

CDEA

Community Development &
Environment Association



Beneficiaries so far...

29 villages

1.534 households

4.812 women

9.404 people



About Us

In 2004, CDEA started working in line with the Lao PDR Government's goal to reduce poverty through multi-sector innovation. CDEA supports developing rural communities by guiding locals towards a healthier lifestyle and promoting local business.

CDEA is working at grass roots level to improve living conditions in sustainable ways across five provinces:

- Oudomxay
- Xiengkhouang
- Sekong Louang
- Prabang Province
- Vientiane Capital outskirt



Previous Funding Activities

- Clean Water Supply and Sanitation Promotion funded by Bread For The World
- Urban Waste and Organic Composting funded by Canada Fun
- Schools Composting Recycling Pilot funded by World Bank
- Asia Pro-Eco Project and funded by European and Aid partnered with DGS
- Clean Water Supply and Sanitation for a poverty reduction project funded by Bread for the World, Helvetas, and Luxembourg
- The Schools Environmental Fund project, funded by the Ford Company Conservation and Environmental Grants

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- House repair and toilet building, funded by Habitat for Humanity International (HFH)
- Water Source Conservation and Reforestation project, funded by GEF of UNDP and REO
- Clean Water Supply and Poultry Raising project, funded by KENAN
- Community Lead Total Sanitation (CLTS) project, funded by World Bank

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CDEA Actions Area



Forest Conservation

CDEA works towards the 13th SDG "Protect the Planet" goals to for environmental protection and minimizing air-pollution. Protecting native forests from illegal logging and promoting advocacy for water bodies. CDEA encourages the use of non-timber forest products such as mushrooms and bamboo shoots to support environmental conservation.



Community Development Fund

CDEA serves the 8th SDG "Good Jobs and Economic Growth" by supporting start up community development funds at village level. People can borrow money from the fund for their own livelihood activities such as repairing house, building toilet, raising livestock, crop production at an affordable interest rate.



Water Supply System

Construction and Sanitation Promotion

Lack of clean water is a leading cause of poverty and illness. Water born diseases and time-consuming activities for water collection from women and children are major issues in rural Laos. CDEA focuses on the 6th SDG "Clean Water and Sanitation", thus building sustainable water supply infrastructures where communities are able to manage and pay for the maintenance of the system.

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CDEA's Accountability

CDEA monitors all direct and non-direct funding provided to the association by making sure all funding reaches the communities who need it.

CDEA's Capacity Building

CDEA engages in promoting local capacities in order to improve the standards of rural living. A key aim of the association is to link the different bodies and individuals so to create a solid network of active groups across Laos that collectively bring changes to their communities.

Mission

CDEA's mission is congruent with the Lao Government's Sustainable Development Goals, in that the organisation aims to ensure that "underprivileged people living in Lao PDR will increased their access to better living conditions through the efficient use of existing environmental resource in their community".

Objectives

- Foster the **sustainable development** of disadvantaged communities in order to reduce the impacts of **poverty**, especially on farming communities
- Encourage sustainable development activities that protect and enhance the **natural environments**
- **Empowering communities** to understand their own development processes
- Create a strong platform for building on income-generation activities and social well being **initiatives for women**
- Cooperate with grassroots working practices in order to promote CDEA's values



CDEA establishes project committees in every target Village (3 to 5 households). These committees include CDEA members who represent the association and work with villages in projects. They manage the CDF and water supply system and report to CDEA every month.

Operational Board

CDEA is a non-profit association with 105 members from 46 villages across 5 Districts. CDEA consists of members that function as Management Board Committee, Advisory Board Committees, Organization Board Management Committees, Project Managers, Field Coordinators, Project Staff and Finance Officers.

CDEA is in contact with more than 6,200 individuals who benefit from the association's work. CDEA collaborates with other organisations across Laos, to exchange insights and experience.



CDEA aims at establishing a Community Development Fund for each community that needs it. Maximising the number of members will significantly lower the contribute communal fund interest, thus enabling the following:

- Maintenance of water infrastructure
- Income increase in rural areas
- Easy and affordable access to the fund (1% interest rate for livelihood activities such as house repairing, toilet building, livestock raising, crop production; and 2% interest or Small Enterprise activities).

