

INCLUSION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN ATTAPEU PROVINCE, LAOS

Contribute to the reduction of inequalities, access to healthcare and professional training and to foster community life for people with disabilities.

Project Duration

2021-2023

Beneficiaries

1900 persons in situation of handicap

70 villages trained for PWD inclusion

Local Partners

Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs at the national, provincial and district levels
Community health and inclusion association (CHias)

Lao Disability People Association (LDPA)

Financial Partners

Kadoorie Charity Foundation
French Development Agency (AFD)



Alongside Lao People



Why this project

People with disabilities (PWD), representing 3.7% of the rural population in Attapeu province, experience high rates of marginalization due to beliefs and misunderstandings about disability, leading some communities to hide or exclude them from village life. This makes it all the more difficult to identify them, reducing their possibility of care and access to basic services, specific health care and the support needed to cope with life's difficulties. They also lack access to the education and professional training system and cannot make a productive contribution to their community. The SFE has therefore set up a project, in collaboration with its local partners, to develop a system of holistic care for PWD with the aim of reducing inequalities, promoting the inclusion of PWD in social life and enabling them to reach their full potential.

Some activities

- Training of teams of social workers in the identification of PWD and the implementation of individualized follow-up according to needs and available services.
- To train the CHias association's teams in community-based inclusive development in order to train communities in the inclusion of PWD and the prevention of disability.
- To train the LDPA association in the management of disability support projects.
- Training of occupational therapists.
- Promote the access of PWD to Attapeu's professional training center.
- Developing professional apprenticeships for PWD.
- Creation of a coordination system between local partners, health care services, and communities to improve the management of PWD.

Objectives



Improve health and well-being of people with disabilities



Promote access to education and training to improve the participation of PWDs in the local economy



Reducing Inequalities

PROJECT AMOUNT : 1 273 000 euros



Sustainability -

This is the first phase of a long-term project. The vision is to see Attapeu's PSHs integrated and active in their community and benefit from necessary and affordable services. The result of a partnership between the government and local associations, this project is intended to be a coordinated act of implementation



of the national law on disability.