

**Connecting smallholder farmers to the school meals programme
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Supporting local agriculture and providing children with fresh
nutritious meals**

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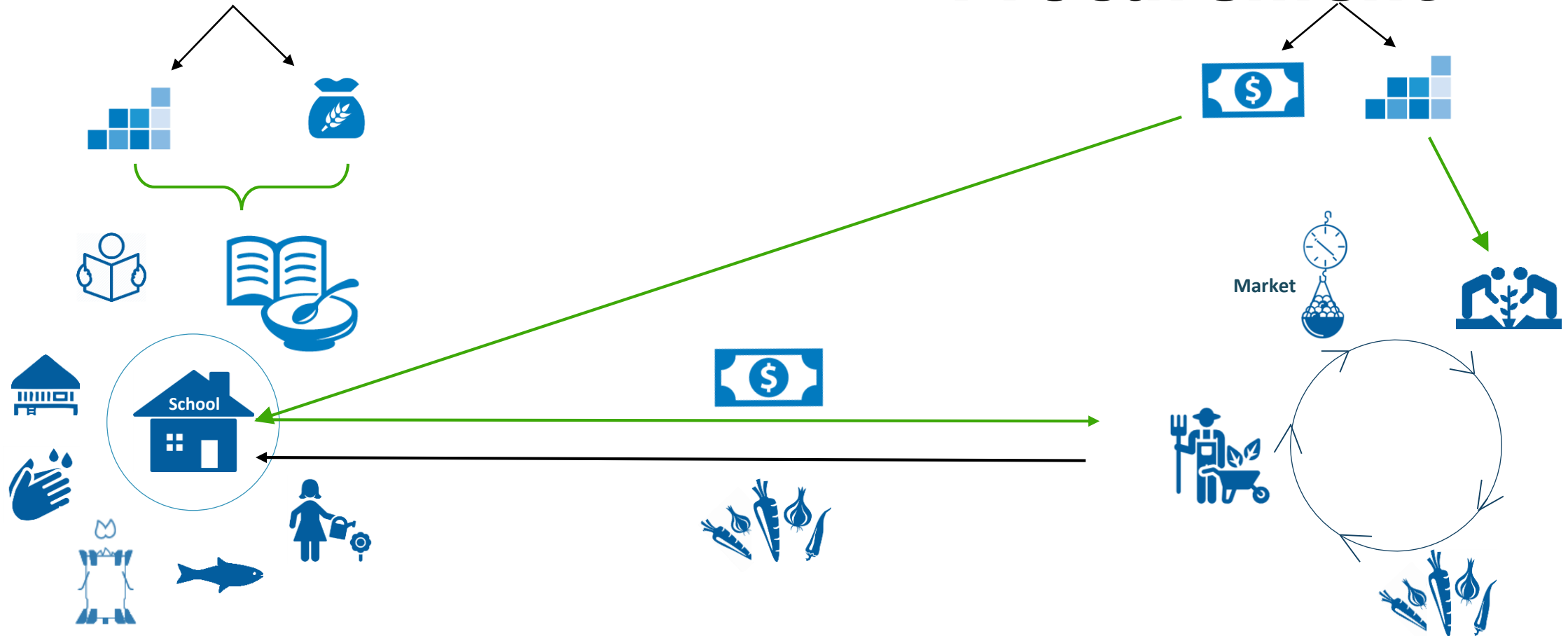
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Local & Regional Procurement



145,000 children; 26 million meals; 1,450 schools & vegetable gardens; 31,000 text books; 120 water schemes; 966 school infrastructure; 7,000 people trained in nutrition and health.

Mid-term review findings

- Coherence with national policies, gender well mainstreamed;
- Focused on avoiding duplication, strong partnerships, targeting areas with most needs;
- School meals are an incentive for attendance and attentiveness and income support for parents.

Today

- School meals technical working group established and co-chaired by WFP;
- First part of transition completed: All schools on lunch;
- South-South Cooperation;
- Together with partners, provision of package of assistance;
- Nutrition education in primary curriculum;
- Capacity of 700 communities assessed.

Tomorrow

- Policy support for a nation-wide school meals model. Investment case;
- ASEAN cooperation;
- Build Government's capacity at all levels, and enhance coordination;
- With partners, deliver packages of assistance to communities according to needs identified by assessment;
- Assess remaining 750 communities;
- Social protection floor for children.

475 farmer families; 50 farmer groups; 47 villages; 1.1MT vegetable seeds (11 different vegetables) ; US\$ 41,000 in cash transfer for schools meals; US\$ 25,000 value of sales (year 1).

Today

- Community mobilisation training sessions, leading to increased community awareness;
- Farmers are organized in groups;
- Improved knowledge on agricultural techniques;
- Increased and quality production;
- A platform of cooperation between the Ministries of Education and Sports and Agriculture and Forestry.

