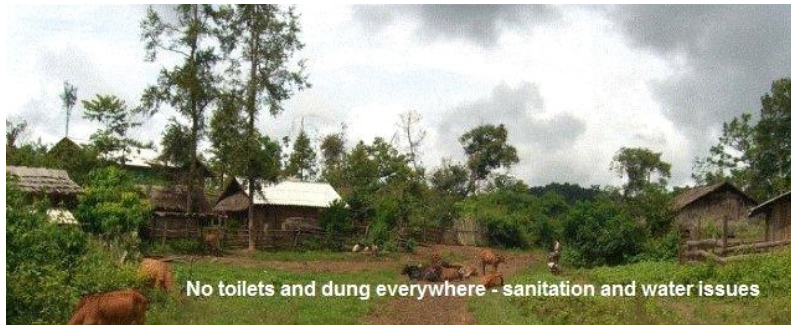


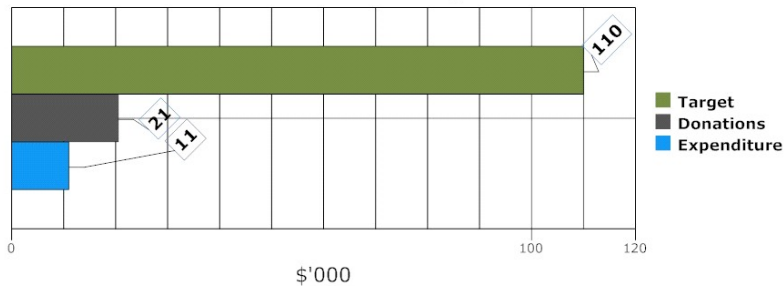


# The Latest News On The Ban Xai Project

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Ban Xai Project



— NEWS & EVENTS —



### *New To The Ban Xai Project Then Here's A Brief Introduction*

*Picture - Pedestrian Bridge in Wet Season*

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.](#)

### *You Are Making A Difference*

*Picture - Some of the Jars on Plaine des Jarres*

Have a look at the graph above! There is steady progress. MIVAC is having some discussions with some major backers and do hope that they will come to some fruition.



### *Riding Around Australia!*

*Picture: The grinding mill for 22 families in Hinmou Pueng*  
Fired with enthusiasm, our candidate to ride around Australia



for MiVAC, David Murray is not only taken to training seriously but to organising promotions at Bayview Golf Club on 25th November and 30th November followed by appearances at Warringah Mall on 3rd December, 10th December and 11th December. Several members and previous bike ride organizers

are working with David to plan the ride which tentatively will start around mid-March.

## ***News From The Field***

***Picture: Watch this space - virgin area for Facilities Building.***

Steve Carroll, a MiVAC Trustee, has been in Ban Xai and is now back in Sydney. The materials for the facilities building to be built on this spot (picture) have been delivered and we should have a picture for you showing progress for the next News Bulletin. In the last News Bulletin we said that Steve and his wife Doreen plan to live and work there for 3 months starting in April 2012 - there have been some takers to join Steve for some of the time. Are you interested in joining them?



## ***This Weeks Special!***

Picture - This girl is Hmong aged 11 carrying 20 Kgm of water

**BUY-A-DIGESTER**

**Yes, for this week (and the next six months) buy a biodigester for only \$499.99.**

**Normal RRP \$500.00!!!**

**Get your family / church group / service club / cellmates to club together to give a family in Ban Xai year round gas for lighting and cooking!**

## ***Action and Needs***

So John, know that this is the fourth of the updates about the Ban Xai project in Xiengkhouang Province in Lao PDR (formerly Laos).

Please forward this News Bulletin to others and encourage them to join MiVAC at [www.mivactrust.org](http://www.mivactrust.org). Does anyone out there know someone who might like to be the MiVAC PR representative?

If you have any fund raising ideas or you can organise a fund raiser like a backyard BBQ or a Progressive Dinner then let us know by replying to this email and we can help with Information, Pictures, DVD, and Pamphlets.

For direct donations please go to [www.mivactrust.org](http://www.mivactrust.org) or send your donation to The Secretary, MiVAC Trust, PO Box 967, Sandy Bay TAS 7006.

**Please remember to add something in the BLOG.**

**Take action - you can assist!**

From the Ban Xai Team