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2025: The year of alignment between the teams in France and Laos. We worked on laying the foundations for a sustainable and inclusive future designed to [counteract a dehumanized world](#):

*"The concept of **Aging Well Together for a Long Time** is when [ethics and agility reinvent solidarity](#) to build a future, a necessity in the face of the environmental structure that shapes the epidemiology we must confront. Because the environmental and social crisis is no longer a distant threat: it is already reshaping the face of our health and that of future generations before our very eyes. Taking care of ourselves, our loved ones, and the planet is one and the same struggle. Every gesture, every choice counts, so that small actions become the great transformations of tomorrow!"*



So why wait !?



The symbolism of **Oui Ensemble, designed in unison between France and Laos, is part of the [dynamic of the unicorn](#) that we all carry within us: a uniqueness, a strength, a dream...**

A unicorn, a symbol of hope and boldness, standing tall in its boots, comes to life to prove that another societal model is possible, where no generation is sacrificed and where every skill, young or experienced, finds its place. A unicorn with a philosophy in action attached to a backbone that is articulated around:

- 1 **Individual support** so that each journey is unique, with every skill in its right place.
- 2 **An alliance between all stakeholders** (organizations of all legal statuses and solopreneurs) to create an inclusive ecosystem.
- 3 **Measurable social impact** to make progress visible, because transformation is experienced, shared, and evaluated.

2025 was a year when commitment revealed its limits... but also its ability to reinvent itself. Between disillusionment and inspiring encounters, each obstacle became an opportunity to build **Oui Ensemble** which unites generations and transcends borders:



With [ACTION FRANCE](#) moving forward along the guiding principle of alignment between teams!



With [ACTION LAOS](#) moving forward along the guiding principle of alignment between teams!



Our strategic directions for 2026?  

The past year marks an important turning point for us, with our puzzle taking shape, piece by piece. Because it is by uniting our strengths and our dreams that we will fully realize our unicorn dynamic: → That of a collective impact, amplified by the intelligence of our collaborations. Our [Who are we?](#) web page will be update...

PROGRESS OF ACTION LAOS

Under the auspices of the association UFL (à l'Unisson France-Laos) French law of 1901

On the guiding principle of alignment between teams in Laos and France:



We have brought together partners to improve solutions.



True to our unicorn dynamic, we are mobilizing key players!

Dr. Phonmeck, a physician trained in France, former Minister of Health, and current President of Laotian Physicians, has been a key ally since the inception of our project. It is a relationship forged by friendship and brotherhood that is constantly evolving. It is a relationship rich in bonds that are passed down from generation to generation, nestled at the heart of our balance and health, cultivating a unified vision of medicine, where Western and Eastern knowledge complement each other to preserve what connects us and helps us grow together.

After exploring our website Oui-Ensemble.org, Dr. Phonmeck shared our concept of **Aging Well Together for a Long Time** with influential figures who praised its relevance in meeting the expectations of both France and Laos. He advised us to strengthen our legitimacy by informing the embassy in Paris of the existence of our organization **Oui Ensemble**, which will enable us to benefit from its support in the event of future obstacles. He connected us with Franco-Laotian doctors who are themselves linked to associations active in Laos and to the Laotian embassy in Paris.

 **This support from Laos complements the opinion given by [France Strategy](#), which selected the **Oui Ensemble** project in two of the seven areas of focus in its call for projects.**

- This step is in line with the values described on our website, because in the event of disagreement on objectives, we prefer clarity to compromise, without beating around the bush or wasting time.



2022 IRASEC DATA: Lao Prime Minister Phankham himself admitted that nepotism, embezzlement and lax management were the main causes of the losses recorded by Lao public companies.

- This step completes our Health section: → With Pierre BOISMARD and his NGO ONG [Lao Friends Hospital for Children](#). → With Claudine CHICAN and her association [Médecins de Pakbeng](#). → With Cyrille VONGSOUTH and his association [Promotion des neurosciences au Laos](#).



True to our unicorn dynamic, we work with collective intelligence!

