

HEALTH EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN SALAVAN DISTRICT, LAOS

Reduce poverty through health education and development in 10 villages of Salavan district

Project duration

2017-2020

Beneficiaries

4000 people living in the 10 targeted villages and 23 000 people living in the area covered by the 5 health centers

Local partners

Villagers

Village development committees

Medical trainers

Lao government at village, district, provincial and national levels

Financial partners

Kadoorie Foundation, Swiss development and cooperation agency



Why this project ?

Salavan province is one of the poorest province in south Laos. Villagers, specially from remote area, are facing important health issues: half of the population lives under the poverty line, 54 % of the children under 5-years old suffer from chronic malnutrition, 2/3 of the villagers are not using toilets or water sources, 2/3 of the deliveries are performed without the assistance of a skilled birth attendant, 2/3 of the newborns are not exclusively breastfed during the first five months of life. The medical staff from the district hospital and the 5 health centers close to the villages are not sufficiently trained to efficiently answer the needs of the local population. Lack of medicine and materials is also a recurrent issue.





Some activities

- Health promotion and disease prevention in the villages.
- Training of village health volunteers and health workers in health centers and at provincial hospital about diagnostic, treatment, reproductive health and administrative work .
- Training communities to built latrines, wells and water systems and maintain these systems.
- Raise awareness of communities about nutrition.
- Introduce new techniques to improve paddy and upland rice yield.
- Training to develop vegetable and fruit gardens, and animal breeding.
- Introduce income generating activities in poor families.
- Carry out training about improved money management and savings.

Objectives



- Increase villagers knowledge about prevention and treatment of common diseases and health practices.



- Increase knowledge and know-how of the health workers.



- Provide suitable equipment for a better service to villagers.



- Increase the use of improved sanitation facilities and water sources.



- Improve nutrition and culture diversification
- Increase the target population income.



BUDGET

Description	USD	%
Activity subtotal	513 940	71 %
Training of trainers	41 892	6 %
Villagers education	61 742	9 %
Health system improvement	144 442	20 %
Building of latrines and water systems	193 961	27 %
Agricultural activities	71 903	10 %
Administrative costs	209 869	29 %
Total	721 809	100 %