

Lao Water Resource Network (LWRN)

Laos is a poor country rich in natural resources. The very same natural resources relied on by 80% of the population.

HELVETAS Laos wishes to support sustainable, equitable and fair trade development which is both people and environment friendly.

With this aim, HELVETAS Laos identifies strategic opportunities to join and support local initiatives. The





The network is an informal open forum which works together on joint activities aimed at improving intern

Goal

To re-affirm the value of water

Objectives

· Remind the public of the interlinked importance wat

· Provide examples of causes and effects of both we

· Inform public about everyday ways they can help to

· Engage the civilian public society as a stakeholder

· Expand the water resource network not only in qua

Rationale

- In Laos, opportunities as well challenges are already evident. Water resources are already under
- Despite the importance of water resources in Lao society, there is lack of cooperation between the
- Depending how we individually and collectively manage or mismanage this natural resource, the ri
- We believe that knowledge is fundamental to the well-being of all people & country. Building up a k

Activities

I] Internal discussion groups & exchanges

II] Public Relations & Advertising

.Design of various promotional banners and flyers advertising the event

.Design of press releases for mass media promotion

.Design of T-shirts to further promote, highlight and inform during & post the event

III] Photo Exhibits

.100 photos highlighting the importance of water in:

a) Food (agriculture)

b) Daily consumption (drinking, cooking and washing)

c) Transport (private and public transportation)

d) Income generation (eco-tourism & market access)

e) Lao culture (rituals & festivals)

IV] Movies

. Showcasing a variety of available films produced & publically broadcast

V] Stage Show Performances

. Interpretive water themed songs, dances and drama skits complimenting the water natural resource the

VI] Games

. Informative interactive games aimed at educating the public and game participants about a variety of w

VII] Information Booths/ Handouts

. Collection & dissemination of useful materials and resources for public to learn from and to extend & sh

Relevant

GoL Laws & Policies

• [Lao Constitution](#)

• [Law on Water & Water Resources](#)

• [Law on Land](#)

• [Law on Electricity](#)

• [Law on Agriculture](#)

• [Law on Mining](#)

• [Law on Environmental Protection](#)

Links

• [Water Resources & Environment Administration \(WREA\)](#)

• [Mekong River Commission](#)

• [ASEAN Charter](#)

• [Mee NET](#)

• [Mekong Watch](#)

• [International Rivers](#)

• [IUCN](#)