Tomorrow

- Peer-to-Peer learning among communities and farmer groups;
- Increased ownership, self-reliance through seed cultivation and preservation;
- Increased incomes and resilient livelihoods.
- Lessons learnt from both MGD and LRP to be integrated into a sustainable national school meals programme;

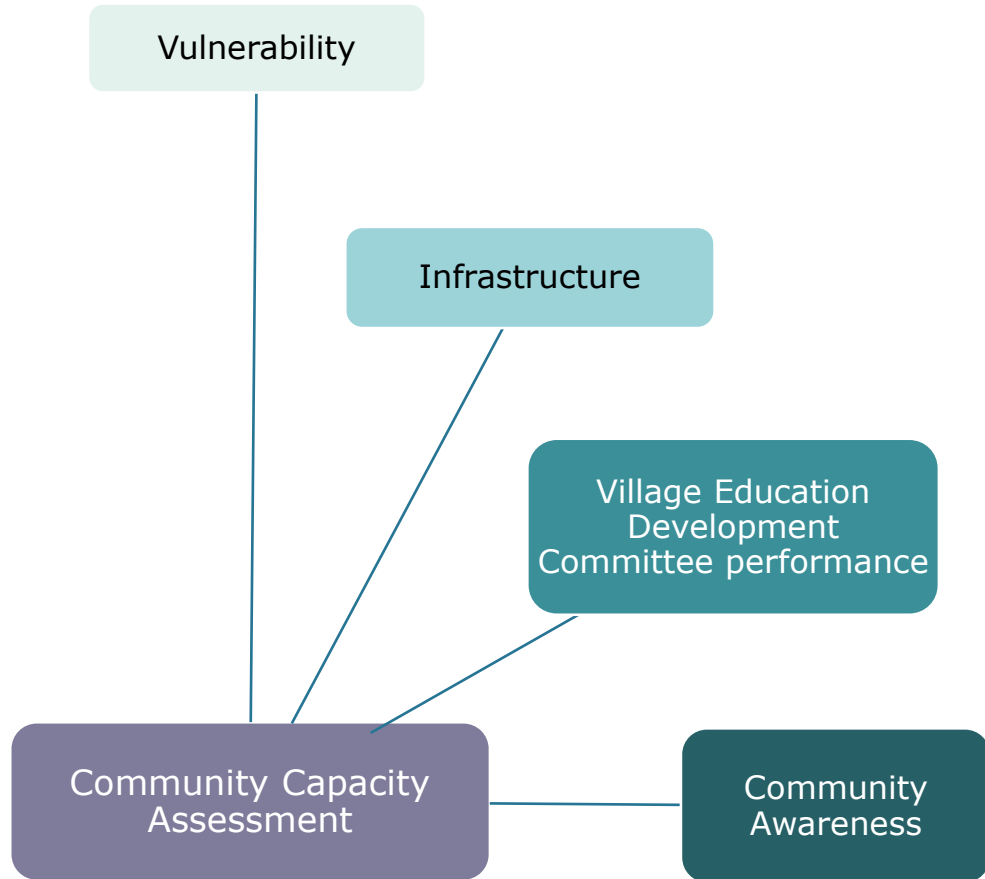


Gradual handover of the school meals programme



Gradual handover: 30 percent of schools in 2021, 70 percent in 2021.

- Handover working group established (Ministry of Education and Sports, World Bank, Catholic Relief Services and WFP);
- Draft roadmap finalized. Waiting for Government's approval;
- Government working group on handover established;
- The Country Office has established an internal governance structure and coordination mechanism to respond to increased needs of a handover;
- Capacity building of the Ministry of Education and Sports at all levels;
- First schools have been assessed and identified. Packages of assistance defined according to needs;
- Challenge: Ministry of Education and Sports' budget for the schools meals.

