



World Vision Lao PDR is focused on improving the lives of vulnerable children. We believe children represent hope for the country and unless change happens for Lao children, especially the poor and vulnerable, the future of the Lao PDR will be at risk. World Vision is working to bring *Change for Children* that will secure a better future for children.

ABOUT LAO PDR

The Lao PDR is a landlocked country with a diverse population of almost 7 million people, with more than 100 ethnic groups and four major language groupings. Economic activities include rice cultivation, mining of tin, gold, copper and silver, agricultural related industry and tourism related industry.

The Lao PDR has made great progress economically, with GDP growing 6 percent each year for the past 20 years, yet it continues to be one of the poorest and least developed countries in the world. A strikingly beautiful, mountainous country, only 4% of the land is suitable for cultivating crops, and a quarter of that land is contaminated with unexploded ordinance (UXO). Almost 80% of the population lives in rural areas, where food poverty, floods and droughts, as well as the lack of roads, electricity, clean water, and health and education facilities are the realities of life. These realities handicap progress toward improved well-being for their children.

QUICK FACTS

26% of the population live below the poverty line (US\$1/day)

40% of children under-five suffer from stunting

Under-five mortality rate out of 1000 children is **61**

Over **75%** of children are deprived of at least two basic childhood needs

WHERE WE WORK



WHAT WE DO

Since 2004, World Vision Lao PDR has been designing and implementing multi-sector rural development programs called Area Development Programs (ADPs). These ADPs are district level partnerships with the Government of Laos, targeting villages in districts that are suffering from poverty.

By 2012 World Vision operated ADPs in 24 districts spread over 5 provinces. These programmes have targeted 600 villages with a total population of 360,000 people, including more than 200,000 children. Many live in the poorest villages in the country.

Each of these ADPs is funded through child sponsorship from World Vision offices in other countries including Australia, Korea, Hong Kong, Japan, Canada, Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

Each ADP also has children who are selected by the targeted communities to represent the community in communicating with the donors who are sponsoring the development of their communities.



OUR PRIORITIES



MOTHER
& CHILD
HEALTH



EDUCATION
FOR ALL



BASIC NEEDS
FOR CHILDREN



CHILD
PROTECTION

ABOUT WORLD VISION

World Vision is an international Christian development, relief and advocacy organization working to improve the well-being of children, particularly vulnerable children and families who are suffering from poverty and injustice.

World Vision first entered the Lao PDR in 1968 when activities included building and repairing hundreds of schools, many health stations and facilities, as well as roads and water systems; training and capacity building of thousands of health, education, rural development and agriculture staff of the Lao government, and benefiting millions of villagers with flood relief and community rehabilitation programs in several provinces.

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