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ICT equipment and training provided to Internal Pedagogical Support teams in 30 target districts
Media report
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Date	Media Type	Media Name	Details
2023-07-25	Newspaper	Education, Science, Sports daily newspaper	Front and page 2
2023-07-25	Newspaper	Savanphatana news	Front and page 6
2023-07-26	Newspaper	Pathet Lao	Page 2
2023-07-27	Newspaper	Economic and Commerce	Page 2
2023-07-27	Newspaper	Pasaxon	Page 10
2023-07-31	Newspaper	Pasaxon	Page 9
2023-08-02	Newspaper	Vientiane Mai	Front and page 7
2023-07-24	Social Media	Savannakhet Teacher Training College Facebook	16K Followers
2023-07-25	Social Media	Vientiane Mai Facebook	50K Followers
2023-07-25	Social Media	Pasaxon Facebook	22K Followers
2023-07-25	Social Media	Pathedlao Facebook	373K Followers
2023-07-25	Social Media	TV Savannakhet Facebook	42K Followers
2023-07-27	Social Media	Savanphathana news Facebook	35K Followers
2023-08-01	Social Media	Lao Economic Daily Facebook	508K Followers
2023-08-07	Social Media	Tetra Tech International Development LinkedIn	57K Followers
2023-08-07	Social Media	Tetra Tech International Development Facebook	34K Subscribers
2023-07-25	Website	Vientiane Mai	Read article here
2023-07-25	Website	KPL English Website	Read article here
2023-07-25	Website	Lao Tribune	Read article here
2023-07-26	Website	BEQUAL	Read article here
2023-08-07	Website	Tetra Tech International Development	Read article here
2023-07-25	TV	TV Savannakhet	Watch the in Lao here
2023-07-25	Radio	Vientiane Radio FM 105.5	
2023-07-25	Radio	Army Radio FM 99.7	
2023-07-25	Radio	Lao National Radio FM 103.7	
2023-07-25	Radio	Public Security Radio FM 101.5	
2023-07-25	Radio	Education News FM103.7	
2023-07-25	Radio	Lao Youth Radio FM 90.0	
2023-07-31	WhatsApp	MT-PT WhatsApp and FB groups	19 groups with trainers +/- 660 members
2023-07-31	WhatsApp	PESS-DESB	18 Provincial groups 452 members
2023-07-31	WhatsApp	ETSP	3 groups with ethnic teachers 98 members
2023-07-31	WhatsApp	Pre-Service Writing team	8 TTCs and 2 universities 72 members
2023-07-31	WhatsApp	Target DESB	Teacher Dev Units in 30 target districts 64 members
2023-07-31	WhatsApp	Target TTC	Key coordinators from the 3 target TTCs 17 members

2023-07-25

Pasaxon Facebook

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ແຜນງານປິດອາ ສືບຕໍ່ອົບຮົມການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອຄູອາຈານຊັ້ນປະຖົມສຶກສາ

ເມື່ອບໍ່ດົນມານີ້ ທີ່ວິທະຍາໄລຄູສະເຫວີນນະເຂດ ແຜນງານປິດອາໄດ້ເປີດອາທິດອົບຮົມໃຫ້ແກ່ ພະນັກງານຜູ້ເຮັດວຽກສຶກສາສາມັນເທດພາຍໃນເພື່ອຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານການສອນໃນ 30 ເມືອງເປົ້າໝາຍ ຂອງແຜນງານປິດອາ ຊຶ່ງຈະດຳເນີນໄປຈົນສອດກາງເດືອນສິງຫາ 2023 ນີ້ ພ້ອມທັງມອບແຜ່ນເປັນຈຳນວນ 35 ເຄື່ອງໃຫ້ວິທະຍາໄລຄູສະເຫວີນນະເຂດ ເພື່ອນຳໃຊ້ເຂົ້າໃນການຝຶກອົບຮົມຄູາຜູ້ເຮັດວຽກສຶກສາສາມັນເທດພາຍໃນທັງ 2 ໃຫ້ກຽມອົບຮົມຕາມໂຄງການປິດອາ ແລະ ກ່າວຂັບໂດຍທ່ານ ວິດສະພາ ພະລຸສີ ຜູ້ອຳນວຍການວິທະຍາໄລຄູສະເຫວີນນະເຂດ.