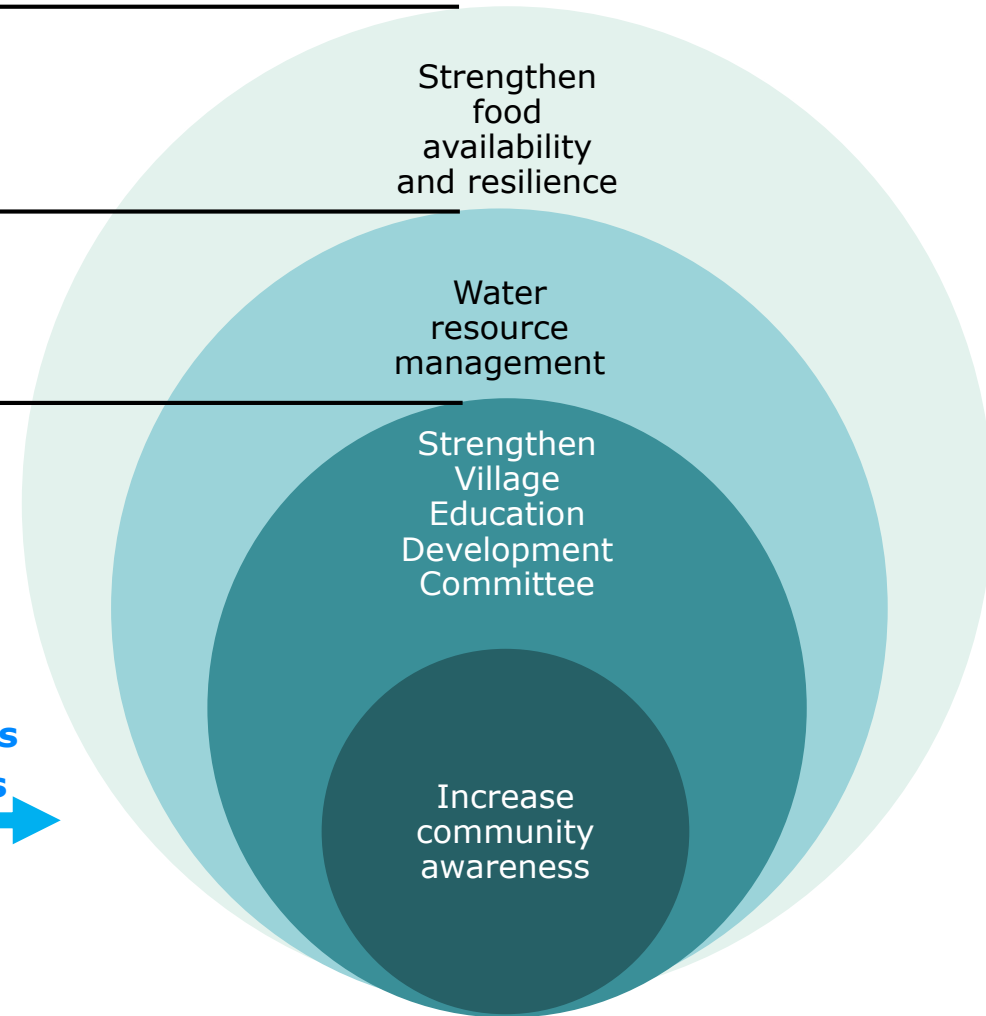


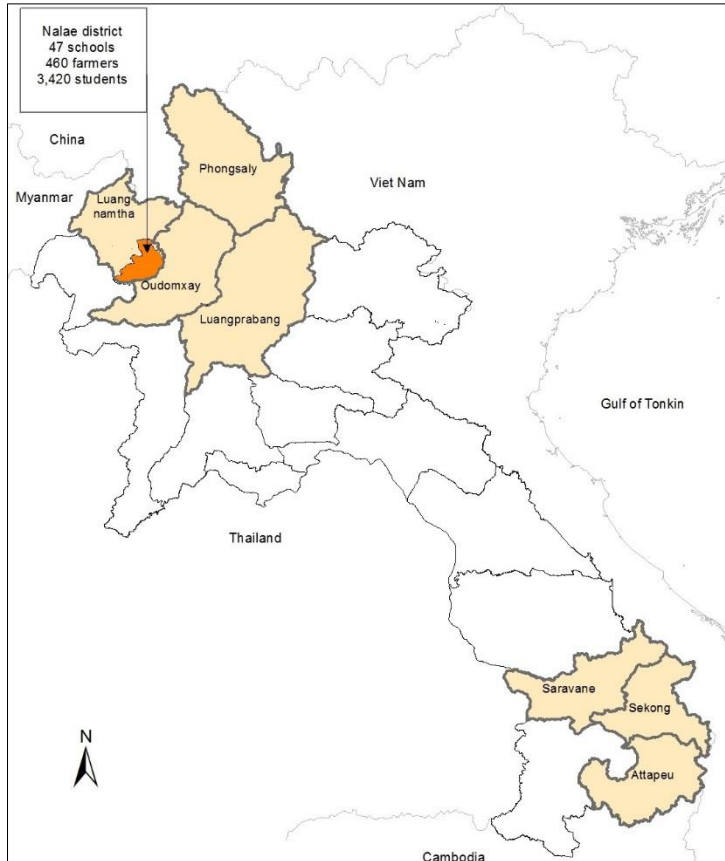
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Package B

