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ປະສິດທິພາບຂອງການພັດທະນາ
Development Effectiveness Case Study

ການຂຶ້ນທະບຽນການເກີດຂອງເດັກນ້ອຍ
ອາຍຸຕໍ່າກວ່າ 18 ປີ
ໃນເມືອງໜອງແຮດ
Births Registration of Children Under
18 Years-old in Nonghet District

Theme: Voice and Agency

ຕົວຊີ້ວັດຜົນໄດ້ຮັບທີ່ກ່ຽວຂ້ອງ:

Outcome Indicator CR9: % of children aged 0-5 years whose mother/caregiver can produce a birth registration certificate

ປະເທດ: ລາວ

Country: Laos

ພື້ນທີ່ໂຄງການ: ເມືອງໜອງແຮດ

Program Area: Nonghet

ຜູ້ປະພັນ: ທ່ານ ບົວພອນ

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Informed consent secured

ບໍ່ອະນຸຍາດສໍາລັບເຜີຍແຜ່ຜ່ານສື່ມວນຊົນພາຍນອກ

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The implementation of the National Plan of Action on the Prevention and Elimination of Violence against Women and Violence against Children in Laos, 2014-2020, is based on decree No.770/HE, dated 31 October 2012, as well as documents concerning family registration and decree 167/PM, dated 15th May 2014, and was formulated and promulgated as the National Plan of Action on the Prevention and Elimination of Violence against Women and Violence against Children in Laos, 2014-2020, and the Provincial Department of Home Affairs was established on the 16th January 2012.

Nonghet District has 106 villages and a population of 39,213 people (18,754 females). Nonghet is one of the partner model districts (as part of the Government of Laos' 'Three Builds' strategy) in Xieng Khouang Province. The district is implementing the National Plan of Action on the Prevention and Elimination of Violence against Women and Violence against Children that is part of the objective of the Mother and Child Health Work Plan, which includes the registration of births (i.e. issue birth certificates for new-born children or simply register children) of children 'new-born' to 18 years-of-age.

ChildFund Laos began working with the Provincial Department of Home Affairs in December 12, 2014 to implement birth registration activities in four partner villages. This was the first time that this birth registration activity was run in Xieng Khouang Province, and one of the first times in all of Laos. This birth registration activity will now be used as a model for the registration of births of children at the village-level, district-level and provincial-level.

Registration was carried out once in each of the three villages, with the following results: In the first village, there were 251 children under 18-years-old (127 females); 79 children (49 females) were registered, while 172 children (78 females) were not registered. In the second village there were 221 children; 106 children (40 female) were registered, while 115 children (39 females) had not been registered. In the third village, there were 129 children (68 females); 66 children were registered, and 63 children (34 females) were not registered. In the fourth village, there were 103 children (59 females); 49 children (28 females) had been registered, while 54 children (31 females) had not been registered. For those who were registered, the Ministry of

Home Affairs provided ChildFund Laos with registration forms at 20,000 LAK/form. However, the activity budget (under project LA03-005) only provided enough funds for 300 forms, hence there were children who we were unable to register. We recommended to those who we could not register that they go to the District Office of Home Affairs to register there, however the forms cost 40,000 LAK at the office.

The registration of births for children under 18 years-of-age is important to and a necessity for society, because a birth certificate guarantees that all people in society are safe and have the right to free movement under the law. Similarly, birth registration provides a means for the Provincial and District Home Affairs offices to monitor the population.

This birth registration activity is the first time that such an activity like this has been run in ChildFund's four partner villages in Nonghet, Xieng Khouang Province. Based on the birth registration numbers for the four villages, it is evident that there are a lot of children under the age of 18 who have not yet been registered and received a birth certificate. This is, in part, because there were not enough forms for birth registrations, as project LA03-005 has no specified budget to work on this activity or to provide for Government to promote this activity and issue birth certificates in the villages. It is challenging for communities in remote areas, as they do not have access to current information or news due to the local government's lack of funds to support visiting all of the villages to register births and issue birth certificates. As a result of this activity, the Provincial Department of Home Affairs plans to trial birth registrations in every village in Nonghet District, as well as across all districts in Xieng Khouang Province, which will also set an example for other provinces.

Based on the aforementioned challenges, I propose that ChildFund continue to advocate for birth registration among its partner villages. Currently, there are still partner villages that do not know of the importance of birth registration, and therefore many adults, youth and children who have not yet been registered. Because of this, I recommend that ChildFund Laos provide funding to support the continuation of birth registration activities in all of our partner villages so that all children (those under 18 years-of-age) will have their own birth certificate and the access to other essential services and other basic rights. I also suggest that ChildFund Laos work with

the District Office of Home Affairs to cooperate our activities and coordinate our work plans together. The Provincial Department of Home Affairs and District Office of Home Affairs require assistance to be more creative with how the disseminate information about birth registration among communities. In Nonghet, it is important that communities understand and recognize the importance of having their children registered and given a birth certificate when born, or taken to be registered as soon as possible. Currently, the District Office of Home Affairs has disseminated this information among “Three Builds” villages.



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ໃບຢັ້ງຢືນການເກີດໃຫ້ກັບເດັກ

Provincial staff from the Department of Home Affairs and district staff from the Office of Home Affairs issuing birth certificates for children in a ChildFund target village

ໃບຢັ້ງຢືນການເກີດທີ່ສົມບູນ
A complete birth certificate