#### **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**

## **Project Highlights**

## LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

"Support to aquaculture rehabilitation in districts highly affected by August 2008 Floods"

Project code: OSRO/LAO/802/SWE

**Donor:** Sweden

Contribution: USD 255 480

**Implementation:** 01/01/09 - 31/01/10

Target areas: Vientiane, Bolikhamxay and

Khammouane provinces.

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### **Objective:**

To revive and improve the livelihoods of the most vulnerable and food-insecure households in the flood-affected areas by rehabilitating fish ponds and establishing household frog ponds along with adequate training in improved fish and frog management.

**Key** partners:

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Offices and the District Agriculture and Forestry Offices.

Beneficiaries reached:

378 households.

# **Activities implemented:**

- Distributed more than 2 million fingerlings and 97.8 tonnes of fingerling food to 378 flood-affected households in 54 villages across ten districts in preparation for the 2010 monsoon.
- Provided training to 212 farmers in fish management, including topics such as pond construction, feeding practices, hygiene, disease prevention and fish selection.

#### **Impact:**

- The project's beneficiaries were able to improve their food security and nutrition through greater access to fish for consumption.
- The project has contributed to the economic revitalization of the targeted villages through the diversification of household incomes linked to the sale of fish.
- The project has contributed to preserving local biodiversity by reducing the need to over-harvest wild aquatic species.