



STRENGTHENING CAPACITY AND SERVICE DELIVERY

Delivering improved, cost-effective MDG-based services

Laos

Reducing poverty and inequality is a major priority for the government of Laos, which seeks to expand and improve its services to the people by **empowering local communities** to identify their own priorities, manage their local development projects, and control their own finances at the local level.

UNDP and UNCDF offer **technical and financial assistance** to a Laotian government program that provides access to clean water, schools, bridges and roads, as well as **commercial infrastructure**.



"To reach the town through the access road takes 20- 30 minutes. It previously took about 2 hours to walk, carrying products to the market. This road is good, we can even access hospitals by car and no longer need to carry sick people. This road is most helpful and we are very happy."

En Phetmanithong



"Our village has a large school-age population. Students were organized in two sessions, one in the morning and the other one in the afternoon, as only two school buildings were available. This situation caused great difficulties for the students. Textbooks were insufficient. Consultations were held with parents in different villages. Following the construction of this school, there was sufficient capacity to accommodate all students. Enrollment has increased by 40%."

Tong Sie Yang



"Ban Khangkhai did not have a marketplace and vendors had to sell their products along roads or in scattered corners, making trade and livelihood difficult. Traders are now able to sell all day long and generate more income. People who never had a bank account now hold deposit and savings accounts. Our marketplace is a truly good thing. I think that it is the general desire among our community for further investment from the project to assist in further maintaining and developing this marketplace. Now, they are all happy and are grateful to the project for the assistance provided in improving their livelihood. Everyone is happy."

Soutsady Thammavongsa

The ROK-UNDP MDG Trust Fund has contributed \$17.85 million towards nine country projects and two global projects that seek to improve livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable.



Improving the lives of citizens, especially the poor and vulnerable, through increased access to more responsive services.

Improving the capacity of the civil service at national and sub-national levels to better manage and deliver services to the poor.

Results:

303



Local infrastructure projects have been financed.

3,000



Local government staff have been trained in service delivery.

391,000



Beneficiaries have access to extended government services.

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