



## The Latest News On The Ban Xai Project



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### *Where We Are Up To*

After clearing two minefields at Ban Xai, the village council sought assistance for several village projects. When we agreed to help, we sat down together to develop joint project goals. That approach resulted in villagers identifying with and taking ownership of the project and led to them pushing for government support at district, provincial and national levels. Consequently, government officials at all levels have expedited the approval process and supported MiVAC in every way

possible. [View the detail of the project.](#)

## ***What We Need Now***

We have the capacity to undertake the project. We have volunteers ready to go. We have Lao government support.

What we don't have are the funds.

You can help at [www.mivactrust.org](http://www.mivactrust.org) and please remember to add something in the BLOG.



## ***How You Can Make The Difference***

The project is estimated to cost \$110,000. Work will be undertaken by local labour and materials will be sourced as close to Ban Xai as possible to assist the local economy.

If every MiVAC member were able to contribute just \$300 we could complete the project. Of course, it's not that simple. However, if you can help, if you can organise a fund raiser or have friends who can, please let us know.

Or if you would like to help but are unsure of just how just contact any one of the Trustees.

## ***So Join The Ban Xai Project Team***

Who is eligible for membership?

Any member who contributes to the project in any capacity will become a Project Team Member and will be listed alphabetically on our website (unless they do not wish to be so identified).

Just answer this email if you would like to learn more.



## ***Meanwhile Back In Australia***

The Trusees, The Patron and sme members are working hard to:

1. Spread the word about MiVAC by doing talks at many different organisations.
2. Raising funds at these awareness talks.
3. Approaching larger charitable organizations who could fund projects in Lao PDR.

4. Continue with approaches to

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## ***Action and Needs***

So John, know that this is the first of the updates about the Ban Xai project in Xiengkhouang Province in Lao PDR (formerly Laos). You can forward this News Bulletin to others and encourage them to join MiVAC at [www.mivactrust.org](http://www.mivactrust.org).

**Take action - you can assist!**

As a last but not least point please read the paragraph below - **MiVAC Needs** and once again - You are encouraged to Take Action in areas that you can.

## *MiVAC Needs:*

### Treasurer

The Treasurer maintains MiVAC's financial accounts, produces monthly reports for the Trustees and advises on financial policy.

### Newsletter editor

Editor to produce short (four-page) quarterly newsletters to inform both members and donors of the current progress of MiVAC and status of projects that MiVAC is undertaking.

### PR adviser

Someone who can write press releases and coordinate relations with local, regional and national media.

### Membership committee

People to coordinate the membership list and communicate with existing and members regarding their contributions to MiVAC.

### Volunteers coordinator

A member to implement our volunteer policy and to ensure volunteers meet all volunteer requirements.

### Google Docs administrator

A member who can oversee the uploading and sharing of documents and calendars on Google Documents / Calendars and can assist members to learn how to use these resources.

**All positions are of course voluntary and reflect MiVAC's current growth and future projects needs.**

**However, if you have special skills or want to help MiVAC in its purpose please contact any of the Trustees (or reply to this email) and discuss what you would like to do with them.**

Until the next time

All the best

The Ban Xai Project Team