

**STATUS REPORT ON WATER WELL
AND TOILET PROJECT AT SCHOOL
SITE IN TEME POPOUM VILLAGE,
LAONGAM DISTRICT, SARAVAN
PROVINCE, LAO PDR**

“TO GIVE EVERY CHILD A CHANCE”

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Note: Information for this report is based on personal notes taken during trip to Laos. Any errors or omissions are sole responsibility of the author.

I. WATER WELL

It is expected that water will be found at a depth of about forty meters.

The first drilling was done at a spot about half way between the current school building and the location of the new toilet. That would be about 25 meters from the school and 25 meters from the toilet. This would allow the students to replenish the water In the toilets with a minimum distance necessary to carry the water.

Unfortunately after several attempts, no water was found.

The next site to drill was at the other side of the school. The first attempt at this spot was beginning as we left. I am waiting to hear from SVA personnel.

Once water is found, completion of the well and hand pump will take about one month.



II. TOILET

A standard two stall (male/female) squat toilet is being built. Brick and cement are used for the building. Standard septic tank is installed.

Construction was about 90% complete at time of or visit.



III. TRAINING

Having a toilet is something new for the people of Teme Popoum. Therefore, SVA will train all the villagers, children and adults, in how to use and clean the toilet. The school teacher will conduct the training along with SVA. Follow-up training will be conducted after three and six months.

IV. FUNDING

I paid SVA \$25.00 US to cover the fee withheld by the intermediary bank when the first payment was wired from Australia to Laos.

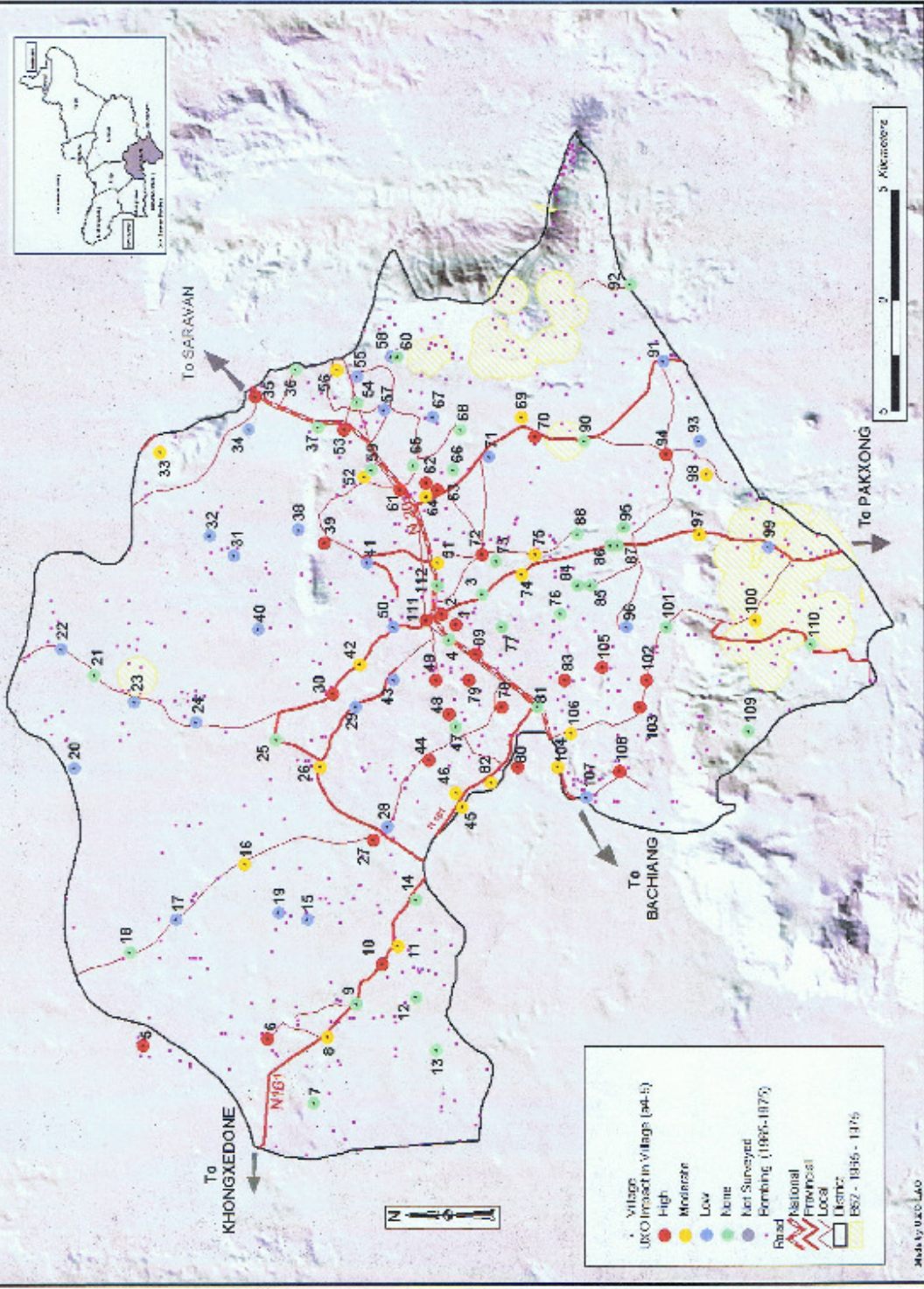
If it is acceptable to MiVAC leadership, in order to minimize bank fees the remaining funds due could be wired to me in Bangkok in one payment and I could give the cash to SVA when completing my final inspection visit. I think Bangkok Bank would charge me about \$15.00 US. SVA says that is okay with them.