ອາທິດອົບຮົມທັງໝົດ 5 ວັນ ຊຶ່ງຈະໄດ້ຮຽນຊູເພີ່ນຖານການນຳໃຊ້ເປັນເປັນ (ເວີມຕົ້ນເດືອນການຮຽນນຳໃຊ້ເປັນເປັນ, ໜ້າທີ່ພິການຂອງແຜ່ນເປັນເປັນ ແລະ ການແກ້ໄຂບັນຫາ) ແລະ ວິທີການເຂົ້າເຖິງສຶກສາສາມັນເທດພາຍໃນທີ່ມີຊື່ ຄູ່: ຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອຊຸມຊົນ, ວິທີໂອ້ສຳລັບການພັດທະນາຄູ ແລະ ທາງຄັງປັນຊາວກວດ ແລະ ຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອຊຸມຊົນທີ່ມີການນຳໃຊ້ ຊຸມຊົນເຮືອນເພື່ອການສຶກສາ ແລະ ຂໍ້ມູນສຳຄັນສຳລັບການຕັ້ງປະຕິບັດ, ການປັບປຸງຂໍ້ມູນຈາກການວັດຖຸຕິດຕາມ ໂຮງຮຽນ.

ອຸດົມສຸກເພື່ອໃຫ້ເຂົ້າເຖິງສາມາດປະສົມປະສານເຄື່ອງມືທີ່ສະໄໝເຂົ້າໃນພາວະປິດອາທິດຂອງເຂົາເຈົ້າ ໃນລະບົບການພັດທະນາວິຊາຊີບຂອງແຜ່ນເປັນເປັນ ເພື່ອສ້າງຄວາມເຂັ້ມແຂງດ້ານຄຸນນະພາບດ້ານການສອນ ແລະ ປັບປຸງຜົນການຮຽນຂອງນັກຮຽນ ແລະ ການມີສ່ວນຮ່ວມ ຊຶ່ງໃນລະບົບໃໝ່ຂອງການພັດທະນາວິຊາຊີບແບບດັ່ງກ່າວ ແລະ ການສະໜັບສະໜູນຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອ ແມ່ນໄດ້ຮັບອະນຸຍາດໂດຍແຜນງານຜູ້ເຮັດວຽກສຶກສາສາມັນເທດພາຍໃນທີ່ໄດ້ຖືກຕັ້ງເປັນເປັນເດືອນກຸມພາ-ມິນາ 2023 ທີ່ຜ່ານມາ, ໃນ 30 ເມືອງເປົ້າໝາຍຈາກ 7 ແຂວງ ຊຶ່ງມີແຂວງດັ່ງກ່າວ, ຫຼວງນໍ້າທາ, ບໍ່ແກ້ວ, ຫົວພັນ, ຊຽງຂວາງ, ສະເຫວີນນະເຂດ ແລະ ສຳມ່ວນ. ທີ່ມາຮຽນຊູເພີ່ນຖານການນຳໃຊ້ແຜ່ນເປັນເປັນຖືກຕັ້ງເປັນເປັນເດືອນໂອກສາລະໂຍນໃນໂຮງຮຽນ ແລະ ບ່ອນອື່ນ 1.043 ທ່ານ, ຜູ້ອຳນວຍການ ແລະ ຂອງອຳນວຍການ (40%) ແລະ ຄູ (60%), ໃນນັ້ນ 56% ຂອງສະມາຊິກທີ່ມາຮຽນຊູເພີ່ນຖານການນຳໃຊ້ແຜ່ນເປັນເປັນແມ່ນເພດຍິງ, ຄ້າວ-ພາບ: ສະເຫວີນນະເຂດ



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Pathedlao Facebook

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ຮອດ, ເມື່ອບໍ່ດົນມານີ້, ກະຊວງສຶກສາທິການ ແລະ ກິລາ ໂດຍໄດ້ຮັບການສະໜັບສະໜູນຈາກ ວັດຖຸບຸກຄົນອັດສະຕາຣາດີ ແລະ ອົງການພັດທະນາສາມັນເທດພາຍໃນ ອາເມລິກາ(USAID) ໂດຍຜ່ານແຜນງານປັບປຸງຄຸນນະພາບ ແລະ ຂະຫຍາຍໂອກາດເຂົ້າເຖິງການສຶກສາສາມັນເທດພາຍໃນ ໃນ ສປປ ລາວ ທີ່ ແຜນງານປິດອາ ເປີດອາທິດອົບຮົມທັງໝົດ 35 ຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອຊຸມຊົນ ແລະ ຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອຄູ ເພື່ອຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອການນຳໃຊ້ແຜ່ນເປັນເປັນເພື່ອຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອຄູອາຈານ ຊັ້ນປະຖົມສຶກສາ ໂດຍນຳໃຊ້ເປັນເປັນຈຳນວນ 1.245 ເຄື່ອງ ໃນການຕັ້ງປະຕິບັດ ແລະ ການຝຶກອົບຮົມ ໃຫ້ແກ່ທຸກໆຜູ້ເຮັດວຽກສຶກສາສາມັນເທດ ພື້ນ 30 ເມືອງເປົ້າໝາຍຂອງແຜນງານ ປິດອາ.

