

Khousa Food Security Project (KFSP)



Rural people can access to food security in their farms.

GLIMPSE



Location
Phongsaly Province
(Khousa District)

TimeFrame

January 2022 - December 2024

Beneficiaries

Direct 2,029 people, women 1,155
Indirect 6,087 people, women 3,465

Partners

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Phongsaly
Provincial Agricultural and Forestry Office

BACKGROUND

Since 2014, CARE International in Lao PDR has received funding support from CARE Denmark and European Union (EU), and the Ministry of Development and Sustainable Infrastructure Luxembourg provided funding to implementing the project of enhancing adaptive the capacity of women and ethnic smallholder farmers through improved agro-climate information of two districts: Mai and Samphan in Phongsaly province. The overall objective of this project is to enable improved resilience of remote ethnic both lowland and upland communities, in particularly women, to the impact of climate variability and change, and contribute to the achievement of SDGs 1,2,5 and 6.

The Khousa Food Security Project will be implemented in five target villages in Khousa district, Phongsaly province. The project activities will be analysed through the community consultation and agriculture and forestry offices and learning from the former projects. Improving access to accurate seasonal weather forecasts has seen as essential for improving farmers' ability for medium to long-term planning and thus increased resilience. Especially for food security and main cash crops, which heavily affected by the changes in rainy season and having access to these forecasts is likely to reduce losses of yields caused by unfavourable weather conditions.

OBJECTIVES

Food insecure upland ethnic communities have a) more secure water supply systems and b) increased own food production and incomes from other sources to better meet their food security needs.

DONOR

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OUTCOMES

- **Activity 1: Year-round in-village access to sufficient clean water enabled and an increase in latrine coverage achieved**
 - Conduct the feasibility assessment, design, and undertake construction the water system in 5 villages (5 systems)
 - Establish the Village Water Committee and community water management fund
 - Ensure watershed protection through the water source zoning and management regulation establishment
 - Promote community hygiene through supporting the district health office to promote the activity relevant to the elimination of open defecation
- **Activity 2: Household food production increased through investment in home gardens and other food production systems**
 - Support the kitchen garden and fruit trees through technical support including the training on plantation, caring, storing and provision of seedlings and basic equipment
 - Village level food supply interventions (fish raising, paddy creation, small animal raising, etc.)
- **Activity 3: Household incomes are increased through improvements to livestock production systems**
 - Promote Cattle fattening by supporting 30 households who already have cows for income generation, providing the forage seedlings and materials for planting forage for the animal, arrange the cross visit to other province who has more experience in cow fattening for trade and technical support including the technical training for large and small animal raising for 5 target villages
 - Establish the Commercial veterinary services through capacity building and technical support to ensure that the established veterinary services are functioned and reduce the death of animals
- **Activity 4: Lessons learnt and knowledge/best practice are shared at the community and national levels**
 - Prepare the lesson learnt/best practices and organise the exchanging meetings at the community and national levels
 - Develop the lessons learnt including the case study and best practices and disseminate them at the community and national levels
 - Organise the exchanging meeting with partners to reflect the program implementation progress and results.

IMPACTS

- 5 target villages has sufficient year-round in-village access to clean water and participate in the activity relevant to the elimination of open defecation.
- Households participating in project supported activities to increase food supply.
- 30 households with established livestock forage plots and 5 animal health providers established, operating, and generating income from services.
- At least 3 case studies and 2 best practices are developed and shared at the local and national meetings and at least 6 lesson exchanging meetings are organized.

Rural people are happy when they can access to clean water in their village.



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