

Partnership Overview

This partnership brings together social enterprise Laos Buffalo Dairy (LBD), the Northern Agriculture and Forestry College (NAFC), the Provincial Health Department (PHD) and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) to promote the regeneration of buffalo herds in Laos to improve rural livelihoods. LBD will work to improve buffalo genetic health, influence dietary practices to include buffalo milk and help make buffalo dairies a viable commercial operation for smallholder farmers. Students from NAFC will gain exposure to practical training opportunities at the dairy and the Health Department will help drive awareness of the nutritional benefits of buffalo milk. Two NGOs will support the implementing partners contributions: Helvetas for NAFC and the Swiss Red Cross for PHD.

Shared Value

The “Healthy Buffalo for Healthier People” partnership aims to scale-up LBD to bring more buffalo into the breeding program and reach more households. Households engaged in the dairy will have improved buffalo health, better breeding practices and learn how to milk buffalo for nutrition and potential revenue generation.



Provincial Health Department

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

The Australian Government, through DFAT, contributes to sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction through stronger, more inclusive private sector growth. The BPP is designed as an entry point for new partners to work with DFAT to deliver social impact and commercial returns and promotes initiatives that drive gender equality.

Key Contributions

- Catalytic funding
- Development expertise

Laos Buffalo Dairy

The LBD is a social enterprise that strives to build a vibrant dairy industry in Laos that drives rural prosperity, resilience and health.

Key Contributions

- Facilities for buffaloes
- Skilled staff with expertise on buffalo breeding and care
- Coordination among different partners

Northern Agriculture and Forestry College

The NAFC focuses on practice-oriented training at higher diploma level in agricultural technical fields.

Key Contributions

- Building student capabilities
- Knowledge and expertise regarding agri-production
- Data-driven research on agriculture

Provincial Health Department

The PHD is responsible for guiding and managing general health issues across Luang Prabang province.

Key Contributions

- Health promotion among pregnant women and children
- Regular nutritional growth monitoring of children under five



Location



Country
Laos

Region
Southeast and East Asia

Total Funding
\$596,860



DFAT Contribution
\$225,228

Partner Contribution
\$371,632

Beneficiaries



80 households
(50% women)

Sector



Agriculture/Agribusiness,
Small Enterprise Development

Shared Value Proposition



Reconceiving products
and/or markets