

Strengthening Cohesive Communities

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Champassak Province Laos



Water

Year 1 Budget \$44,000

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

JUL 22

JUN 25

Overview

Our partners are working to 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, water and food 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. Phase four of this integrated development program is improving access to clean water and the health status of the community, enhancing food security and economic viability for the poorest families, providing vocational training, and strengthening community-based leadership and participation.

Impact for July 2022 - June 2023

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Improved access to clean water & sanitation

13 vulnerable households in 3 villages were supported with latrine construction materials. These latrines will be a model to other communities. Nine latrines were completed, the other four are 80% completed, and all are being used.

Village development committees (VDCs)

have received training in areas of leadership, child protection, gender equality, people with disabilities and climate change. Regular monitoring and follow-up occurs during field visits to 8 villages.

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Community awareness raising campaigns

24 Village Health Volunteers (VHVs) and 4 community health nurses were trained in primary healthcare and nutrition. The VHVs and nurses will in turn provide quarterly training in their respective villages.

Increased farm production and income

3 farmers' groups have been formed and will receive customised training to increase competency. 180 vulnerable farmers received 30kg rice seed packs along with training to improve yields.

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- Government MOU approval was delayed due to staff changes, resulting in a late start. Despite this, permission was granted to begin village monitoring visits. This is unusual and is testament to the trust that our partner has built with government partners.



Mr Bun's story

Mr Bun, 46, is a devoted father of four young children, striving to provide for them and give them the best start in life. He was devastated when his wife died suddenly of appendicitis. In spite of his grief, he did what he could to provide food, water and other basic necessities for his children, but it was a struggle. His biggest fear was that dirty water would lead to appendicitis in his children, so he was overjoyed and relieved when he was given water filters and construction materials to build a latrine. He says, "I never imagined that we would receive this help. It has given us dignity too to have a latrine. I can't thank you enough".



Thank you for making a difference