

Creating Strong Communities

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Champassak Province Laos



Economic Empowerment

Year 2 Budget \$44,000

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

JUL18

JUN21

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.

Impact for January - June 2020

2282

Awareness training on COVID-19



and distribution of hygiene essentials to 2282 households (846 in March, 1436 in May) in 8 villages, including soap, bleach, spray bottles, information sheets.

225 farmers received 30kg of rice seeds

with every batch producing well over 6000kg of rice. Each farmer needs to give back 35kg to the farmers group for future rounds of rice distribution.

225



312

HIV/AIDS awareness-raising campaigns



for 312 people across 5 villages. Home visits and support given to people living with HIV/AIDS.

Construction of latrines for 25 households

in 5 villages. Iron roofs, concrete, pipes, toilet bowls, rocks, sand, septic tanks, nails and pipes were provided, while families dug latrine holes and gathered wood for the walls.

25



- Some training events were held but have since been paused due to COVID-19 lockdowns
- The Village Development Committee received leadership training in January
- Hygiene awareness training for primary schools was held in February and youth have received vocational training support



Rice to sustain

Mr Bounkert is a rice farmer and member of his village development committee. Food security was already precarious before the pandemic, but has been exacerbated by disruptions and market instability caused by COVID-19. Most affected are the poor and vulnerable, many of whom are farmers and agricultural workers. Mr Bounkert received a 30kg rice seed-grant. In return he will save 35kg from his crop so other farmers can borrow and also benefit. "We are so thankful for this high-yield quality rice variety. It will help us restore the rice value-chain and sustain our families".

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