



LAO PDR

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Combine economic development and environment protection

To improve the livelihood of ethnic minority communities, strengthen the environmental governance and combat the depletion of natural resources and biodiversity

DESCRIPTION

Based on the success and lessons learnt from the interventions set up in Oudomxay province since 2012, the project fosters the engagement of households, communities and rural territories within sustainable trajectories for socio-economic development.

At the scale of the households and villages, the project supports 30 rural communities from La and Namor districts, through the design of community development plans, which combine agroecology, adaptation of farming systems to climate change, the fight against overuse of pesticides, sustainable management of natural resources (water, soil, biodiversity), hygiene, responses to the local economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

At the scale of the districts and province, the capacity building of local stakeholders and the creation of horizontal governance arenas favours the emergence of concerted and relevant solutions to respond the economic development questions and environment protection issues, which are key challenges in the territory.

NGO

The **CCL** (Comité de Coopération avec le Laos) is a French NGO created in 1980, which operates only in Lao PDR and mainly in the mountainous Northern provinces. Its actions cover rural development, poverty reduction, health & nutrition.

Since 2012, the CCL is setting up an holistic and participatory action to support the sustainable development of Oudomxay province (funded by AFD since 2015 and BfW since 2019).

PARTNERS

Local authorities and in particular the **PAFO** (Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Office) are CCL's historical partners in Oudomxay. Their teams are actively involved in the project implementation.

3 Lao civil society organisations: **SAEDA**, which has been a pioneer in promoting agroecology intervenes within the *Pesticide activity package* of the project, **RDA** brings an expertise on *hygiene issues* and participatory approaches, and **MHH**, who brings innovative approaches for *awareness actions*.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- Starting date : May 2021
- Project duration : 3 years
- Financial partners: AFD, BfW, ALL
- Memorandum of understanding with PAFO (signed 17/12/21)
- Local departments involved: PAFO / DAFO; PONRE / DONRE; Education; Health; LWU, Planning & Investment
- Project team: CCL (10); SAE-DA (2); RDA (2), MHH (5), Local authorities (17)
- Implementation area: Oudomxay Province, La & Namor Districts; 30 villages



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MAIN EXPECTED RESULTS

- The villagers plan their socio-economic development: 18 villages have designed their *Community sustainable development plan*
- Communities' awareness is strengthened on land issues (1200 villagers) and contract farming (900 villagers)
- Farming systems are diversified (450 households)
- The management of pesticides is improved (900 households)
- 1 *Pesticide Task Force* and 1 *Natural resource and Biodiversity Task Force* draft recommendations for decision-makers
- Local capacities are strengthened (40 village leaders, 36 staffs)

