

Education for a Brighter Future

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Phongsaly, Laos



Education



Tax deductible

3 Year Project: July 2025 to June 2028

Total Budget: \$123,000

Current Year Funding Required: \$41,000



POPULATION

7.6 million

POVERTY

18.3% of the population below poverty line

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 69 years

EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 5.9 years

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX*

Ranking out of 191 nations
Laos 139 (Aust 10)

*2023-24 Human Development Report

Overview

This project provides children, youth, and adults in remote ethnic minority villages with access to both formal and non-formal education. Activities include supporting local handicrafts, improving and planting fruit and other tree crops, training women in non-formal education, family financial management, and daily-life skills, as well as on-the-job teacher training. The project also raises awareness of women's and children's rights, human trafficking, drug abuse, and the rights of people with disabilities, while building the capacity of Village Education Development Committees.

Why support this:

Ethnic minority communities in northern Laos continue to face low levels of education, poor health and nutrition, and limited income, alongside high rates of poverty and vulnerability. Our partners work with these remote communities and local government to address barriers to development and create opportunities, particularly in education, health, environment, and livelihoods. Community ownership of the development process strengthens educational outcomes, literacy, and practical life skills, with strong participation and leadership from local residents.

Objectives Include:



39 teachers receive on the job training



713 students receive quality education



30 people with disabilities access school & nonformal education



260 people receive financial management training

Expected life Change

- Improved literacy through formal and non-formal education, enabling greater learning, awareness and participation in broader society.
- Higher student and teacher attendance, with more children progressing to high school.
- Women gain practical skills and rights awareness, while stronger livelihoods and farming practices improve food security and reduce vulnerability.