V. FURTHER SCHOOL PROJECTS

While MiVAC develops other relationships and expands its efforts in Laos over the next few years, I think the organization would do well to continue to work with SVA in Vapy and Laongam districts of Salavan province.

Below are UXO Impact maps of Laongam and Vapy. The current focus of SVA's school building activities are in high and moderate impact areas. In Laongam district activity is currently focused primarily in the area surrounding the number 61. In Vapy district the focus is in the area surrounding the number 19. This is not to say that these are the only areas where schools are being built. Other UXO impacted areas are also having schools built.

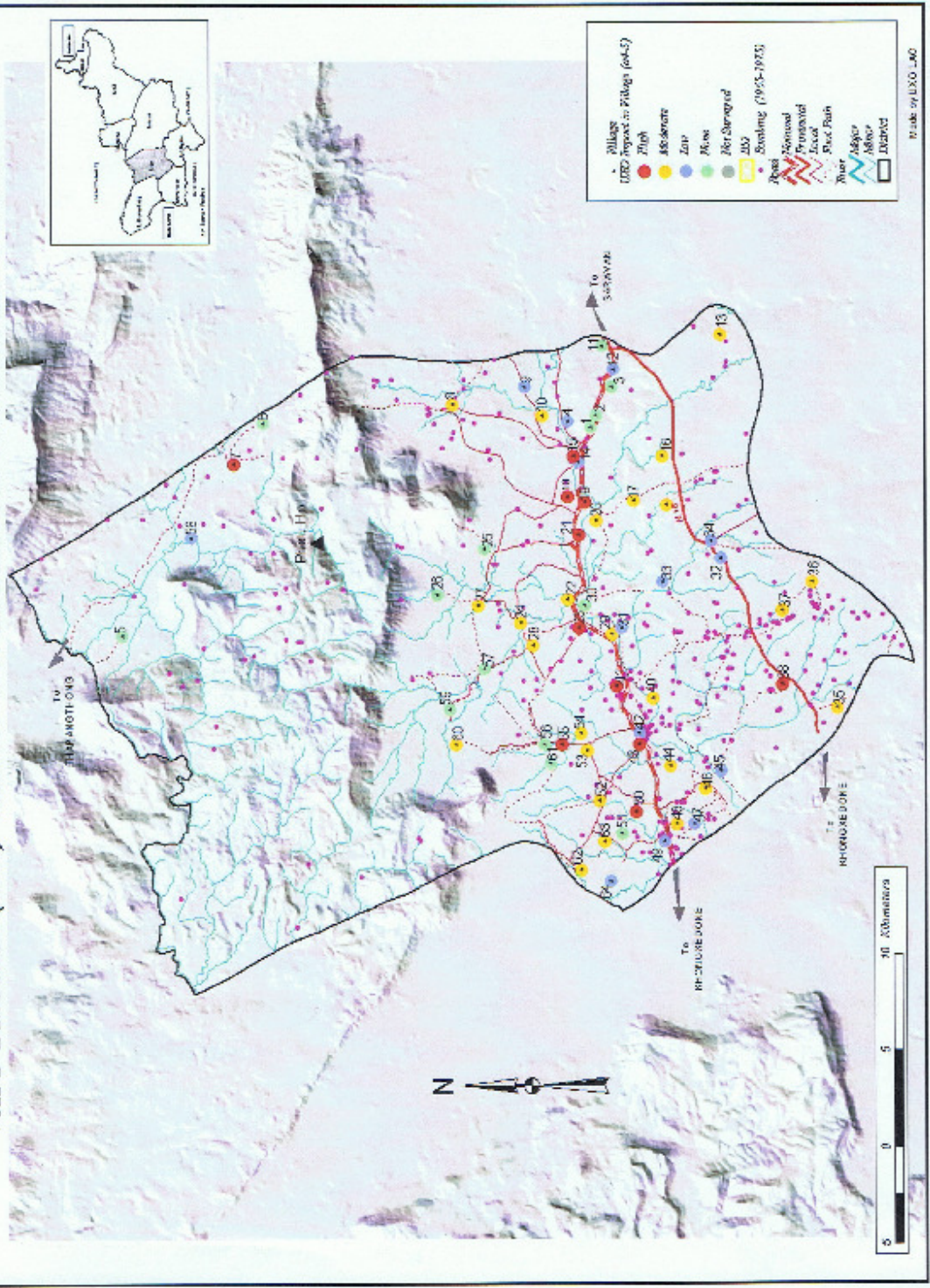
LAO NGAM DISTRICT (1407) - MAP OF UXO IMPACT AND BOMBING DATA 1965-1975



•	Village
•	UXO Impact in Village (1965-75)
●	High
●	Medium
●	Low
●	None
●	Not Surveyed
●	Bombing (1965-1975)
—	Road
—	National
—	Provincial
—	Local
□	UXO
□	1967 - 1976 - 1975

MAP/UXO/LAO

VAPY DISTRICT (1405) - MAP OF UXO IMPACT AND BOMBING DATA 1965-1975



Over the next couple of years MiVAC could focus its educational work in Laos along one of three potential avenues.

1. Focus on essentially adopting a village or series of villages. Provide support for construction of school buildings, wells, and toilets. Provide ongoing support through teacher training and related activities. Estimated initial cost about \$40K US per village (will vary with number of school rooms and number of families in village). Continuing support estimated less than \$2K US annually.
2. Focus solely on constructing schools in any number of villages. Estimated cost \$30K - \$40K per school.
3. Focus solely on building wells and toilets at school sites. Estimated cost \$6K - \$8K per site.

There are sufficient opportunities to pursue any of the above options. There are several villages scheduled for school construction (including wells and toilets) over the next three years. There are also a number of recently built schools that need wells and toilets. I can support a decision for any of the above options, Until/if MiVAC develops its own presence as an NGO in Laos, MiVAC should continue to work with SVA in support of these educational activities.