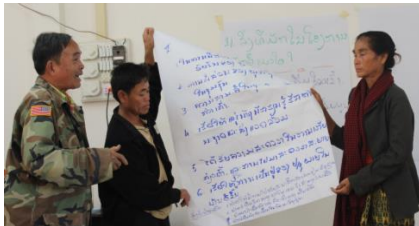


## Capacity Development for Citizen-Led Inclusive Development Project

### Introduction:

The Capacity Development for Citizen-Led Inclusive Development Project (CD-CID) contributes to inclusive local governance and community development led by Lao people, using innovative institutional development approaches in village development planning. The project is funded by the European Union and implemented by Oxfam, Cord, Learning for Development Association (LDA), Maeying Houamjai Phatthana (MHP), and the Participatory Development Training Centre (PADETC) in five geographical areas since January 2015 until 2017.



### Project goal:

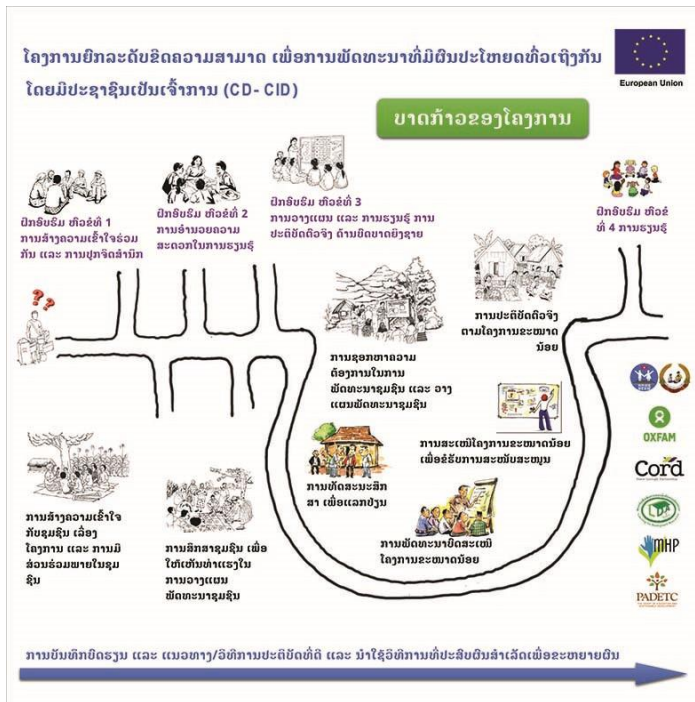
*To contribute to increased citizen-led development and inclusive local governance*

To achieve this goal, the project is designed to utilise three approaches through their specific -objectives and their respective results:

- **Specific Objective 1:** Engage Local Authorities (LAs), Non-State Actors (NSAs) and communities in participatory governance for inclusive local development;
- **Specific Objective 2:** Increase capacity, trust and cooperation between LAs, NSAs, and communities leading to improved local governance; and
- **Specific Objective 3:** Learn and share good practices on inclusive and participatory development to influence policy makers at national and at regional levels.

## How does the project work?

The project envisions empowering Lao citizens who can lead, engage and be accountable for the development of their communities. The local development planning process leading to small project grants is led by villagers, non-state actors (NSA) and local authorities (LA) who are trained to become Development Facilitators. They acquire new knowledge and skills through coaching and mentoring by the CD-CID implementing partners.



## Project outcome:

CD-CID began with a capacity development strategy describing the process of change and development among Development Facilitators who lead village micro-grant project processes. Additionally, a training curriculum was introduced and enhanced the Development Facilitators' skills in facilitating village development planning. The strategy outlines how to enhance the new skills the Development Facilitators have acquired through practice to make inclusive governance happen at the village level. The process is built on the stakeholder networks' needs, existing capacities, and on conflict analysis that identifies local governance issues. It also combines capacity strengthening with the application of improved knowledge, skills, systems and procedures to implement new development projects in villages.

Through this process, target villagers were able to develop and implement 23 micro-grant projects in 6 provinces: Vientiane Capital, Xiengkhouang, Bokeo, Khammoune, Savannakhet, Champasak. Additionally, 13 youth projects in 13 villages across 4 provinces ( Vientiane Capital, Bokeo, Khammoune,



Savannakhet) used video proposals. The micro-project Development Facilitators and committees managed the projects.

In addition, CD-CID development partners, gov't counterpart, Non Profit Associations (NPAs), LA also learn about *citizen-led development and inclusive local governance or (participatory approaches)*.



### What the Development Facilitators say:



*“It makes me feel more valuable in the village. I have learned – through skills building and practices – that we can do it, so it makes me a key person in the village. Villagers and the authorities also respect what I do because of the skills that I’ve gained. I learned to prepare talking points before facilitating the village meetings; this is something I did not do before.” Mr Bounsom, Development Facilitator from Sor village, Sangthong district, Vientiane Capital.*



*“I learned how to reflect on myself and identify my abilities and potential to use in the village development plan. I love planting and do organic farming from my heart.” Mr Sengsavang, Development Facilitator from Phonesim village, Savannakhet Province. Currently, Sengsavang is an organic farm leader in Phonesim village; he leads 12 families to grow organic vegetables and supply the market in Savannakhet town.*



*“I am now confident when talking with government counterparts and facilitating village development plans, something I did not know how to do before.”* - Miyada Phengpanya, a member of the Aka ethnic minority and Development Facilitator as part of the Capacity Development for Citizen-Led Inclusive Development Project in at Mieung District, Bokeo province, Laos.

