

SCALING: Partnership for Improved Nutrition in Luang Namtha, Lao PDR



Plantation Training for Communities

GLIMPSE



Location
Luang Namtha Province
(Long, Sing and Luang Namtha Districts)

TimeFrame

June 2016 – January 2020

Beneficiaries

120,000 people from 3 districts in one province (40,800 women of reproductive age, of which 10,000 adolescent girls, and 18,900 children under 5 years)

Partners

Save the Children, Comité de Coopération avec le Laos, ChildFund Laos, Provincial and district office of Health Office, Lao Women's Union, Provincial and District offices of Agriculture and Forestry, Province and District offices of Education and Sports

BACKGROUND

The “Sustainable Change Achieved through Linking Improved Nutrition and Governance – (SCALING)” and aims to provide support at scale to the goals of the GoL's NNSAP and convergent approach, in line with the objectives of EU's Partnership for Improved Nutrition (PIN). The overall objective of the programme is to improve food and nutrition security among rural households and create sustainable agricultural wealth at the village and household level in Huapanh, Luang Namtha, Luang Prabang, Phongsaly as well as to improve nutritional status of adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women, and children <5 years in project districts.

SCALING'S Theory of Change is based on a socio-ecological approach which means working at and strengthening linkages among the individual/household level up through villages, to broader systems. SCALING does this by addressing the 2 main drivers of stunting in Laos: 1) The predominance of suboptimal practices related to adolescent and maternal health and nutrition. 2) The lack of local environment support for improved nutrition.

OBJECTIVES

- 1 Improved nutrition and hygiene-related behaviors and access to quality nutrition and RNMCH services in 3 target districts
- 2 Local environment mitigates adverse underlying causes of malnutrition in 3 target districts
- 3 Nutrition governance strengthened at district, kumban and community levels in 3 target districts

Donor agencies

European Union



OUTCOMES

- **Improved nutrition and hygiene-related behaviors and access to quality nutrition and RNMCH services in 3 target districts**
 - Adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women, and caregivers of children <5 years practicing improved feeding, caring, and hygiene and sanitation behaviours
 - Increased access to quality Nutrition and RNMCH care is delivered in health centres and via outreach
- **Local environment mitigates adverse underlying causes of malnutrition in 3 target districts**
 - Gender norms enable improved care and feeding practices, women's decision-making, reduced workload, and control over resources and health
 - Water and sanitation infrastructure is functional
- **Nutrition governance strengthened at district, Kumban and community levels in 3 target districts**
 - National policies and strategies informed by global evidence and local experience
 - Provincial and District, Kumban and village development plans are convergent and nutrition sensitive, and districts have functioning nutrition committees
 - Sufficient, quality nutrition related data from 3 target districts is available (NNS: SO 10)

IMPACTS

- 56 provincial and district health management meetings held, 12 health centers having had at least 10 supervisory visits from the district over the project period
- 72 district and health centres staff trained
- 12 mobile clinic teams trained, health centres equipped, health centres using online data entry, and health centres with functional community accountability mechanism
- 60 Village Saving and Loan Association (VSLAs)
- 7 Nam Saat staff and 10 private sector actors are trained
- 4 coordination and 36 quarterly district nutrition committee meetings. At least 3 inter-district learning and exchange visit
- 4 GoL staff trained in nutrition technical content
- 1 nutrition data dashboard presented per quarterly district meeting and nutrition stakeholder map produced per district per year starting in year 2 (9 in total)



Children are Lack of proper nutrition, caused by having not enough to consume, so health survey is important to ensure how good children are in their villages.

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