



# Completion Report

LAO-WRN-AGR-P03, Mai District, Laos  
Reporting Period: July - June 2019

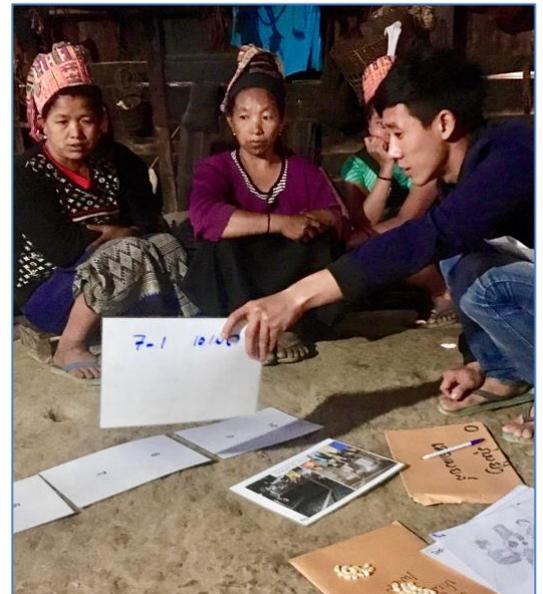
## New Agriculture for a Better Life

**Budget:** \$33,340. Fully funded.

**Update:**

During the last 3 years, Entrust has been working with a number of partners in a large, transformative project aimed to improve livelihoods and reduce poverty in 16 communities in the Mai District through a range of different activities. One of those activities was improving agricultural practices, and this was the aspect Entrust focused on.

Our partners supported hundreds of families to improve and expand their agricultural activities. Revolving goat funds were started in 8 villages, enabling 59 households to learn about and start raising goats. Training in livestock was provided to over 200 households, and 20 village vets were trained about diseases and giving vaccinations. Three households were supported to raise chickens using improved techniques to set a foundation for new learnings which will be shared with other farmers raising chickens. Over 350 households were supported in planting galangal, and 69 households were supported to grow coffee. More than 100 additional households started growing cardamom and 2 households learned how to improve processing of cardamom. 286 people were trained in fruit tree propagation using grafting techniques. 55 households were supported in starting or expanding their kitchen gardens with new types of vegetables. Five women went on a study tour to learn about the marketing of handcrafts.



In this final year of the project our partners worked with the local communities to improve the cash crop process by building a shelter for a coffee seedling nursery. The nursery was used to germinate 100,000 coffee seedlings for farmers in 6 villages. They also monitored the use of cardamom ovens in 2 villages. Each structure has 4 separate ovens and can dry 600-800g of good quality cardamom for sale each day.

Community members were involved in the project design meaning they decided which activities were done and when. Each village undertook its own annual planning process, consulted our partners when a new activity began and considered their specific requests for support. Village leaders were involved in managing and monitoring the activities and participants were self-selected. Village volunteers have been trained to continue supporting villagers with their activities, equipping them with skills and connecting them to markets.

Thank you for your generous support of this transformative project and for making this work possible.

