

Building Stronger Communities



Salavan Province, Southern Laos



Economic Empowerment



Tax deductible

3 Year Project: July 2025 to June 2028

Total Budget: \$131,040

Current Year Funding Required:

\$43,680



POPULATION

7.8 million

POVERTY

18.3% of the population
below poverty line

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth:
69 years

EDUCATION

Mean years of school
(adults) 6.1 years

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX*

Ranking out of 193 nations
Laos 147 (Aust 7)

*2023-24 Human Development Report

Overview

This integrated poverty reduction project targets 10 remote villages in Taoi District, Salavan Province, home to over 6,300 people from ethnic minority groups including the Ta-oi, Pa Koh, Ka Tang, and Ka Tieng. These communities face widespread poverty, food insecurity, preventable disease, gender inequality, and weak governance structures. The project takes a holistic approach to improve health and well-being, strengthen livelihoods and build local governance capacity. Together, these interventions aim to break the cycle of generational poverty and equip communities with the tools to build a healthier, more resilient future.

Why support this:

These isolated ethnic communities face a cycle of poverty driven by poor health, food shortages, and limited opportunities—especially for women and vulnerable families. Without intervention, preventable diseases, early school dropout, and economic instability will continue to undermine progress and deepen disadvantage.

This project takes a proven, community-led approach to address the root causes of poverty in a holistic way. By strengthening local capacities in health, livelihoods, and governance, it aims to create lasting, sustainable change and empower communities to shape their own future.

Objectives Include:



**Improved access
to clean water**



**Strengthening
local governance**



**Improved disease
prevention and
hygiene knowledge**



**Increase in annual
farm production
and income**

Expected life Change

- Improved health and well-being by training village health volunteers and providing health and hygiene education to reduce disease
- Increased socio-economic opportunities by supporting 300 families through vocational training, small business assistance, and sustainable agricultural practices
- Strengthened local governance by building the capacity of community leaders and groups will ensure inclusive decision-making and more effective service delivery