

## Health & Hygiene Matters!

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Sekong Province, Southern Laos



Water & Sanitation

Year 2 Budget \$42,500

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 twenty years. Entrust is funding the WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) part of a large project in this area, in addition to health volunteer training. This provides 5 villages, over three years, with a sustainable source of clean water, latrines for most households and hygiene education and training in maintaining the latrine and water system. These villages were selected because water borne infections are most prevalent here and the water and sanitation equipment is the least developed.

### Impact for July - December 2022



**154** latrines were constructed in 3 villages in 2022

Families worked together to construct the toilets with the assistance of a local engineer and water management team. A total of 1211 people are now using toilets in Oung, Pakayong and Tapuak Village instead of open defecation.

### 15 Health & hygiene education sessions

were held in 8 different villages. Topics included diarrhoea and pneumonia treatment/prevention, skin & worm disease, tuberculosis, dengue, malaria, and covid prevention measures. Clean-up activities were run in 3 villages.



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### village health volunteers from 4 villages

took part in a training session in basic health for villagers at the provincial hospital.

8 follow-up visits to the 4 villages assessed the management of the village pharmacy.



### 284 inhabitants from Bang Oung village

now have access to clean water. A borehole was drilled, water tower built and connection established for each household. Construction was handed over to the community on 14 December, 2022.

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- Inflation continues to drive up construction prices of toilets and water systems. This not only increases the cost of the project, but as the relative poverty of villagers worsens, their contributions become smaller and take longer to collect.
- Communities participate in educational and prevention sessions, are involved in construction and trained to maintain their systems.



### Mrs P's Story

Before, I didn't have water near my house. We had a water system in the village but there was not enough water for everyone in the dry season. Sometimes, we had to go and get water from the river in the evening, after working hard on the farm. I needed the water for my children and to clean my house. This was so difficult for me and my family. But, after the arrival of the project, my family began to have better living conditions. Now we have a toilet and we have access to enough water with the new water system in the village. My children can also clean their bodies in the new bathroom area.

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