Summary of activities being implemented in Luang Prabang:

- 1 A field-proven activity:** [sponsoring disadvantaged children](#) in cooperation with the community of Sisters of Charity in Luang Prabang.
- 2 A collaborative initiative:** the development of the “[Club Francophonie Luang Prabang](#)” set up by Michel DELAFON with the support of Bounmy KEOSAVAT.

This club provides an ideal framework for [transparent and effective action](#) in the face of globalization, which poses a risk of cultural uniformity. Because the Francophonie, with the French language as its common bond and driving force behind all its activities (*321 million French speakers worldwide*), has been committed to cultural and linguistic diversity since its inception.

The collaboration between UFL and “Club Francophonie LP” is even more important given that Michel, after joining social organizations and humanitarian NGOs, created his own company in Vietnam in the field of training and education, offering continuing education for adults, marketing and strategic project planning/management, and leadership coaching.

Today, Michel plans to support entrepreneurial skills in Laos with the aim of guiding them towards financial independence.

- 36 members of the UFL team have joined the Club: Chansy UPRAVAN + Yannick GOUY + Bounmy KEOSAVAT + Florent LAVABRE + Denis BASTARD + Bonnie LI + Gilles LORGEOU + Khammy + Anthony PIRAINO + Xavier Pradel + Manivanh JOY and her team of French teachers (Khamson SENG ALOUN + Southida INSOMPHONE + Thepphalack BOUPPHAPHANH + Saylom DOUANGMALA + Bouangeun THAMMAVONG + Bounkong THIENGCHANHOM + Thongsay MANIVONG + Sombath THONETHONGDETH + Chanpheng KEOSAVATH + Olé VILAYNAK + Anousack NOLOKHAM + Naphaphone HOUNGALOUNE + Phouvong PANGNASIRI + Phonesack SAYAPHONH + Kalounkone LITLINTHONG) + Hongkham PHENGSAVONG and her team of French teachers (Chansamone SIVILAY + Champhone SISOUPHAN + Somsack PHONGSAVATH + Paphatsone SISALET + Phonsanith KENKHAM + Phonpadith CHANTHALEUXAY + Chandara HATSOUMALY), Tamonh MISAVATH et Pui TANDALA, 2 members of the French-speaking [Guides Association](#).
- One member of the Club joined the UFL team: Tiao Inthasone KOUNLAVOUTH.

3 An activity launched in collaboration with Alexandre GILARDEAU, coordinator of the [French Institute in Luang Prabang](#). Common goal: To pool resources around the French language to strengthen its acquisition. The institute is responsible for the educational courses, while UFL, via the “Club Francophonie LP,” is responsible for the interactive conversation workshops led by Denis BASTARD. These workshops enable participants to gain fluency, confidence, and naturalness in speaking. Alexandre suggested that we inform the French Embassy in Vientiane about our [Oui Ensemble](#) project. Once the surprise had passed, we decided to go ahead with it. Indeed, our previous attempts to approach the former embassy team had been met with systematic rejection, so we changed tack.

4 An ongoing project in partnership with the Ministry of Education: the [construction of a pilot canteen](#) at the Vat Nong French Bilingual Primary School, a UNESCO-protected site. A model to be replicated, a human adventure to be shared.

The Laotian Ministry of Environment has taken charge of waste management. For their expertise on the issue of plastic waste, we are working as a team with [Serge DOUSSANTOUSSE](#) and his Green Vientiane project, as well as with [Dr Pierre-Alain DANIS](#).



Serge

Local customs and traditions are based on collective mutual aid, including that of the family unit.

In this context, teachers organize the resale of products within the elementary school to generate additional income. However, these products are made with additives that are harmful to health.

Finding alternatives is also part of the search for solutions **!?**



A collaboration is taking shape with [Philippe SCHMIDT](#) (fair trade organic food project).

We will start by offering healthy cereal bars and chips developed under the supervision of nutritionists and scientists. These products, which will be sold by the school's teachers, will provide balanced and affordable snacks, while supporting an ethical and responsible approach. It is also a gesture towards Laos' circular economy, from the land to the plate.



