

We need your help! 🙏

**The end of 2025 is approaching fast...
What's new with our **UFL** project “[à l'Unisson France Laos](#)”?**

The project bringing France and Laos together is essential. Why? Can you think of anything more precious than protecting our children in an aging world?

Since day one, we have been working on the common thread of history, language, and solidarity-based partnership. Our commitment is rooted in Franco-Laotian friendship, bringing together generations, from the end of life to childhood, with sustainable lifestyles for “aging well together for a long time.”

Faced with global warming, Laos will be increasingly exposed to flooding and socio-economic issues will multiply tenfold. We must redefine how we live with nature and transform resilience into renewal. This is the whole point of the [OUI ENSEMBLE](#) citizen project, which is moving forward in unison between France and Laos with a philosophical thought: “Don't small streams make big rivers?!”

*“ Today, **UFL** has been tasked with building a duplicable Pilot school canteen in Luang Prabang to address **child malnutrition** in Laos, which affects 1 in 3 children, with lasting repercussions on their health and education. This model, based on a primary school with bilingual Lao French classes, is supported by the Laotian Ministry of Education's District Office.”*

UFL Objectives :

- ① Support the project through quality control to build a replicable pilot school canteen while staying within the budget of €28,749.
- ② Provide healthy food to ensure balanced nutrition and good health for 400 children. Agile collaborative approach with the [Sisters of Charity of Luang Prabang](#), based on an exchange of experiences on the short supply chain from farm to fork.

 **Hongkham, school principal:** *“This canteen is much more than just walls. It's a place where children will grow up healthy with the energy they need to learn and thrive.”*

 **Health impact:** *“A healthy diet to prevent **deficiencies** and **diseases**, complemented by sports activities to promote **balance**, **physical growth**, and **mental well-being**. No pesticides, GMOs, or other additives harmful to health, and awareness of the impact of plastic waste in the food chain by providing meals that **preserve long-term health**.”*

 **Stable environment:** *“A canteen with several table services where children eat well, in a **safe space** and a **stable environment** where they can move, flourish, and grow, **concentrating better in class so they can learn calmly**.”*

 **Pilot model for the country:** *“Use climate-appropriate **construction techniques**. Encourage the **continued employment** of local human resources. Prioritize **short supply chains** between the land and the plate.”*



Where are our expenditure items for this canteen?

Cost of building canteen	€28,749
• Labor (trained local craftsmen)	€6,452
• Materials (bricks, tiles, electricity, etc.)	€20,697
• UFL quality control	€1,600



Our duty of transparency to earn your trust!

Our [general data sources](#): estimate for 120 m²:

- Low range: 120 m² × \$250/m² = \$30,000
- High range: 120 m² × \$600/m² = \$72,000

Our canteen budget of €28,287 for 120 m² corresponds to a cost per m² of €236. This is competitive and realistic compared to Asian standards, and even economical given the use of local materials (bamboo, wood, brick) and local labor.

Nevertheless, following detailed studies of more recent cases of school canteen construction in Laos and Cambodia, with concrete data on costs, stakeholders, and results, the costs observed for canteens of similar size (100-150 m²) vary between €20,000 and €50,000, depending on materials and equipment. In comparison, our budget of €28,287 is below the median cost. This cost is even more reasonable given the requirement for high-quality construction, as Luang Prabang is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

→ **Total transparency** with donors and sponsors, who have become very wary, which we understand given all the abuses that have occurred. The decision to implement self-monitoring between partners was therefore taken, because trust does not preclude monitoring. On the contrary, it provides reassurance in the face of human error.

Consequently, **Hongkham** (primary school principal), **Sister Viensavang** (head of the Sisters of Charity of Luang Prabang), and **Chansy** (president of the UFL association) will collaborate in a win-win tripartite partnership around a common goal.

In addition, each donor will be able to receive invoices upon request. Virtual tours to follow the progress of the work will be posted on our website.



Help us validate our pilot school!

💡 Faced with socio-cultural challenges that are similar all over the world, shouldn't we **pool our strengths and experiences for the future of our children and grandchildren who need us**, and whom we also need?



Where are we now?

Thanks to our first donors, we have already raised €7,465.



[A huge thank you to all of you!](#)

With a target of €28,749, we still need to raise €21,284, or 74% of our total requirement.

 **Your support matters!** “A donation, a share, or a connection can make a difference. Join us in giving children a healthy and stable future!”.

Your **donation** will not only fund a canteen, but also a school model with replicable bilingual Lao French classes. By helping us launch this project, designed in unison between our [France](#) and [Laos](#) initiatives, you are contributing to the societal shift we must all embrace!”

 **Your role is key!** What's more, you:

- ✓ **Join a community committed** to French Lao friendship for a future of solidarity and openness to the world.
- ✓ **Benefit from visibility** in a meaningful pilot project.

 **Did you know** that with UFL, your support has twice the impact than elsewhere? 

...Because UFL works with **collective intelligence**, mutual respect, and lasting connections within its Franco-Laotian citizen movement. → Thanks to a shared vision to **respond to the social and societal challenges** of today and tomorrow, and solutions with controlled budgets.

...Because this canteen project is set to spread: The Lao French bilingual primary school in the city of Luang Prabang has been chosen by the Director of the Laotian Ministry of Education for the Luang Prabang District to become a **pilot model** for school infrastructure and healthy eating.

...Because  **400 children** will immediately benefit from healthy meals and an improved educational environment. And **many more** will benefit tomorrow thanks to the replication of the model.

 **How can you participate in our initiative?**

- Want to join us and contribute your skills?** We need professionals from a range of sectors who are committed to children's health, including nutritionists!
- Donate?** By bank transfer: [Bank details link](#) (*Donation without bank fees*)

 **Your counterparts:**

Every euro counts for UFL, whether it is for your support in the [construction of the school canteen](#) or for helping [disadvantaged children](#) who will be monitored by the **Sisters of Charity of Luang Prabang**.

- **€5+:** Thank you very much for your invaluable support. Your name will be joined by those of the wonderful volunteers who support us and will be signed on the canteen wall in the Franco-Laotian friendship chain.
- **€500+:** A symbolic brick personalized with your name.
- **€5,000+:** A commemorative plaque with your name.