ໄລຍະການຝຶກອົບຮົມ ຈະໄດ້ເປັນເປັນເປັນ ແລະ ຮຽນຊູເພີ່ນຖານການນຳໃຊ້ເປັນເປັນ, ວິທີການເຂົ້າເຖິງສຶກສາສາມັນເທດພາຍໃນ ສອນດີຈິຕອນ ຄູ່: ຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອຊຸມຊົນ ແລະ ວິທີໂອ້ສຳລັບການພັດທະນາຄູ ແລະ ທາງຄັງປັນຊາວກວດ. ນອກນີ້, ຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອຊຸມຊົນທີ່ມີການນຳໃຊ້ ຊຸມຊົນເຮືອນເພື່ອການສຶກສາ ແລະ ຂໍ້ມູນສຳຄັນສຳລັບການຕັ້ງປະຕິບັດ, ການປັບປຸງຂໍ້ມູນຈາກການວັດຖຸຕິດຕາມ ໂຮງຮຽນ. ທັງນີ້, ກໍ່ເພື່ອໃຫ້ເຂົ້າເຖິງສາມາດປະສົມປະສານເຄື່ອງມືທີ່ສະໄໝເຂົ້າໃນລະບົບການພັດທະນາວິຊາຊີບຂອງແຜ່ນເປັນເປັນ ສ້າງຄວາມເຂັ້ມແຂງດ້ານຄຸນນະພາບດ້ານການສອນ ແລະ ປັບປຸງຜົນການຮຽນຂອງນັກ ຮຽນ ແລະ ການມີສ່ວນຮ່ວມຂອງພວກເຂົາ.

ທີ່ມາຮຽນຊູເພີ່ນຖານວິທະຍາໄລ ຈະໄດ້ເປັນເປັນ ເພື່ອສະໜອງການສະໜັບສະໜູນ ໃຫ້ແກ່ຜູ້ເຮັດວຽກສຶກສາສາມັນເທດພາຍໃນ ແບບທາງໄກ ໂດຍໄດ້ຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອ ຜ່ານ ຈຸມ (Zoom) ແລະ ວອດແອັບ (WhatsApp), ແຜ່ນເປັນເປັນ ຈະຊ່ວຍໃຫ້ພວກເຂົາສາມາດສ້າງຕັ້ງສຶກສາສາມັນເທດພາຍໃນ ໃນການພັດທະນາວິຊາຊີບຂອງແຜ່ນເປັນເປັນ. ນອກຈາກນັ້ນ, ທີ່ມາຮຽນຊູເພີ່ນຖານວິຊາຊີບຂອງແຜ່ນເປັນເປັນ ໃນການພັດທະນາວິຊາຊີບຂອງແຜ່ນເປັນເປັນ ດ້ວຍການຮຽນຊູເປັນເປັນດີຈິຕອນ. ທ່ານ ດາວ ພັນວິກ ສິດທິກິມສັງຄຸ ກະຊວງສຶກສາທິການ ແລະ ກິລາ ໄດ້ກ່າວວ່າ: ປັດຈຸບັນ, ມີຄວາມສຳຄັນຫຼາຍທີ່ພວກເຮົາຕ້ອງສ້າງຄວາມສາມາດ ດ້ານວິຊາຊີບຂອງແຜ່ນເປັນເປັນໃຫ້ເຂົາເຈົ້າສາມາດສະໜັບສະໜູນ ຈາກວັດຖຸບຸກຄົນອັດສະຕາຣາດີ ແລະ ອົງການ USAID ໂດຍຜ່ານແຜນງານປິດອາ ແມ່ນເປັນສິ່ງທີ່ດີ ເພື່ອຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອໃນການດຳເນີນວິຊາຊີບ ຈາກວິທະຍາໄລ ແລະ ທີ່ມາຮຽນຊູເພີ່ນຖານວິຊາຊີບຂອງແຜ່ນເປັນເປັນ ດ້ານຄູປະກອນ ແລະ ການຈັດການອົບຮົມ ຈະຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອພະນັກງານທີ່ມາຮຽນຊູເພີ່ນຖານວິຊາຊີບ ເພື່ອສ້າງຄວາມສາມາດສອນທີ່ເປັນດີຈິຕອນ ຊຶ່ງພວກເຮົາກຽມພ້ອມສະໜອງການສຶກສາທິການ ແລະ ກິລາເມືອງ ຈະໄດ້ເປັນເປັນ ໃນລະຫວ່າງການວັດຖຸຕິດຕາມໂຮງຮຽນ ເພື່ອຕັ້ງປະຕິບັດຂໍ້ມູນຜົນການວັດຖຸຕິດຕາມ ວ່າປະສົບຜົນສຳເລັດ ຫຼື ບໍ່ປະສົບຜົນສຳເລັດ ໃນລະຫວ່າງການນຳໃຊ້ແຜ່ນເປັນເປັນ ໃນໂຮງຮຽນປະຖົມສຶກສາ ແລະ ໃຫ້ທ່ານຮຽນຊູເພີ່ນຖານວິຊາຊີບ ເພື່ອຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອເຂົາເຈົ້າ ປຸງທິກສະ ແລະ ຄວາມຮູ້ກ່ຽວກັບການສອນຂອງເຂົາເຈົ້າ.



