

# Institutional collaboration during a pandemic: Covid-19 as a force for change

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# TU Delft track record in SEA

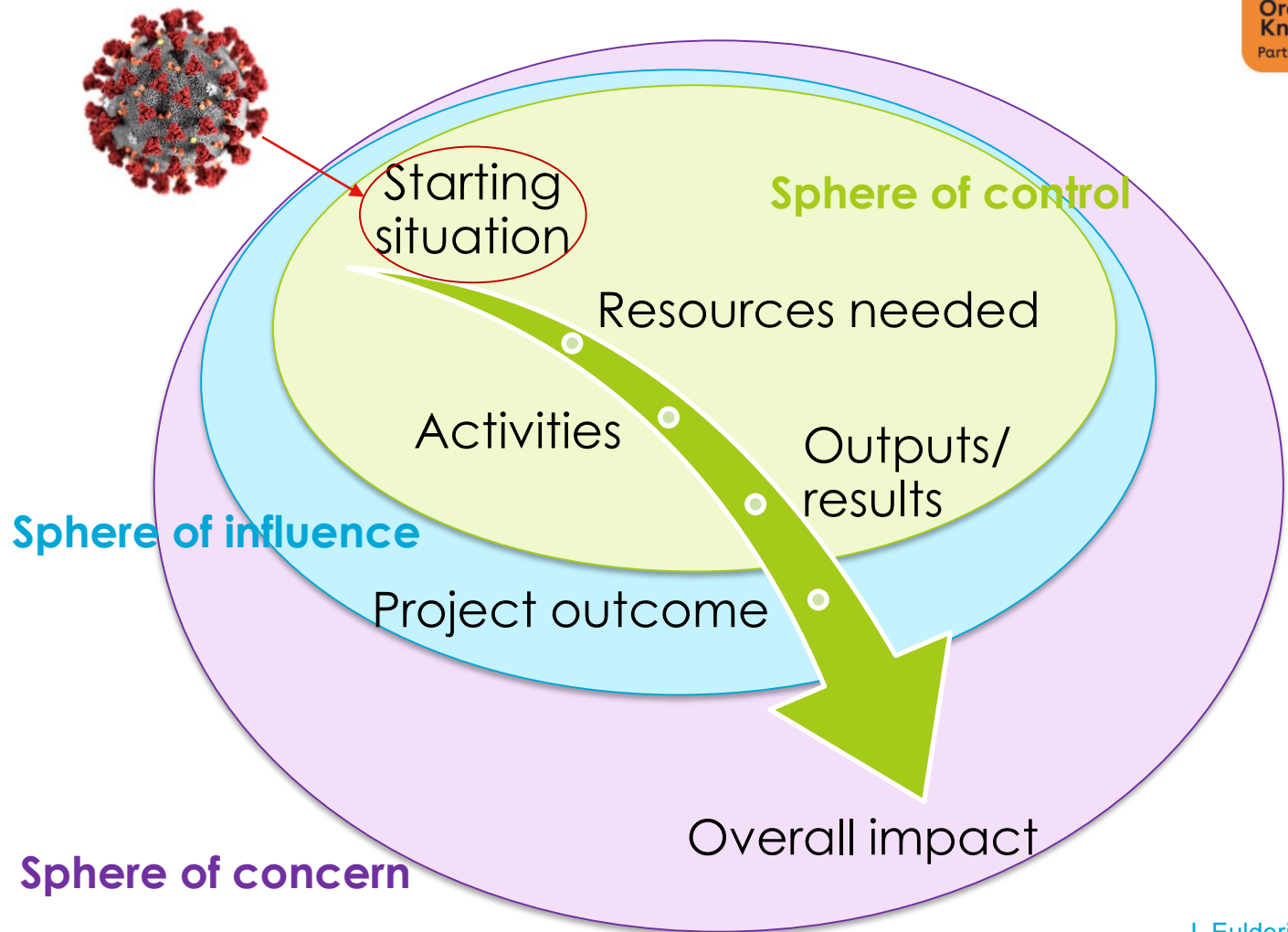
- Over 30 years of collaboration in Vietnam
  - Almost 10 years of collaboration in Myanmar
- Also other collaborations with Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia*
- Currently OKP '**Climate Proof Vietnam**' and OKP '**Higher Education in Full Flow Myanmar**'



# Main challenges

- Communication (especially informal)
- Infrastructure (connection etc.)
- Activities/Outputs/Impact
- Making lasting memories





# Accept & reprioritize

- In close contact and communication with partners
  - Consulting them, deciding and acting **together** on new priorities







**Working Experience**

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Internship (Oct 2019 – Mar 2020) in Arcadis  
 Traineeship (Mar 2020 – Current) in Arcadis

Work study  
Research  
Check study

Participating Projects

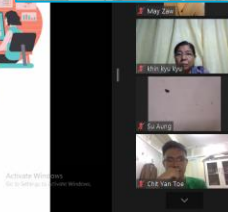
- Regional Water Security Study (Intern Water Security and Strategy Development)
- HTY Wastewater Treatment (Intern EISA Study)
- Saline Agriculture (Support)
- Delta Data Plan (Support)

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Microsoft PowerPoint slide titled "Course program: Day 3+4" for Thursday 24 August.

TOPIC	METHOD
Step 6. Know your partners	Web-meeting, session 1 Partner mapping Paragraph structure
Paragraph Writing	Exercise paragraph writing
Step 7. Fundamentals of good writing	Web-meeting, session 2 Golden rules for writing
Crafting the concept note (Checklist assessing proposals)	Writing workshop Concept note and peer feedback

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# Shifting activities

- Pro-active communication
- Online trainings and workshops
- Focus on creating and sharing digital materials
- Focus on long-term products
- Active Community of Practice

# A word from our partner in Vietnam

- Online research support
- Transitioning to open source software
  - Python course
- Attending online webinars and trainings
  - Focus on skills for the future

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**Course program: Day 1+2**

Tuesday 11 August	
TOPIC	METHOD
Introduction, objectives and program	Web-meeting: Session 1 introduction
Step 1. Know your Organisation	Home-based writing exercise
Step 2. Know your Donors Grants	Web-meeting: session 2
Step 3. Go/No-Go decision	Donor exploration Exercises & Go / No Go

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Training & Consultancy



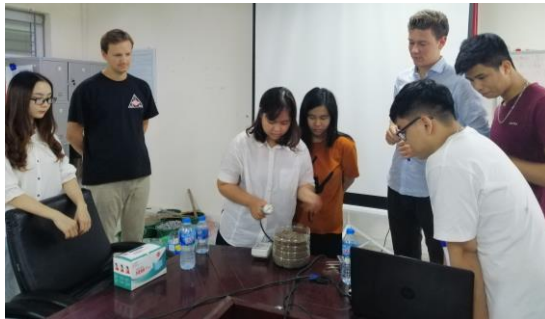
# Lessons learned

- Creation of good digital (educational) products allows for long-term and widespread re-use
- Online products and communication can allow for more inclusivity
- Creativity and 'thinking outside of the box' will always be necessary in such a crisis
- A strong foundation and existing relationship with the partners is an essential prerequisite



# Future vision for institutional collaboration

- More hybrid trainings
- Re-using and continuing to create digital products
- More and easier exchange between all institutions
  - Sharing of educational materials, quality control
- Lower threshold to communicating with partners abroad
  - Also after the project period



# Thank you for your attention

For more info, visit our project websites:

- Vietnam: <https://www.tudelft.nl/citg/vietnam/>
- Myanmar: <https://www.tudelft.nl/myanmar/>



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