

Who are Lao PDR's poorest?

GROUP 1

Rural Uneducated Farmers in Remote Areas



Households involved in low-productivity farming in remote areas with low levels of education and poor connectivity

GROUP 2

Low Productivity Farmers in Accessible Areas



Households with low agricultural productivity and low-to-moderate levels of education. While they have more land, they are poor because of low margins in agriculture and are unable to transition to non-farm employment.

GROUP 3

Informal Sector Workers in Urban Areas



Households working in low-productivity non-farm jobs in the informal sector, usually in more urbanized areas, and with moderate education.

GROUP 4

Households without Health Insurance



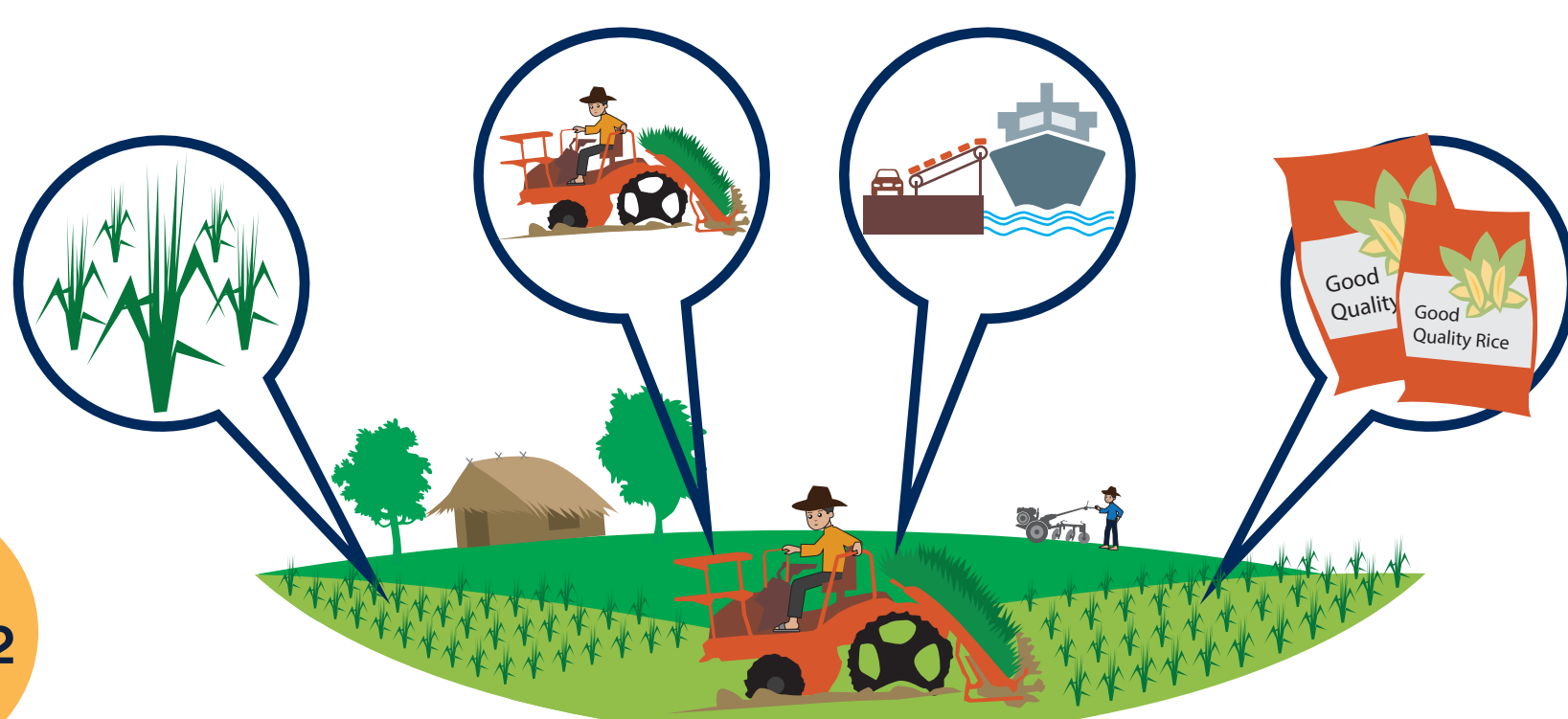
Households with recent exposure to a health shock and lacking health insurance making them vulnerable in the absence of a social safety net.

What policies could help improve their situation?

GROUP 1



Recommendation: **Increase infrastructure investments** and deliver more effective social services tailored for very remote rural areas, especially to **improve education levels**



GROUP 2

Recommendation: **Make agriculture more profitable** through mechanisms like **value-chain integration** and **lower cost to market**. **Improve farmers' education levels**.

GROUP 3



Recommendation: **Create better jobs** in manufacturing and services sectors

GROUP 4



Recommendation: **Improve health insurance for households** in rural and informal sectors to reduce their vulnerability.