

Creating Strong Communities

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Champassak Province, Laos



Economic Empowerment



Tax deductible

Total Budget - \$130,000

Project Timeline

Year 4 \$30,000

4 YEARS



POPULATION

7.2 million

POVERTY

23.4% of the population below poverty line

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 68 years

EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 5 years

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX*

Ranking out of 189 nations
Laos 137 (Aust 8)

*2020 Human Development Report



Overview

Our partners are working to identify and confront core issues that create socio-economic poverty and reduce risks of trafficking and unsafe migration. There is a general sense of despair and hopelessness due to poverty, seasonal food and water insecurity, illiteracy and low awareness of the risks of leaving family. Economic opportunities are limited and it is a culture that often excludes women and youth from family and community decisions and activities. This integrated development program is enhancing food security and economic viability for the poorest families, providing vocational training, improving the health status of the community and strengthening community-based leadership and participation.

Why support this:

Through empowered and enabled youth and women, seed projects and various awareness raising and empowerment workshops, our implementing partners are creating economic and social opportunities within these communities where people feel safe and secure. Ownership of the development process enhances the educational achievements of school students and improves literacy and life-skills among illiterate teenagers and adults. There is high participation of the community in social advocacy, constant links to government and private service providers and strong community-based leadership.

Objectives Include:



Establish village development committees



Increase in annual farm production and income



Community awareness raising campaigns



Improved access to clean water

Expected life Change

- Villages support each other in driving the community development, sharing technology, sourcing services and market links
- Water is contained and reserved to support the needs of the village during the dry season
- Promotion of intentional nutrition and hygiene programs for children and pregnant mothers