

## GLOBAL GIVING REPORT

### Practice sessions regularly

Lao disabled peoples association (LDPA) continue to encourage people with disabilities in Vientiane capital to play and practices wheelchair basketball regularly 3 time per week.

After practice also have friendship competition through the end of week to raise awareness with social and Wheelchair basketball player.



LDPA have promoted wheelchair basketball on TV program, social media and society understand, interesting this sport more.

## About LDPA

### Representing all people with disability in Laos since 2001

A not-for-profit civil society organisation LDPA promotes the rights and interests of people living with disability. LDPA is the only organisation that represents all people with disability in Laos, and is recognised as the leading disabled people's organisation. In 2001, registered as an Association under the Constitution and in 2011, under the Decree on Associations.

### Supporting implementation of UNCRPD and Lao Disability Decree

Active and effective in supporting government to implement the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), signed in 2009 and the Decree on the Rights of People with Disabilities introduced in 2014. LDPA is represented on the drafting team for the national policy on disability.

### Raising awareness of disability rights and equality

Skilled and experienced trainers provide awareness raising to community groups and students in rural and urban areas, government and INGO staff, and journalists. In 2015-2016, LDPA trained 1,023 people - with disability and non-disabled - in 3 provinces.

#### Training goals:

1. Raise participants' awareness of the rights and equality of people with disability in Laos and promote an inclusive society.
2. Motivate participants to protect people with disability from discrimination and promote respect for the dignity of people with disability.
3. Ensure all participants can access, understand and respond to all training materials and are fully included in all training activities.

### Supporting independent living

Recognising the importance of earning an income for the independence and dignity of people with disability, LDPA teams with partners to provide livelihood opportunities:

- 2011-2014 with Handicap International assisting 147 people
  - 2014-2016 with AAR assisting 120 people
  - 2015-2016 with World Education assisting 70 people
- Working with partners, LDPA enhances employment prospects of people with disability through job preparedness training, job placement and inclusion forums with employers and government.

### Assisting people with intellectual disabilities

Formed in 2008, the Intellectual Disability Unit (IDU), supported by Caritas Australia and World Education, empowers the community to improve the quality of life of children with intellectual disabilities and learning difficulties. IDU also provides rehabilitation services to children with intellectual disabilities and cerebral palsy. This is the only service of its type in Laos, with a large and growing unmet need.

### Opening opportunities to participate in sport

Sport contributes to social inclusion and physical and mental strength. Working with ADDP and AAR, LDPA fostered development of wheelchair basketball in Laos.

### Building capacity in provincial branches

LDPA plays an important role in building leadership and organisational capacity of members in 11 provincial offices. Provincial branch activities are directed towards building human rights based knowledge and providing information about services available to people with disability.

## Vision

People with disability are fully accepted and participate in all aspects of society.

## Goals

1. Civil society organisations, private sector and government are fully aware of and understand issues related to disability rights.
2. LDPA head office and provincial branch offices have strong organizational capacity and leadership and are able to effectively represent all people with disability.
3. LDPA is recognized as knowledgeable and skilled in the disability sector in the Lao PDR.
4. LDPA establishes strong co-ordination and networks with other disabled people's organisations and with civil society organisations.
5. LDPA promotes independent living in society for people with disability.

Increased organisational capacity has enabled LDPA members to have better lives, and has contributed to increased awareness of the rights of people with disability throughout society. However, there is still much work to be done in order for LDPA to fulfil its vision and achieve its goals.



## Future plan

- Planning for fundraising activity at national and provincial level
- Continue team clinic and practice sessions for the next ASEAN Para Game in Malaysia 2017
- Continue discussion about participation in the Paralympic Game in Japan 2020