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Facts and Figures

- EC Contribution: €750 000 (70% of total)
- Duration: 2007- 2009
- Geographical zone: Oudomxay province (Lao PDR)



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"I had lost my husband and found myself alone with four little children. My status declined steadily and due to lack of labour and legal rights our land was successively taken over by others. Thanks to this project I have two land titles now. I can earn a small but sufficient income through assistance from the project."

Mrs. Boun from Najang village

**Context**

In Lao PDR 80% of the country's populations live in rural areas and they rely to a large extent on the forests for their food and income. According to the Lao Government, Oudomxay province is the second poorest province in the country. This project worked in 20 communities with a total of about 7 033 individuals grouped into approximately 1 187 households.

Objectives

- Improving food security and socio-economic situation.
- Providing better access to and improved utilisation of productive resources, as well as sanitation, health, and education facilities.

Impact

- 1 033 households trained on sustainable upland production and 255 women in nutrition principles.
- 13 small scale irrigation schemes built and four upgraded for 111 families.
- Nine water supply systems and latrines for 956 households were built and two upgraded.
- 242 fish pond were dug and stocked and 120 bee keepers were in 14 villages upgraded.
- Seven schools have been constructed

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Gender sensitivity training

In three years the project has provided gender sensitivity training and training for the improvement of the position of women reaching more than 1000 people.

Some of the subjects tackled were gender profiles, gender awareness, sex and gender, actual family law, children's rights and legal labour and gender issues, task assignment between men and women including gender roles and reproductive health, natural resource access and management of men and women, and specific needs of women and men.

"Before we had to fight hard for our day to day survival. At present things are more relaxed as my husband and I now take care of our future together. He takes me seriously nowadays," said **Mrs Inkham Thammong**, 37 years of a project's target village.



Ms. Inkham in yellow participating in a non formal training session on the cultivation and marketing of mushrooms