World Vision’s calling in Lao PDR

**HOPE, JOY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL CHILDREN**

World Vision is a child-focused organisation operating in Laos since 1968 initially through relief assistance provided to people displaced by the Indochina War until 1975. After the reopening in 1991, our mission to build brighter futures for Lao children has never stopped. Our grassroots approach allows us to create a life-changing experience for the communities we serve through development, relief, and advocacy projects, adapting to the continuously evolving challenges faced by the most fragile part of the population. Our programmes are now focusing on the most vulnerable children, especially in rural and remote areas, with ethnic communities different than Lao-Tai through the following priority sectors:

- Integrated Health & Nutrition
- Education
- Child Rights & Equity
- Humanitarian & Emergency Affairs

**Key Country figures***

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

- 47% belonging to ethnic groups other than Lao-Tai
- 60% living in rural areas
- 7.37 Million people
- 60% <25 years old among the youngest populations in South East Asia

**CHALLENGES**

- 1 in 3 Children under 5 are stunted (low height for age)
- 2 in 3 Grade 3 students not meeting literacy standards
- 1 in 4 Children engaged in hazardous labour
- Up to 3.6% of GDP lost annually due to floods

**OUR KEY SECTORS & APPROACHES**

- Health
- Nutrition
- Food Security & Livelihood
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)
- Child Protection & Participation
- Climate Change
- Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI)
- Faith & Development
- Social Accountability/Governance
- Early Child Development
- Primary Education
- Transition to Secondary Education
- WASH in school
- Disaster Preparedness
- Emergency Response
- Recovery & Rehabilitation
- Advocacy
- Community Ownership
- Multi-Sectoral Coordination
- Cash Programming
- Digital Monitoring & Evaluation
- Partnerships
- Micro-projects

Our presence in Lao PDR

Our partners in 2022 and 2023

With the start of a new strategy cycle, we are grateful for the continuing support received from a wide range of stakeholders to make a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable children:

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS & UNITED NATIONS

GOVERNMENT OF LAO PDR - LINE MINISTRIES

WORLD VISION’S SUPPORT OFFICES

What we achieved in 2022

Integrated Health & Nutrition

10,935 pregnant women, mothers, and caregivers received knowledge on nutrition and infectious diseases with the support of 649 village health volunteers trained by World Vision, and 66 Health Centres supported with medical supplies.

3,094 households accessed financial services through new Saving Groups.

3,726 households improved their access to clean water.

2,519 households were trained and resourced to practice climate-sensitive agriculture, including improved home gardening and small animal raising techniques.

Humanitarian & Emergency Affairs

10,747 individuals, including 1,101 children, supported with food assistance in COVID-19 quarantine centers.

51 communities trained on Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR).

45 communities in areas prone to flood have rehabilitated public assets through the Food For Assets project with World Food Programme.

Education

5,075 children participated in our education programmes to enhance literacy.

87 teachers and 91 volunteers trained and supported through our education programmes.

1,075 families participated in nurturing care activities to enable a caring environment for the healthy development of children under 5.

120 students transitioned to lower secondary school through conditional education assistance programme.

Child Rights & Equity

1,662 people with disabilities supported by our programmes.

4,843 children participating in World Vision’s Children’s Day campaign.

737 households drafted their Community-Change plans.

415 faith leaders actively involved in our programmes.

Influenced and contributed to 7 national policies for children in Lao PDR.