

17 YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING

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Scope Global has 17 years of expertise in managing volunteer programs to enable positive change through building the capacity of people and organisations in developing countries.

In Laos, Scope Global managed the Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development (AYAD), Volunteering for International Development from Australia (VIDA) and Australian Volunteers for International Development (AVID) programs on behalf of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Scope Global was responsible for all aspects of these programs including program promotion, recruitment, selection, training, mobilisation, in-country management and alumni engagement.

VOLUNTEER LOCATIONS



AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM DATA 2000 - 2017



275 VOLUNTEERS



65% FEMALE
35% MALE



11 MONTHS

AVERAGE
ASSIGNMENT
DURATION



AID INVESTMENT PRIORITIES (2017)

EDUCATION
HUMAN RESOURCES
AGRICULTURE AND
PEST AND DISEASE
MANAGEMENT



36 AUSTRALIAN PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

SUPPORTED
81 ASSIGNMENTS

CROSS CUTTING THEMES*



DISABILITY

19% OF ASSIGNMENTS FOCUSED ON DISABILITY INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT



GENDER

31% OF ASSIGNMENTS HAD A PRIMARY OR SECONDARY FOCUS ON GENDER EQUALITY (FROM JULY 2016)



YOUTH

33% OF VOLUNTEERS WERE UNDER THE AGE OF 30 YEARS



CHILD PROTECTION

100% OF ORGANISATIONS WERE SUPPORTED TO DEVELOP CHILD PROTECTION POLICIES BY 2017
20% OF HOST ORGANISATIONS WERE TRAINED IN DEVELOPING CHILD SAFEGUARDING FRAMEWORKS

MOST COMMON ASSIGNMENT SECTORS*



31% EDUCATION



21% AGRICULTURE



15% GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY



11% HEALTH



9% INDUSTRY

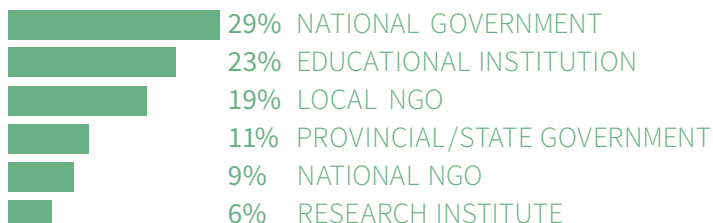


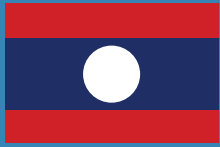
6% SOCIAL SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

* AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DATA ONLY

NUMBER OF HOST ORGANISATIONS 121

TOP 6 HOST ORGANISATION CATEGORIES*





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DISABILITY EMPOWERMENT SKILLS EXCHANGE

Disability Empowerment Skills Exchange (DESE) is an inclusive volunteering model in line with the Australian Government's 'Development for All 2015-2020' strategy.

DESE connects skilled Australians with a disability, or those with a lived experience of the impact disability has on participation in society, with partners in Asia and the Pacific. The core premise of DESE is that people with disabilities are active agents of social change and development.

In 2017, a group of four women spent one month volunteering with the Lao National Wheelchair Basketball team, to help them prepare for the 9th ASEAN Para Games. The group worked with the Laos Disabled People's Association and the Lao Disabled Women's Development Centre to create and promote inclusive sports initiatives, which will pave the way for sustainable employment opportunities for people with disabilities in Laos.



AUSTRALIAN PARTNERSHIP CRAWFORD FUND

Australian partner organisations play a key role in creating and strengthening relationships with overseas partner organisations, while also supporting Australian volunteers to achieve optimal assignment outcomes.

The Crawford Fund is a non-profit NGO that works to connect Australia and developing countries to the benefits of international agricultural research. The Crawford Fund commissions studies on research policy and practice, and arranges specialist training activities for scientists in developing countries.

The Crawford Fund has supported 13 volunteers through Scope Global in Laos.

SELECTED PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

- Crawford Fund
- CARE Australia
- University of Melbourne
- Free the Bears Fund
- RMIT University
- Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research

HOST ORGANISATION PROFILE LAO DISABLED WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT CENTRE



The Lao Disabled Women's Development Centre (LDWDC) is an organisation created by women with disabilities, to provide peer support for other women with disabilities to learn new skills, feel supported and improve their confidence.

Many women who come to the LDWDC are members of ethnic minority groups from very poor families and have suffered discrimination or violence.

Through education and advocacy, the LDWDC helps women to become independent members of society and change public perceptions of disabilities.

