

Community Consultation and Development

Consulting Services



EARTH SYSTEMS LAO Environment – Water – Sustainability

CAPABILITIES

Effective community consultation is a central aspect of contemporary development projects in Lao PDR. The diversity of Lao culture is represented by some 131 ethnic groups that live and work in rural, provincial and urban settings. For economic development to achieve environmental and social sustainability, the community must be engaged as a key stakeholder throughout all phases of the project cycle. Through the management of environmental projects, Earth Systems Lao has developed strong community consultation expertise, and has been highly effective in engaging and interacting with local communities in project affected areas. Community consultation activities undertaken by Earth Systems Lao include:

- Liaison with central government, provincial, district and village level authorities through observance of formal political and cultural protocols specific to Lao PDR
- Initiation and management of community consultation processes
- Cooperation and collaboration with village and community leaders for the design and implementation of community consultation process
- Facilitating negotiations between community, government, and project proponents



Consultation with villagers in Gnommalath District, Khammouane Province for the Livelihood Survey, Baseline Study Phase 2



Top: Consulting with villagers in Oudomxay Province

RELEVANT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Recent experience includes:

- Livelihood and Land/Assets Surveys in Khammouane Province for the Nam Theun 2 Hydropower Project (NTPC Baseline Study Phase 2)
- Physical Cultural Resource (PCR) Survey in Bolikhamxai, Khammouane and Savannakhet provinces for the Nam Theun 2 Hydropower Project
- Conducting of various Surveys and Public Consultations for Phu Bia Gold Mining project in Xaisomboune Special Zone
- Socio-Economic Household Survey for the Sepon Gold and Copper Mining in Savannakhet province
- Baseline Sociological Study for the Global Mercury Project in Luangphrabang province

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