



## SAEDA Activities in Xieng Khuang Province

- SAEDA first starting working in Xieng Khuang province in 1991, forming a cooperation partnership with local Lao Youth Union branches. SAEDA provided organic agriculture training to Lao Youth Union staff and members in 17 provinces.
- Xieng Khouang province LYU was very active in implementing and coordinating with SAEDA, continuing to promote organic agriculture from 2000 to 2007, organizing 9 separate organic agriculture trainings with SAEDA. The total of participants directly trained was approximately 326 persons, of which 156 were women (47.8%) Participants came from more than 20 villages and many government department sectors at the provincial and district levels.
- SAEDA trained Xieng Khouang LYU members provided OA extension training for district staff and farmers 5 times, in 3 districts (Phaxay 2 times, Phoukouth 2 times and Pek 1 time) 147 participants attended, of which 70 were women (average 47.6 percent)
- In 2003 SAEDA began collaborating with the Khankhai Teacher Training College, providing organic agriculture training and course development support. Since then, organic agriculture training has been incorporated into the mainstream curriculum of the school, and has provided a number of benefits to the school, faculty, student teachers, as well their families, not to mention the natural environment. For more, please see [GREEN Schools](#) .



- From 2004 to 2008, Khangkhai Pedagogical College teachers provided OA training to about 7,200 student teachers. Approximately 1,700 students from Phonsavanh Upper Secondary School were also trained in OA. For more read [Khankhai's report](#)
- SAEDA also provided OA training to CONSORTIUM target areas 4 times, in 7 villages, 3 districts, 104 villages with 40 women in attendance, on average about 38.5 percent of participants.
- In the year 2004-05, SAEDA produced a VCD featuring SAEDA OA trained farmers & activities in Xiengkhouang province. The content highlights OA implemented experiences from farmers in Khoun and Pek districts, Phonsavanh upper secondary school, and LYU provincial and district staff. Please visit our [Audio-Visual](#) page for more details.
- SAEDA organized a sustainable agriculture focused exchange workshop at the province level 2 times, once in March 2005 and the other in December 2006, with 95 participants of which 55 were women
- SAEDA organized two exchange workshops at district level (Khoun and Pek) in May 2006, with 46 participants, of which 13 were women
- Many farmers from CRWRC organization in Xiengkouang also attended SAEDA training workshops



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Participating government & non governmental agencies:

- LYU Districts (Khoun, Kham, Phaxay, Pak, Phoukoud)
  - Khangkhai Pedagogical College and Phonsavanh upper secondary school (teachers and students)
  - LWU
  - TV station
  - Lao Front for National Construction
  - Trade Union
  - CRWRC organization
  - Health department
  - PAFO
  - DAFO
  - Military (Army)
  - Police
- Currently SAEDA is collaborating with the Department of Education in Xieng Khuang to provide sustainable agriculture activity support to 8 target schools, 6 primary and 2 secondary, as part of a local curriculum development initiative

### Khoun District

- SAEDA and LYU trained and established 6 model farmers in Koun, who then provided OA training to 20 untrained farmers
- SAEDA and LYU organized exchange workshop in Khoun district in May 2006 for 25 participants, of which 4 were women. Participants came from provincial LYU, district LYU, Lao Front for National Construction, Governor, DAFO, DLWU, District Trade Union (Kumban), district radio office and 7 villages (Ban Xang, Ban Phon yeng, Ban Nasy, Ban Naxay, Ban Sipom, Ban Na Ou and Ban Phearwut).
- In 2008 SAEDA in partnership with LEAP ran the '*Khoun Farmer & Youth Group Sustainable Agriculture Exchange Project*', linking experienced farmers with inexperienced younger farmers. One of the key outputs was the production of a VCD showcasing organic agriculture activities carried out by SAEDA trained expert farmers in Khoun district. For a full report please read our [final report](#). For more about the VCD, please visit our [Audio-Visual](#) page.



- In 2009, SAEDA again in partnership with LEAP, began a new follow up collaborative project building on previous experiences and successes in Khoun District, titled: *Khoun SAFA Farmer*



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*Group Livelihood Project.* SAFA meaning *Sustainable Agriculture Farmer Association*, indicative of the longer term overall goal of creating and linking farmers and groups. The project is scheduled to have two phases. The first of which wraps up in December 2009. This first phase focuses primarily on farmer to farmer extension training and formation of village based production groups. A very successful TOT training helped get things off to a dynamic start. For more please see our [TOT](#).

Table of organic farmers in Khoun district

Villages	Year applied	Direct farmers	Indirect farmers	total
Ban Na Ou		2	4	6
1. Buason	6 Ys (2002-07)			
2. Khamta	5 Ys (2003-07)			
Ban Xang		2	3	5
1. Bounthong	7 Ys (2001-07)			
2. Bounma	6 Ys (2002-07)			
Ban Pear Wut		1	4	5
1. Duangdy	6 Ys (2002-07)			
Ban Siphom		1	1	2
1. Onchan	5 Ys (2003-07)			
Ban Khab			4	4
Ban Viengkham			2	2
Ban Boua Tai			2	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>

OA practiced by farmers in Khoun include:

Rice; Vegetable; Fruit tree; Poultry; Pig ; Environment & Natural Resource management

### Pek District

- In November 2008, in partnership and with funding from SDC, SAEDA provided coordination & management support in the organization of the first ever Agro-Biodiversity Conservation Fair in Xieng Khuang. For more please read our [report](#) and/or see our [Public Fairs & Market Activities](#)





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- SAEDA with support from BROT (Bread for the World) is in the process of implementing a 1 year project titled: *Food Security Promotion & poverty alleviation through Sustainable Agriculture & Market Development*. SAEDA with local partners is opening up the first farmer organic market in Pek district in July 2009. So far the project has seen its participants and local partners partake in an interprovincial market development study tour, and engage in village based organic agriculture production in preparation for the market



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