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| **Assignment Name:**  | **Country** |
| **Beng Alternative Development Project** | **Lao PDR** |
| **Location Within Country** | **Professional Staff Provided by RDS** |
| **Oudomxai Province** | **Tony Bott** |
| **Name of Client** | **Sousada WID/IGA / Khamfong Crops / Peng NTFP** |
| **UNDCP** | **No. of Staff** |
| **Start date (Mth/Yr) Completion date (Mth/Yr)** | **4** |
| **Oct - Nov 2000** | **No.of Staff Months** |
| **Address:** | **4** |
| **UNDCP - Vientiane Lao PDR** | **Approx. Value of Services** |
| **Name of Senior Staff** | **USD$15,000** |
| **Ms. Muriel Schimmer - UNDCP Program Officer Vientiane.** |  |
| **Brief Description of Project** |  |
| To develop and introduce sustainable farming systems and other income generation activities to replace opium as the core cash crop. Poverty reduction and health improvement. Rural infrastructure development, roads, water supply. |
| **Detailed description of Actual Services Provided by Company Personnel** |
| Design a comprehensive participatory study to examine current livelihood systems and sources of food and income, identify opportunities based upon local existing capacities of community and environment. Identify infrastructure needs.Conduct household livelihood analyses, review transportation and access for both marketing and social use.Examine constraints and problems/issues to be addressed in formulating action plans for income generation activities, micro-credit and savings,, and sustainable exploitation and NTFP processing and marketing, opportunities for alternative crops such as coffee, tea.Investigate market opportunities and constraints. Propose community based producer and marketing networks.Supervised team of 3 Lao consultants to implement the study in target villages, conduct and facilitate participatory fact finding and needs analysis. Analyse finding and make recommendations for amendments to project design and strategies. |