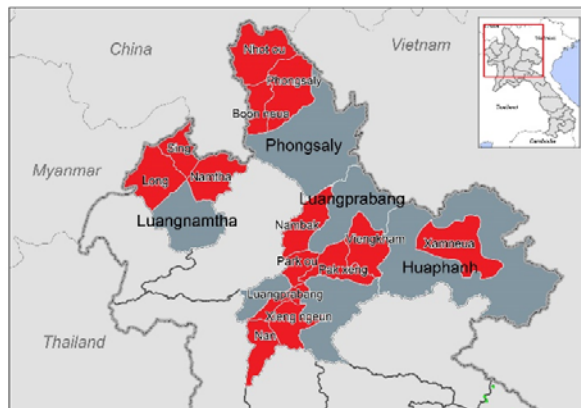


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Welcome!

Welcome to our second issue! This 6-monthly publication aims to bring you updates on the Sustainable Change Achieved through Linking Improved Nutrition and Governance (SCALING) project, implemented by Save the Children, CARE, Comité de Coopération avec le Laos (CCL) and ChildFund, and funded by the European Union (EU) through the umbrella initiative Partnership for Improved Nutrition in Lao PDR (PIN).

Our overall objective is to improve the nutritional status of adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women, and children under 5 in 14 districts in the provinces of Luang Prabang (LPB), Luang Namtha (LNT), Phongsaly (PSL) and Huaphanh (HUA). The action operationalizes at scale the Lao Government’s (GoL) National Nutrition Strategy Action Plan (NNSAP) and convergent approach. It runs from December 2017 to December 2021.

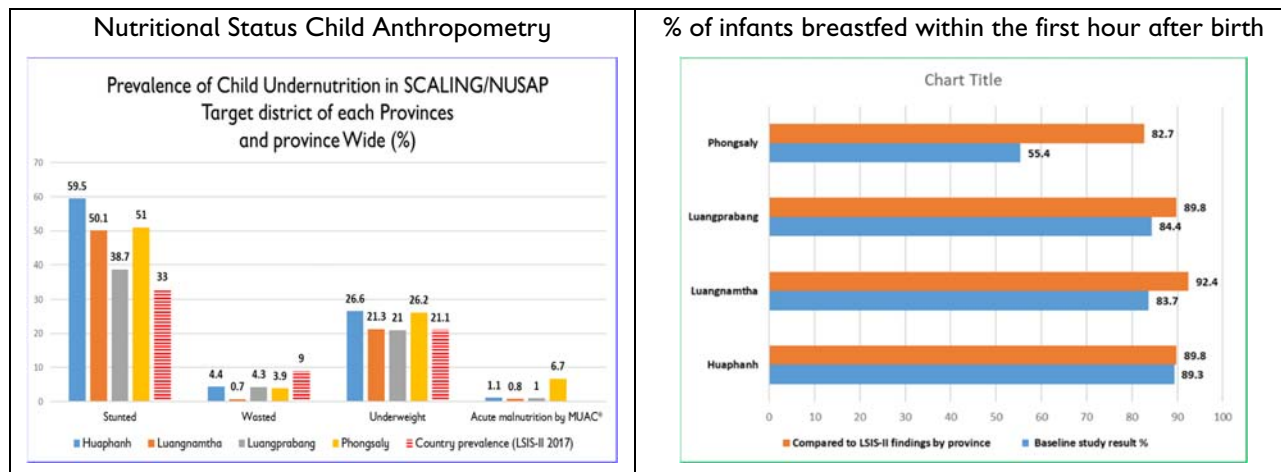


During this period, key achievements included completion of the joint baseline survey, the signing of memorandums of understanding (MoUs), and the launch of “**Our Promise**” a Social Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) approach. In this second issue, we would like to share some of the key findings from the joint baseline survey.

