



Terms of Reference (ToR)

Needs assessment on the barriers of women to (non-formal/adult) education

Background

DVV International is the German Adult Education Association and has been supporting adult and non-formal education and lifelong learning in Lao PDR since 2009. In recent studies and interviews it became evident that despite a substantial number of adult education/non-formal education offers in Lao PDR, there are still various barriers for women to actually assess these offers. DVV International intends, as part of its three-year strategy from 2021-2023, to develop and pilot approaches that particularly support women in non-formal/adult education.

Objective:

The assessment is meant to lay the foundation for the development of non-formal/Adult education approaches targeting women in particular. In order to make these offers as precise as possible, an assessment of the most important barriers for women's access to education needs to be done. The assessment should cover the following points:

- What are the factors that currently hinder women from accessing education offers in the structures of the non-formal education system (Community Learning Centres, District and Province Non-Formal Education Centres, National and Regional Non-Formal Education Centres etc.)?
- What kind of NFE services are there for women as a target group so far?
- How can these barriers be overcome?
- What role does the Non-Formal Education System have to play to ensure sustainable access of women to non-formal education offers? What needs to be improved?

Methodology

The contractor should start with a short phase of desktop research including the study of documents provided by DVV International and interviews with DVV International and DNFE staff. After this a short inception report should be prepared which outlines the main findings of the desktop research and the proposed methodology for the following field research phase.



The field research should include the travel to two provinces. Selection criteria for the selection of these two provinces should be given. In these two provinces, interviews should be conducted on village, district and province level. The findings of these interviews should feed into a final report.

The contractor is therefore expected to undertake the following tasks:

- Write a short inception report outlining the main findings of the desktop research
- Provide a comprehensive report in English outlining answers to the above-mentioned questions.
- Provide a summary in Lao language.
- Conduct a presentation for DVV International and the Lao counterparts

Ideally the work should be finished not later than March 2021.

Selection criteria:

The contractor will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- Experience in conducting needs assessments and/or evaluations (20 %)
- Experiences in (non-formal) education in Lao PDR (20 %)
- A convincing methodology (30 %)
- Budget (30 %)

Applications including a draft methodology, a CV of the involved staff and a proposed budget should be sent to the Regional Director of DVV International, Dr. Johann Heilmann by email (heilmann@dvv-international.la) until 25th September 2020. Questions for clarification can be sent until 15th September 2020.