

GAMCIL

Green Action through Media, Mass Organization and Civil Society in Laos

Provincial Coordinative Meeting

On 13-17 June 2004, the Lao Journalists Association (LJA), CARE Laos and SEEDOC Project held the Provincial Coordinators Meeting in Vientiane capital, Luang Prabang and Champasak Province with a total of 70 participants. The meeting aims to meet with the main partners in each province of the project to share and learn lessons about the implementation of activities in the past, to report on the achievements and challenges during the project implementation and to report on the implementation plan of the project activities need to be done together in the next year.

In addition, the LJA also sent a letter to SEEDOC, the main coordinator to the Department of Information, Culture and Tourism in three target provinces to select provincial coordinators of the project so that they can support the coordination and implementation of activities together with the project throughout the province.



Provincial Coordinators Meeting in Champasak Province



Provincial Coordinators Meeting in Luang Prabang



Baseline Survey

On 15-17 July 2011, ten journalists (14) CARE has Anti-Gender Project implemented the baseline survey in Uthai Thani, Ubon Ratchathani, and Nakhon Ratchasima Provinces with a total of 10 participants, 25 in person and 15 online. These data were obtained from the participation of various parties, especially provincial government partners, citizen journalists, filmmakers, and volunteers by using all three parts of the questionnaire created from the KISSO Toolkit.

The data collection helped the project to examine the scope of the project's priorities to understand the impact of the project to be able to record important indicators, as preliminary information to monitor and evaluate the progress and effectiveness during the implementation until end of the project.



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Digitalize the 7th Anniversary of Lao Media Day

On 1 August 2024, CMIE Laos and the GROW Project participated in the celebration of the 7th anniversary of Lao Media Day on the topic of "Artificial Intelligence (AI) and challenges for Lao Media." Hosted by the Lao Journalist Association (LJA) in Vientiane Capital along with over 300 people both in person and online across the country, at the event, there was a discussion on the topic of "Using artificial intelligence (AI) to help the media: The use of artificial intelligence (AI) in news and ethics how to use the benefits and safety of using social media while still maintaining the importance of green sustainable development."

Therefore, to ensure Lao journalists are able to use new technology in digital media, the UN, CMIE Laos and GROW project have worked with many stakeholders, especially Lao journalists in enhancing basic media knowledge gain, improving digital literacy to increase awareness of peace and green development issues.



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Training Need Assessment (TNA)

On 5-7 August 2014, Lao Journalists Association (LJA), CARE Laos, CARE LAO Project and a technical expert implemented the In-Depth Training Need Assessment (TNA) in Vientiane Capital, Luang Prabang Province with a total of 56 participants and an offline TNA in Champasak Province with 36 participants. The purpose is to assess the training needs of journalists, provide information on the training results, and use the information to develop the curriculum to meet the actual needs.

After the implementation is completed, LJA, CARE Laos, CARE LAO, and the technical expert have analyzed and developed an appropriate training curriculum both offline and online through the LJA website. In addition, the project will use the curriculum to train Lao journalists to improve digital media awareness and increase access to development information related to gender and green development issues.



Training Need Assessment (TNA)



Taking the assessment in Vientiane City



Semi-Annual Meeting in Hanoi

On 29 August 2004, the National Association (NA), CITE Laos and CAVCL held a semi-annual meeting in Hanoi Capital. We are honored to have Mr. Pham Xuan Nhien, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism as the chairman. Mr. Gavwithole Siphasomy, President of the Lao National Association of the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism, Mr. Heres, PhD, Program Director, CAVCL came along with 40 participants from ministries, Departments of information, Culture and Tourism, three mass media and media leaders from many sectors. In the meeting, there was a summary and report on implementing the project activities and the plan in Hanoi in Vietnam Capital, using training and exchange methods. In addition, during the meeting participants also discussed plans for project activities in the remaining six months of 2004 to ensure that all goals will be achieved within the timeframe.



Ms. Pham Xuan Nhien, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism, Vietnam



Mr. Toruji Kawamura, Ambassador of Japan to Vietnam

Mr Phony Kommasone, **Deputy Minister of the Ministry of** **Information, Culture and Tourism**

"This project will bring a lot of benefits to our media development work; by joining implementation and collaboration of Lao Journalist Association (LJA) and media organisations in Lao PDR by following their roles, rights, and duties under the law from and various steps specified in the project, which will help to improve the knowledge of our journalists to have a better understanding of sustainable green development in order to spread information to all media consumers in the society to cooperate, support and make it in compliance and connected with the development policies of the government."



Mr Samanthone Rajavongsy, **President of the Lao Journalists** **Association, Honorary Deputy Minister of** **the Ministry of Information, Culture** **and Tourism**

"The project will support state-owned and private media outlets that are largely expected to be improved professional skills including use of digital and new technologies provided through this project and provide quality information to the public through responsible and professional reporting on green development issues in Lao PDR, which is one of the priorities of the Lao government in developing the nation to green and sustainable."