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ຂ່າວໂທລະພາບ /TV savannakhet 5d · ໑

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Australia, U.S. Support Laos With The Use Of ICT In Teacher Professional Development System

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The Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES), with support from the Australian Government and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the Basic Education Quality and Access in the Lao PDR (BEQUAL) programme launched the second round of training workshops to support primary teacher Continuing Professional Development (CPD) in mid-July in Savannakhet, Luang Namtha and Khang Khay Teacher Training Colleges (TTCs).

The training will be cascaded to Internal Pedagogical Support (IPS) teams in 30 target districts until mid-August.

This training round includes an ICT training focus and all IPS teams, TTC technical teams and some staff in the 30 target District Education and Sports Bureaus (DESBs) will receive tablets. During this new series of five-day workshops, they will learn the basic of tablet usage (getting started with tablets, basic functions of tablets, troubleshooting) and also how to access digital learning resources such as the Teacher Development Videos YouTube channel and Khang Panya Lao.

They will also learn how to use tablets for data collection and record keeping. The objective is to enable them to integrate ICTs into their roles in the new primary teacher CPD system with the goal of strengthening the quality of teaching and improving student learning and engagement.

In the new system, CPD and on-going teacher support is facilitated by IPS teams selected in February-March 2023 for 30 target districts from seven provinces (Phongsaly, Luang Namtha, Bokeo, Houaphan, Xiang Khuang, Savannakhet and Khammuan). The IPS teams are based at the school level and are composed of 1,043 principals and deputy principals (40%) and teachers (60%). 56% of IPS team members are women.

Three target TTCs, Savannakhet, Khang Khay and Luang Namtha, lead on building the capacity of those teams to provide high quality pedagogical support to primary teachers. The first round of training took place in April 2023 with a focus on facilitation skills, adult learning principles and practical tools to support teachers to engage in CPD for example, school visits, mentoring, peer observation and learning circles.

This second round focuses on pedagogical practices which can be used in the classroom and explores tablets and how to use them to support teacher CPD.

"There are still many challenges with having access to ICT resources such as computers and internet access as well as developing the technical skills to use those tools. It is very positive that Australia and USAID, through the BEQUAL programme, supports our TTC technical teams and IPS teams with both equipment and training to develop their technical skills for using digital learning and teaching resources," said Mr Keth Phanhlack, Director General of the Department of Teacher Education (DTE).

The DESB will be using tablets during monitoring visits to schools to collect data on the implementation of the CPD system. The TTC technical teams will be using the tablets to provide ongoing support to IPS remotely, using tools such as Zoom and WhatsApp.

The tablets will also enable them to share learning resources with IPS teams and collaborate with DESBs on providing stronger and more comprehensive support to IPS teams. Moreover, the technical teams can also use the tablets to engage in their own CPD through digital learning.

The other parts of the training consist of unpacking teacher guides and active learning specifically for Lao language, Maths and Science and Environment and guidance on how to use teacher guides for lesson planning and delivery.

The training also focuses on professional skills and attitudes as well as child protection and safeguarding.

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