



## Project Highlights

# LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

**"Promotion of home gardens for enhanced food and nutrition security in northern uplands areas affected by multiple natural hazards"**

**Project code:** OSRO/LAO/201/AUS

**Donor:** Austria

**Contribution:** USD 268 097

**Implementation:** 1/04/2012-31/10/2013

**Target areas:** Ten villages in Na Le and Viengphoukha Districts of Luang Namtha Province



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**Objective:** To improve household food and nutrition security in vulnerable communities by diversifying home food production and giving access to resilient food storage facilities.

**Key partners:** Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (through the Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Office and District Agriculture and Forestry Offices); and national civil society organizations.

**Beneficiaries reached:** 271 farming households

**Activities implemented:**

- Distributed 13 varieties of vegetable seeds, 22 types of agricultural tools and roofing sheets and nets to 257 farming households.
- Distributed nine types of agricultural tools to three secondary schools to promote school gardens.
- Trained 271 farmers on home gardening, sustainable agriculture techniques, production of bio-fertilizers and pest management.
- Conducted a study trip for ten farmers to learn about sustainable home gardening.
- Facilitated farmer-to-farmer exchanges for beneficiaries in both districts to visit model home gardens.

**Results:**

- Facilitated the establishment of home gardens and improved food storage facilities.
- Enabled beneficiaries to produce vegetables for their own consumption and for sale at village level and in district markets.
- Improved sharing of knowledge on home gardening and the use of organic farming techniques for vegetable cultivation through exchange visits and the study trip.
- Enabled beneficiaries (through training) to produce bio-fertilizers for their vegetable gardens using existing local raw materials.
- Contributed to increased food production, improved food and nutrition security and reduced malnutrition in remote, rural uplands.