

Health & Hygiene Matters!



Sekong Province, Southern Laos



Water & Sanitation

Year 1 Budget \$36,000

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

JAN 21

DEC 23

Overview

Our partners have been working with and living alongside the poorest village people in southern Laos for over 20 years. Entrust is funding the WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) part of a large project in this area. This provides 5 villages, over three years, with a sustainable source of clean water, toilets for most households and hygiene education and training in maintaining the toilet and water systems. These villages were selected because water borne infections are most prevalent here and the water and sanitation equipment is the least developed. The budget for Year 2 is \$42,500.

Impact for July - December 2021



23 latrines were constructed in Palai & Phonpai

Altogether, 60 latrines were built by the villagers themselves during 2021. Each family must save up for their contribution towards the build, dig the hole and assist with the labour.

22 Health & hygiene education sessions

were held in the evenings in 8 different villages so the whole village could gather to participate. Topics included diarrhea and pneumonia treatment and prevention, and COVID-19 prevention measures.



2 Regular meetings with 2 village water

committees were held. These 6-8 people manage the construction of the toilets and with our partners, decide what type of water system to build.

8 Training sessions for village health volunteers

focused on basic health check-ups for villagers and basic prevention measures. 13 follow-ups directly to the 8 villages assessed the management of the village pharmacy.



- Work was postponed during lockdowns and restrictions and it was difficult to find construction companies to complete the water system work on time.
- Inflation is pushing up the construction price of toilets and water systems. This cost increase for materials was balanced by the fact that the salary line for the WASH specialist was lower than initially expected.



Mr Savanh's Story

I am 45 years old and I live in Phonpai village. I was very excited to hear about a project in my village because our water source is far and very few families have a toilet near their house. It took me no time at all to dig a hole and get the materials ready for my toilet. I also saved my share of the finances needed to own a toilet. I have built a house around my toilet since this photo was taken and I am very happy with it. I have been helping my neighbours with their toilets and I am very much looking forward to the water system being built in our village in 2022.



Thank you for making a difference