Ban Khok Na Ko Association - Geneva

Project Title: ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES - PHONGSALY

Details: Village pig-farms for poor families in North Laos.

We provide buildings, first animals, initial food and veterinary support.

The families or the community manage the farms.

Location: Phongsaly province and district, first villages: Kodeng and Chapou.

Duration: 6 months (project + implementation)

Project goals: To provide long term cash income possibility for poor families or community.

Project cost (in US \$): 32'000

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BACKGROUND:

In North Laos, the resettlement and the irregularity of rice crops increase the poverty in the mountain rural area.

The lack of cash income is the main problem to buy food during 4 to 6 months every year. 65 % of families are below the poverty line.

Project Goal:

Long term cash income generation: Village pig-farms for poor families in North Laos. We provide buildings, first animals, initial food and veterinary support. The family or community manage the farm.

Objectives:

Financing the building of 4 $\,$ pig-farms (20-30 pigs farm), first animals and initial food and $\,$ plants , $\,$ veterinary support.

Deployment: 3 months

Activities:

Strengths and weakness evaluation. Pig farm design. Selection of district and villages. On field evaluation and consultation.

Pigs and food availability. Families selection. Contracts for building and veterinary (completed in November 2005).

Project ready for implementation.

EVALUATION:

Construction site and project : on the responsibility of the Association Local Coordinator. Follow-up and feed-back : Local Coordinator and Veterinary.

BUDGET: US \$ 32'000

For 4 pig-farms construction, material local transport and travel, 80 first animals and initial food and seeds, veterinary follow-up (six months and medicine). Lao pig farming books for families, etc....