

WHAT'S HAPPENING FROM: LAOS

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My name is Phavanh Sosamphan, a communication officer, based in Vientiane Office. I'm introducing our very own Laos Newsletter - to keep you informed and connected with WMP team in Laos. In this month's edition, we want to start by introducing our team leaders, the recap of 2022, and highlight activities held in January, 2023.

For any questions, comments, or ideas, please do not hesitate to get in touch. You can email me at phavanh.sosamphanh@wmpojects.org.

Enjoy!
Phavanh

Get to know our team leaders



"I am so glad and proud to be part of such a great project, and to see the reduction of dengue cases and deaths in Laos." - Tick

Phoutmany Thammavong (Tick)
Project Coordinator
[Learn more about Tick](#)



"I feel so delighted to be part of the WMP program. My colleagues are very friendly, active and helpful." - Phanh

Houmphanh Soulivongxay (Phanh)
C&CE Coordinator
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2022 ACTIVITY RECAP

5

Meetings

2

Workshops/
trainings

1

Public
activity/event



The official launch event of the WMP project in Vientiane capital, Laos.

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Our first public activity in Laos.

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THE LATEST UPDATES FROM LAOS

Household sign-up for hosting MRC

To reach the target for 2023, village volunteers from Chanthabouly and Xaysettha Districts have been working hard to ensure we are ready for the first *Wolbachia* mosquitoes releases, which will take place across two districts of Vientiane capital in upcoming April.



Village volunteers were thrilled to use smart devices to support their work in signing up households.



Lacking the ability in using sign-up system of some volunteers, finding households to host the MRC and engaging with the householder to get their consent are three of the main challenges we faced. But with the support from village committees and internal and external WMP team members, we have developed a routine that helps them get it done on the dot.



Technical Meeting on Comms & Community Engagement | 19-01-2023, Crowne Plaza, Vientiane Capital.

Engaging high-level stakeholders for their support in implementing our communication and community engagement strategy

The key agenda shared and discussed during the meeting included an overview of the WMP in Laos, and the C&E Strategy. The main purpose of meeting is to ensure common understanding and/or better insights of WMP and its *Wolbachia* method among local mass medias and relevant stakeholders. To make sure the success of communication works and cooperation between all parties involved, we have made a pledge to working closely together to develop strategies and create campaigns and advertising materials that are localized, effective, and have a long-term impact.

PROJECT PROGRESS

