## UNITED STATES-LAOS PARTNERSHIP



- Since the U.S.-Lao Comprehensive
  Partnership Agreement was signed
  in 2016, expanded investments in
  health, education, and economic
  growth have exceeded \$141 million.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's McGovern-Dole Food for Education Program has provided \$54 million in agricultural commodities and other assistance for school lunches and nutrition assistance to school children in rural areas of Laos.
- The United States is the largest donor for unexploded ordnance clearance in Laos, contributing total funds of \$120 million from 2016 to present.







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## **HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT**

- The United States, through USAID, has invested more than \$14 million in education assistance programs in Laos, including in **Savannakhet Province** from 2016 to present.
- USDA's McGovern-Dole school lunch program invests in underdeveloped districts of four southern provinces and four northern provinces including **Luang Namtha**, with a total investment of \$54 million from 2016 to present.

#### **SECURITY COOPERATION**

- The United States is the largest donor to unexploded ordnance clearance programs in Laos, including in Xieng Khouang Province, investing \$120 million from 2016 to present.
- Development assistance projects designed to support enhanced rule of law including programs to counter trafficking in persons are being implemented in many areas of Laos including **Champassak Province**, with total nationwide funding in excess of \$14 million from 2016 to present.

#### **ECONOMIC COOPERATION**

- U.S. foreign direct investment in Laos includes the \$50 million Coca-Cola Bottling Plant in Vientiane Province, near the nation's capital.
- USAID-funded projects to promote economic growth and agricultural development are underway in numerous provinces, including **Salavan Province**, for a total investment of more than \$16.5 million from 2016 to present.

### **HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

- The United States has provided more than \$7.5 million to support Laos to stop the spread of COVID-19.
   This includes the provision of laboratory and medical equipment, technical assistance, risk communication, and training for thousands of frontline health workers throughout the Lao PDR.
- The Lao-American Nutrition Institute recently opened in Vientiane and is one example of the \$11.5 million that the United States has invested throughout the country to help improve nutrition.
- Humanitarian assistance projects such as schools, clinics, blood banks and hospitals have been built by the United States in Laos, including in **Attapeu Province**, representing a total investment of more than \$4 million from 2016 to present.







Champassak

Coca-Cola





**Attapeu**