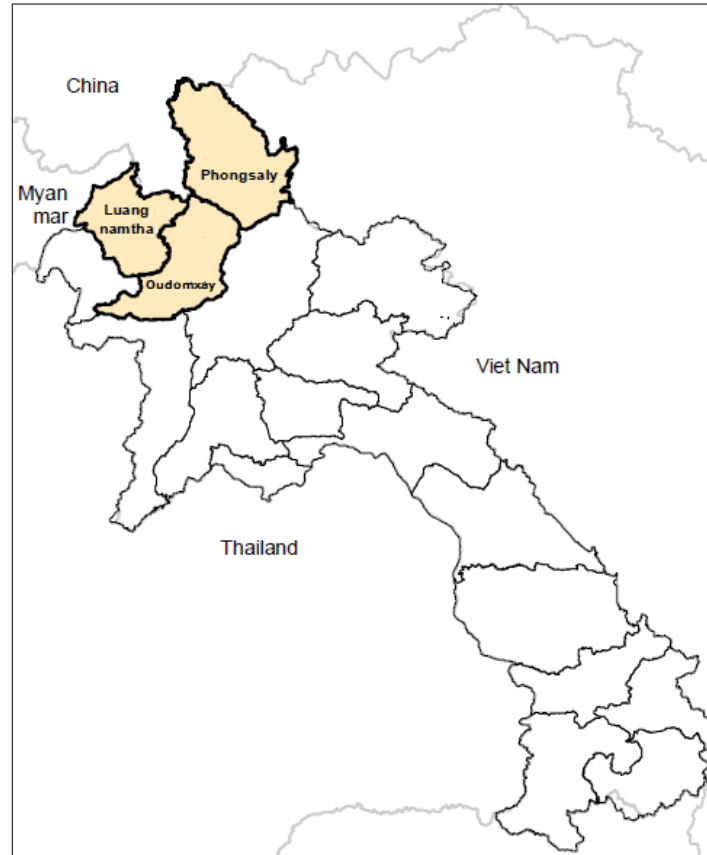
Package A: All Schools

Review progress every 3 months

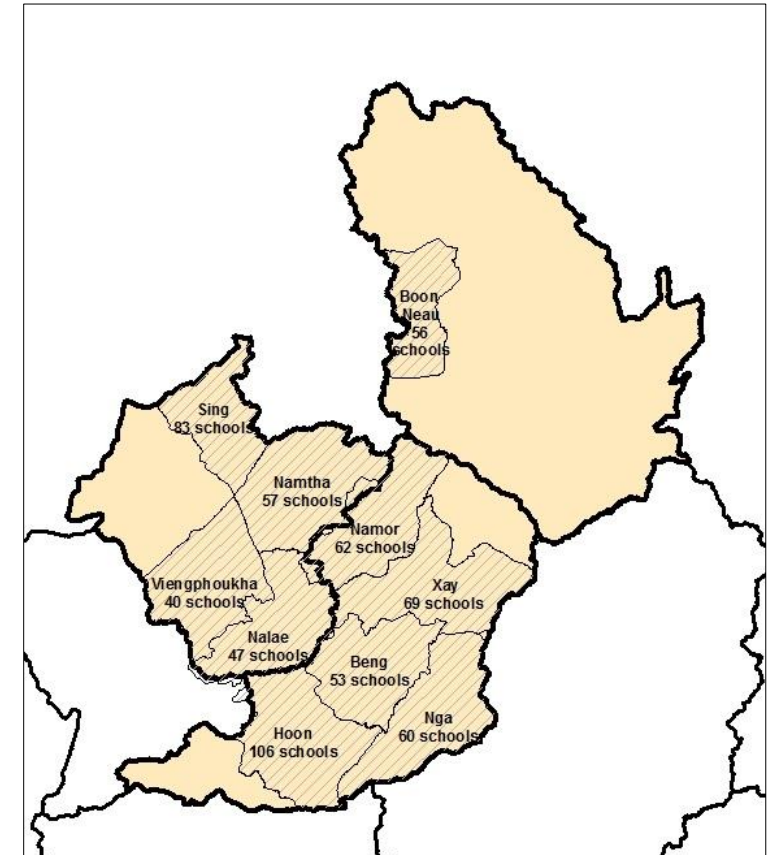




Today



2019



Implementing Partners

AAR Japan
Association for Aid and Relief, Japan

Fish and frog ponds

Big Brother Mouse

Literacy

LDPA
Lao Disabled People's Association

IFAD

Rice banks

Mainstreaming disability

Lao Women's Union

Lao Front for National Construction

Community mobilization

Future Partners

UNFPA

Adolescent nutrition

Education for Development Fund

Activity implementation

Collaborative Partners

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Ministry of Education and Sports

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Handwashing

Technical support

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Nutrition education

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Handover, policy and clean cookstoves

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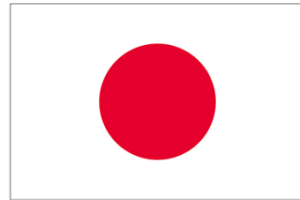
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