Sakuan Village Community Completed

Water gravity-fed system renovation as planned

The poverty situations of Lao ethnic minorities in rural areas is not the same, some villages do not have water to use comfortably and unclean water, some villages do not have access to the roads for the entire year, some villages have enough rice to eat only three months; six months or eight months. Sakouan village is a Khamu ethnic village; located in Kum ban Houaykhing, Phoxay district, Luangprabang Province has a damaged gravity fed-water system, so the water is not sufficient for use in the village.

Sakouan village is a poor village which consists of 154 families; the total of population is 868 people, 442 are female. The main occupation is production of upland rice field, cultivation and livestock. The village is located far from the district municipality about 55 km.

In cycle 16 (the year 2019) the village received a sub-project for renovating gravity fed-water system which is supported by the government fund through PRF. Therefore, in the period of village development planning; the villagers were in consent to select the activity of repairing gravity fed-water system as the first priority need for the village as first step, and following the second step the village representatives defended this priority need in the Kum ban Development Plan Meeting, at this step it was endorsed as a Kum ban priority need as well.

Then, the Kum ban representatives defended their proposed priority at the District Planning and Coordination Meeting in order to align with concerned sectors by comparing with District Socio-economic Development Plan to ensure that the proposed sub-projects are not overlapped with other development organization projects supporting in the district. As the result, the renovation gravity fed-water system sub-project was started its construction on 20 May 2019 and completed on 18 June 2019, with including a length of 1 km, 6 taps, 1 water source 1 head work, 1 water tank with its size of 5x5x2m which enable to contain water of 50 m3. The total of the sub-project cost is 139 million kip. That included the community contribution both in cash and in kind which calculated as the total cost of 11 million kip.
Mr. Khamchan Duangmany, Head of Sakouan village said that our gravity fed-water system was firstly supported by Lao Red-Cross in 2007 after using it for period of time years, the water was not enough for villagers, due to the water resource was damaged, and the water leaking into underground, it leads to being which found difficulties for using water of the community in the dry seasons during Match to May. After renovated of gravity fed-water system, the village can use water in all seasons and the villagers have realized the importance of its operation and maintenance, so they altogether set up the O&M fund by collecting 1,000 kip per family per month for repairing the gravity fed-water system when it is broken and for sustainable utilization?

On behalf of village Head I would like to thanks the government concern and supported allocation the budget to solve the poverty and water shortage problems for our village, and hopefully in the future our village will be continuing receive additional support for other needs.”
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