

Restore Hope, Build a Future



Vientiane, Laos



Economic Empowerment

Year 3 Budget \$23,000

Project Timeline

\$200 TO GO

MAR 21

FEB 24

Overview

Our partner exists to assist the poor, disadvantaged and broken people of Laos, with particular emphasis on those addicted to drugs. The Women and Children's Centre was set up to provide a nurturing environment for both women, children and their families. This project supports women addicted to drugs through rehabilitation and vocational training. Entrust's component of the project is to continue to provide local Lao staff salaries and operating costs for a three year period, while encouraging the centre to gradually become more sustainable.

Impact for March - August 2023



Live-in centre for rehab and restoration

5 people received help for drug addiction in the last 6 months. They are supported through rehabilitation and counselling programs, education, vocational training and work therapy.

Vocational training: baking, sewing & catfish

Another change of leadership means a new local couple (Kham and Boonmee) will soon take over running the centre and are being guided through the process. After some disruptions, the sewing centre is expected to ramp up again. Plans to open a retail shop to sell products were delayed but are scheduled for the next six months.



Two dependent children live at the centre

Ben, 3 has been adopted by the staff. Len's family live too far from a school and cannot afford room and board so the centre is caring for him, now 12 years old, during term time and provides him with a bicycle to get to and from school.

Sustainability projects in the garden

Planting of vegetables is in full swing now, with the end of the rainy season and the vegetable growing season having begun. Moving the chicken coop to another location on the property has helped increase production.



- Friends and staff of the centre regularly reach out to the sick, visit local hospitals and distribute food to needy families. 100 people have been cared for in this way
- The district police have said they are proud to have the centre in their district because it helps people that no one else cares about.



Pasuk's Story

In a country where only 3% of students graduate from high-school, many young people quit school to help financially support their families. Pasuk is one such person: "I decided to quit school after 9th grade. There were strong economic pressures in my village to follow the same patterns and I wanted to find a job to support my family, who live in northern Laos. However, after working for two months, I realised I'd made a bad decision. I asked the centre if I could return and continue living there while I resume my schooling. I want to fight against the odds and pursue a better life for myself and my family."



Thank you for making a difference