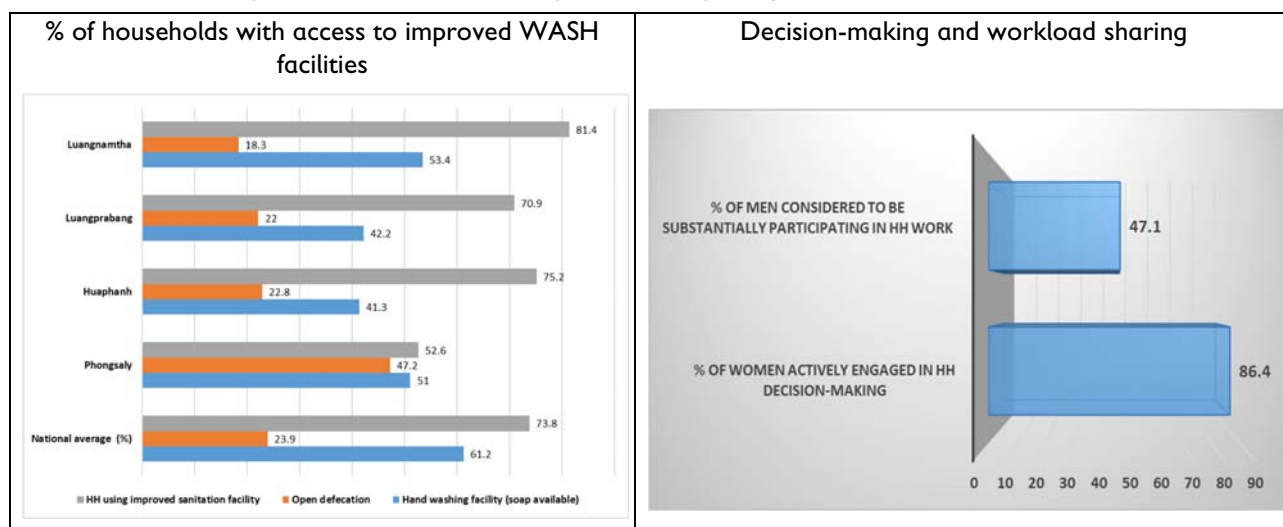
Focus on the Baseline Survey

The joint SCALING-NUSAP Baseline Survey was conducted in October 2018. The survey covered nine districts in the four SCALING provinces. On average, 195 households with children under 5 were interviewed per district. There were 1,756 selected sample households in total.

Please see below for some of the key data. For more information on the baseline survey, please contact Keosouda at Keosouda.orya@savethechildren.org.



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Outlook for April to September 2019

Here are some of SCALING’s planned activities for the following six months.

| Luang Namtha (LNT) | Phongsaly (PSL) |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct Adolescents in Lower Secondary School (LSS) baseline study by end of March 2. Deliver SBCC training at the district and village level in March & June 3. Hold Health System Strengthening (HSS) meeting with GoL in April 4. Conduct Women Workload Reduction (WWR) training at the village level in March & June 5. Establish Village Saving and Loan Association (VSLA) at the village level in March & June 6. Deliver water supply and marketing training and conduct survey in March & June | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organize VLSA and WWR trainings in target villages in Boun Neau and Phongsaly districts 2. CCL team will join the SBCC Training of Trainers (TOT) in LPB in March 3. Start SBCC activities at community level and select and train community facilitators with the support of the SCALING Nutrition experts 4. Conduct Adolescents in LSS baseline study by end of March 5. Construct 2 water systems for the target villages in Boun Neua district and another 2 systems for the target villages in Phongsaly district |
| Luang Prabang (LPB) | Huaphanh (HUA) |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roll out SBCC approach in four districts March-May 2. Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) and Women Workload Reduction (WWR) roll-out in seven districts April-September 3. WASH Marketing roll-out from March to June 4. Conduct Adolescents in LSS baseline study by end of March | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct Adolescents in LSS baseline study by end of March 2. Training on District Health Information System (DHIS2) by Ministry of Health in March 3. Construct 2 water systems for the target villages in May 4. Train and establish VSLA in 15 villages from April to June 5. Provide training and establish plan on WWR at the village level from May to June 6. Join SBCC TOT in LPB from April to May |

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SCALING in Action



SCALING team and staff from the Health Care Center taking anthropometric measurements during data collection on 8 October 2018 in Luang Prabang

SCALING on Social Media

CARE International in Lao PDR - Standing Up Speaking Out -SUSO
December 13, 2018

These are not your ordinary travelers. They are our staff and government partners from Luang Namtha's district and provincial health and agriculture and forestry offices en route to collect data in what seemed more like an endurance race! Over the course of 2 weeks in October, they interviewed and took anthropometric measurements in almost 600 households in the province as part of a joint baseline survey for SCALING and NUSAP projects, funded by European Union in Laos. SCALING, implemented by Save the Children, CARE, CCL and ChildFund aims to achieve improved nutrition for adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women and children under five in Luang Prabang, Luang Namtha, Phongsaly and Huaphanh. Like and follow our #SCALINGconsortium partner pages, Save the Children in Laos, Comité de coopération avec le Laos, ChildFund Australia, to see them braving landslides, water and mud to get to children under five and their mothers in some of the most remote locations in the North of Laos.



To follow regular project updates, like our partners' and EU's pages on Facebook [@SavetheChildreninLaos](#), [@CAREinLaos](#), [@CCLinLaos](#), and [@Childfund](#), [@europeaid](#) and [@EUinLaos](#).

To subscribe to our 6-monthly newsletter, send comments or suggestions, please contact Houmphanh at Houmphanh.Soulivongxay@savethechildren.org.

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