Community Profile

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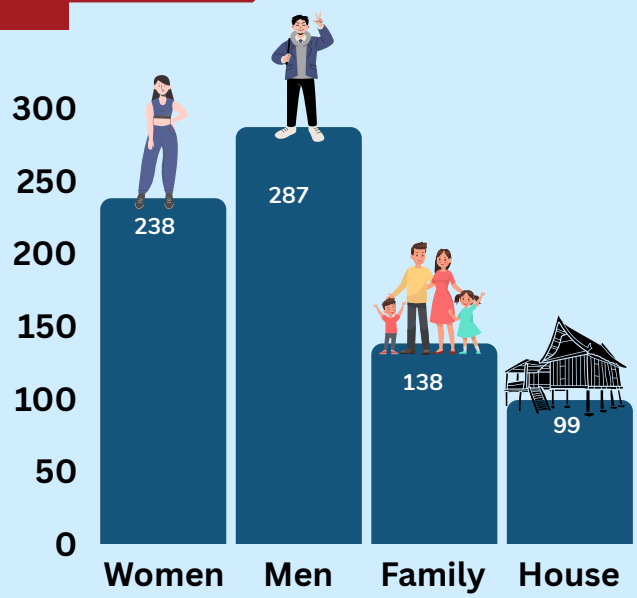
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The Public Information and Awareness Services for Vulnerable Communities in Lao PDR Project (PIASVC) at Namor Nuea Village in Namor District, Oudomxay province

Village Statistics



Overview of Village

- total area: 1186 Hectares
- 6 hills and one River (Tong river)
  Village moved from Thang District in 1808
  Ethnic groups: Taidam, Khmu, Phounoi
  Main livelihoods: subsistence agriculture and
- crop farming such as rice, rubber, cassava, maize. Average people income around 6,800,000 kip per year
- There is one secondary school (grades 6 to 9)
- 2 Foreign Investors in Agriculture Sector
- 4 members in the Village Mediation Unit

Type of Land

Protection Forest Areas
283,25 hectare

Conservation Forest Areas
215,5 hectare

Production Forest Areas
179,25 hectare

From November 2023 to present, the PIASVC grantee Community Development and Environment Association – CDEA - has conducted multiple awareness-raising training sessions in the Namor Nuea village. Delivered together with District government officials, these sessions have covered the following topics: customary land rights of Lao citizens, gender equality and Women's Land Rights, and Contract farming.



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Overview of Project Outcome

CDEA works with 22 target village groups in Namor district, Oudomxay province, under the PIASVC project. Responses of Large community feedback reveals that the awareness-raising interventions have effectively enhanced the people's understanding of land law and concepts of Gender Equality and Social Inclusion. Villagers say this has been valuable to them as their village has attracted the interest of foreign investors. Beneficiaries of these programs have provided the following feedback when interviewed:



Head of Namo Nuea Village

"I would like to express my gratitude to the project for its efforts to strengthen gender equality and women's rights related to land in our village. Following the training, it was evident that some people gained a better understanding, particularly regarding the importance of including the wife's name on the land title. From my observations and talking with villagers, there has been decreased land disputes with people's increased knowledge of land law."

"In my view, the PIASVC project has significantly benefited our community, particularly in the resolution conflict cases, I see that both among individuals and between individuals and companies. The project has also played a crucial role in helping the village establish a framework for the sustainable exploitation of natural resources, minimizing negative impacts on people's livelihoods. Furthermore, PIASVC has provided valuable knowledge about women's land rights, empowering women in our village. Additionally, the training on contract farming has enabled people to engage in farming and animal husbandry more effectively, reducing the risk of asset loss in many households."



Visith Phouthavong

CDEA Program Manager



Bouakeo Bounmanixay

District Lao Women's Union

"Since the project's implementation in the District, we have observed that some people have become more informed about land-related legislation. The project has provided trainers equipped with tools and materials that facilitate effective visualization and understanding of the training materials. Moreover, the project's audio messages, translated into the local language, are a valuable resource that has reached a wider audience. This has encouraged women to be more vocal in expressing their opinions."