

Lao PDR Country Office

COVID-19 Situation Report

SitRep No: 11

Date: 24 June 2020

1. Situation in Numbers

Total Confirmed Cases in Country	Total Confirmed new cases in Country (since last SitRep)	Total deaths in Country
19	0	0

Please refer to WHO Sit Reps to populate this table. Available [here](#).

2. Key Issues

Include a brief statement on each of the following:

- Brief contextual analysis of the situation, including impact on health, education and other essential services.
- Impact on children and families in ChildFund operational areas.
- Impact and effects on ChildFund team.
- The work of other agencies and ChildFund’s relationship with them.

Laos has been praised by international health organisations for its containment of COVID-19. Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith declared victory over COVID-19 following the discharge of all 19 confirmed cases from hospital on 10 June, with no new cases for 59 days. ChildFund received AUD\$130,000 from AHP for COVID-19 response for 1 year. The focus of intervention will be education, WASH and child protection. ChildFund will continue working with government to ensure measures implemented address COVID-19 international standards, in line with WHO advice, and are human-rights based, non-discriminatory and proportionate.

3. Operations Update

3.1 People and Organisational Development

Include a brief statement on each of the following:

- Number of staff affected by COVID-19, including the number of staff in self-isolation.
- International arrivals and departures of staff since COVID crisis.
- WFH arrangements, including any related challenges.

All staff now in office.

3.2 Finance, IT and Administration

Include a brief statement on each of the following:

- Challenges that relate to registration, MoU’s, contracts, cash transfers and general banking.
- IT situation.

No challenges. ChildFund will receive MOU for PAER (EU funding) from MOFA next week.

3.3 Security

Include a brief statement on each of the following:

- Update on general security level in ChildFund operational areas and security incidents impacting ChildFund since the last situation report. Please include *analysis* where necessary/possible.
- Any changes/updates to the security guidelines/evacuation plans.

No updates.

3.4 Office Status

OFFICE	OFFICE STATUS			
	Open, Fully Operational	Majority of staff working from home	100% Working from Home	Shutdown, non-operational
Vientiane	Y			
HP Province	Y			
XK Province	Y			

4. Programs Update

4.1 Programs Activity Level (indicator of current programming level)

OFFICE	PROGRAM OPERATIONS				
	75 - 100%	50 - 74%	25 - 49%	< 25%	0%
VTE	x				
XKH	x				
HP	x				

4.2 Overview of ChildFund Activities (with a focus on COVID work)

Summary:	Learning and COVID-19 IEC materials procured under SABEL are being distributed to 78 schools; completion expected by middle of June. Hygiene kits procured under CINIA completed and distribution is on-going.
Education:	All grade schools reopened on 2 June. SABEL team discussed with district education bureaus and schools COVID-19 preventive measures while the team is distributing learning and COVID-19 IEC materials.
Child Protection:	
DRR/ ER:	
Health:	
SEL:	

4.3 Partnerships

Include a brief statement on each of the following:

- The status of partner organisations and to what extent they have been able to continue operations during the reporting period.
- What, if any, support, monitoring, information sharing and/or collaboration has taken place with local partners during the reporting period?

Finalised the Grand Funded Project Agreement for ACDA and LSDA. Organised annual meeting with LSDA and VYC including conducting SWOT. This will inform their new organisational capacity development plan for the next financial year. Completed draft organisational capacity development plans for ACDA and VYC using the new updated planning template. Conducted further assessment with ACDA and VYC on Gender-Disability-Environment.

4.4 Safeguarding

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

Number of child safeguarding incidences reported since the last SitRep:	0
Number of cases open and in progress:	0
Number of cases closed:	0

PSEAH

Number of PSEAH incidences reported since the last SitRep:	0
Number of cases open and in progress:	0
Number of cases closed:	0

Include a brief statement on each of the following:

- What new child safeguarding or PSEAH risks have been identified since the last sitrep?
- What new mitigation actions have been implemented to respond to child safeguarding or PSEAH risks since the last sitrep?

N/A

4.5 Child Sponsorship

Number of children (sponsored and/enrolled) affected by COVID-19:	n/a
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Include a brief statement on each of the following:

- Challenges related to correspondence, communication and support to sponsored and/or enrolled children.

N/A

5. Communications

Include a brief statement on each of the following:

- Local media, particularly news regarding ChildFund/partner activities or relevant child wellbeing issues.

N/A

6. Urgent Issues

Include a brief statement on each of the following:

none

7. Any Other Business (AOB)

Provide any additional information here.