - Gap filling:
    - Between CBS approach and anthropology
    - Focus on quantitative methods
    - Discuss the tough issues, not the common sense ones
    - Textbook (Master + level) and field guide
  - Organization of writing:
    - A core writing team with contributions from as many as possible
    - Build on guidelines, inputs from this workshop, survey, ...
    - Small workshop?

2. Get best and worst stories

- Enumerator
- Logistical nightmares
- Respondent response
- Eating strange things
- Bureaucratic harassment
- Nice responses
- How the project affects responses
- Indications of interest and appreciation

- Send email to Arild or Ronnie: put on PEN Web

3. Data checking and cleaning

- What:
  - Types of checks to be done
- When & who
  - Division of labour PEN partners and PEN-central
- Suggestion:
  - The responsibility of the partners!
  - Note on data cleaning; new section in guidelines?
  - Some procedures (do files in Stata) for data cleaning
  - “Diversity in unity” vs. “unity in diversity”

4. Establishment of global data set

- Submission
- Checking and cleaning
- Aggregation
- Add data sets continuously
- Final data set: Early 2009?

5. Guidelines for data analysis

- Two things needed:

1. Brief overview of methods possible (max 5. pages)
2. Some uniform methods and approaches for all studies (e.g. for book):
   - Adult equivalents
   - Quartiles
   - Env. Kuznets Ratio (income richest/income poorest)
   - Asset aggregation

6. Major publications on results

"When I don't know what I'm doing, I'm doing research"
(Werner von Braun)

1. Centrally planned outputs:

- High profile synthesis article (Nature, Science,…)
- Special issue of journal (8-10 papers), e.g. World Development
- Sections/clusters of other journals
- Key articles within each of the 5 topics
- Methods paper
- Methods book
- Books on all case studies (also as documentation of global data set)
- Policy briefs

2. Let the flowers bloom ….

- Authorship:
  - Contract: invite, earning coauthorship
  - All partners included on the main publication
  - Sub-groups on themes

7. Next workshop (early 2009)

- When? Same time +1
- Where?
  - CIFOR, Indonesia?
  - Europe if cheaper and budget constrained
- Topics
  - Draft of books chapters
  - Studies presentations
  - Preliminary results of global analysis
- Training workshop (2 days)
  - Writing (and presentation)

8. Thematic workshops – writing up results

- Extension of above workshop
- Some people meet and work together in exotic places
- Piggy back on other workshops?
- IASC, 14-18. July 2008, Cheltenham (UK)
  - ~~Pam coordinating~~
  - Abstract deadline 14. January
- ISEE, 9.-11. August 2008, Nairobi
  - 31. March deadline for extended abstracts
  - Any champions?

9. Final results conference, 2010

- Major event
- UK
- Not just PEN
- Possible format (Bonn 2003)
  - ~~One day high profile policy focussed meeting~~
  - Research workshop

10. What should we do for us?

- Don't ask what PEN should do for you, but ....
- We are all PEN: 50 + researchers; so what should we do for us?
- PEN Web page:
  - All presentations from workshops (also from Dani on memory stick)
  - Update & new pages?
- PEN mailing list, what role?
- Keep us informed of your location and status (jobs, marriage, children, birthdays, ...)

11. PEN working paper series

- Will establish one
- An opportunity for intermediate outputs + documentation of work
- Terry Sunderland as the editor/gatekeeper
- ~~"Friendly fire": Internal review process~~
- What?
  - PEN research instruments
  - Individual cases

12. Book on case studies

- There should be one!
  - Documentation of global data set
  - All cases presented, and all partners will have a PEN output
  - Intermediate stage towards journal publication
- Prepare before next workshop?
- Outline:
  - Study area
    - Follow PEN narrative guidelines)
  - Basic descriptive statistics
    - Format to be made
  - The research question of the study w/answer
    - Not too long, a few tables/figures
  - Policy implications
  - Appendix: the survey
- Inputs to cassava matrix (key qualitative variables)

Book ….

- 3 regional books (or thematic)
- Regional summary
- Some value added by:
  - Having substantive conclusions and policy recommendations
  - Regional summaries
- Editors

13. Research themes

- Inputs on what's covered in your study (survey)

1. Livelihoods
    1. General on importance of forest income in rural liv.
    2. Safety nets, shocks, vulnerability
    3. Seasonal gap filling – regular consumption
    4. Specialization-diversification
    5. Pathways/asset accumulation
2. Tenure
    1. Local management
    2. Property rights
    3. Decentralization

Research themes ....

3. Markets
    1. Market integration
    2. Forest product markets
4. Forest cover change
    1. Deforestation analysis at hh level
    2. Links to carbon & climate change
5. PES
    1. Environmental services
    2. Tourism/national parks

- Make a large matrix – form thematic groups
- For each, a combination of
    - Synthesis of insights and additional analysis by PEN partners
    - Analysis using global data set