

PROJECT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FOR PRIMARY EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTHERN PROVINCES (CIED)

Project period: December 2007 – December 2011

Project site: Saravane, Sekong and Attapeu provinces

Project outline: The Government of the Lao PDR has emphasized achieving “Education for All” (EFA) by 2015 as one of the key objectives of national education development. However, enrolment rate is still low and the drop-out rate is high in three southern provinces (Saravan, Sekong and Attapeu) – caused by many factors such as the lack of access to schools, low quality of teaching and lack of understanding among parents toward the importance of education.

To address these issues, the Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES) is trying to promote community participation in schools, in order to find effective ways to encourage child schooling. The CIED project aims to improve the environment of primary education by strengthening community capacity for developing and implementing a school improvement plan in order to solve various problems they themselves have identified at a local level.

The Project organizes a wide range of workshops, including: School Improvement planning; reviewing progress of the Village Education Development Committee (VEDC); and School Management and Education Materials for teachers. The Project supports targeted schools according to a School Improvement Plan developed by VEDC. Through these activities, the Project aims to support local communities and teachers to encourage parents to send their children to school.

