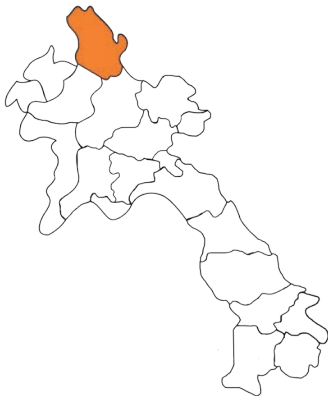


Khousa Food Security Project (KFSP)



Rural people can experience food security on their farms.

GLIMPSE



Location
Phongsaly Province
(Khousa District)

TimeFrame

January 2022 - December 2024

Beneficiaries

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

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, the European Union (EU), and the Ministry of Development and Sustainable Infrastructure Luxembourg to enhance the capacity of women and ethnic smallholder farmers in Mai and Samphan in Phongsaly province. The overall objective of this project is to strengthen the resilience of remote ethnic lowland and upland communities, in particular women, when it comes to the impact of climate variability and change, as well as 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. Project activities will be analyzed through community consultation, information from agriculture and forestry offices, and learning from former projects. The project will also improve access to accurate seasonal weather forecasts, an essential tool to improve farmers' ability for medium to long-term planning, thus increasing their resilience. Access to these forecasts is likely to reduce losses of yields caused by unfavorable weather conditions, especially main cash crops, which are heavily affected by the changes in rainy season and greatly impact food security in Phongsaly.

OBJECTIVES

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

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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 seedings 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 have access to clean water in their village.

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