5 Two activities in the cultural and artistic field are currently in development:

- The song **Oui Ensemble**, written by Anthony PIRAINO, is currently being handled by a producer in Italy for recording, mixing, and mastering. Marty ODDÉS will then take over its distribution.
- Peter Livermore (*film maker expert on Laotian culture*) and Sean Chadwell (*director of Luang Prabang Blue Chair Festival: screening of films from Southeast Asia*) propose promoting **Oui Ensemble** with a screening of the film [SOLIDREAM](#) at the French Institute, under the banner “Films Around Town” as part of the festival program. Theme: “A friendship in pursuit of a dream.” → [Project Hook](#).

6 An upcoming activity, supported by Asoka RASPHONE, former First Consul at the Lao Embassy in Paris and currently in a senior position at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Vientiane: Renovation of the Vat Nong Primary and Nursery School, a UNESCO-protected heritage site. While waiting to receive the building plans archived at the Heritage Department, Yannick GOUY has carried out a technical assessment of all the premises. Gilles LORGEOU remains on standby. Over time, he has undertaken renovations on this school and will reactivate his network if necessary.

On the guiding principle of alignment between teams in Laos and France:

 **We supported Hongkham, director of the French Bilingual Primary School, with her project to build a replicable pilot school cafeteria.**



But we are facing the context of new challenges for associations under the 1901 law!

The year 2025 was complicated in terms of fundraising due to the lack of ethics on the part of French associations and other actors. Donors became increasingly cautious, not to mention the socio-economic issues with the unstable and unpredictable geopolitical landscape.

While waiting to secure funding, we are simultaneously launching the food program so that the cafeteria can become a place where children grow up healthy, with the energy they need to learn and thrive.



Proposal for healthy eating to ensure balance 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.

  **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**.



To support the initiative, a key partner will be joining Hongkham and his team:



The intergenerational project **Oui Ensemble**, registered in Laos under the legal status of the **UFL** association (**Unison France Laos**), is designed to reinvent the future with young people.

We have therefore decided to cooperate with **students from the Grenoble School of Management** under the auspices of their non-profit [association SOS](#) (Savoir Oser la Solidarité), to support the realization of our humanist vision by pooling experiences and skills.

Each year, for three weeks, 11 French students will come on site to ensure that the activities carried out are properly understood and to monitor progress in line with the objectives:

- Co-development of teaching tools tailored to crowdfunding objectives.
- Support for teachers to become active advocates.
- Leading classes (languages, math, sports) and prevention initiatives (hygiene, climate, waste management, etc.).
- Adapting the concept of a Pilot Leisure Center, which will be tested for:
 - Bring children together around the French language and socialization.
 - Optimize learning through fun, educational, and sports activities.
 - Create a replicable model based on the energy of students (French- and English-speaking).



To support the initiative, three partners will assist the Franco-Laotian team, with **Bounmy KEOSAVAT** responding to specific translation needs:

Sister Viengsavanh *Promoting knowledge exchange between the land and the plate*

- Openness and sharing: welcoming students to the center for the deaf and mute, as well as to a home dedicated to young girls.
- Sustainable agriculture: thanks to land dedicated to organic farming and a farm, she offers students immersion in agricultural practices that are socially responsible and environmentally friendly.

Denis BASTARD *Retired French national education teacher and private sector entrepreneur*

- Active support: integrated into the local community, he will work alongside students from the Grenoble School of Management.
- Solidarity accommodation: owner of the [Sa Sa Lao Guest House](#), he offers students preferential rates for their stay.
- Ecological commitment: he volunteers his electric boat, [Sa Sa Cruise Sun Set](#), to clean up floating debris from the Mekong River. This initiative allows children from the primary school and the Center for the Deaf and Mute to enjoy a sunset cruise while raising their awareness of eco-friendly practices.

Michel DELAFON *Entrepreneur expert*

- Skills support: Depending on needs, Michel is available to support the development of entrepreneurial skills on site, backed by [Inthasone KOUNLAVOUTH](#), who has undertaken to support disadvantaged children with his soccer team, and [Bonnie Li](#), a Hong Kong-based export-import entrepreneur committed to eco-responsible development.



[Action Laos](#)

Activity Child Sponsorship In Luang Prabang Up dated 2026



[Action France](#)

Origin of OUI Ensemble and project ambition

OUI Ensemble was born out of experience managing projects in Laos with the non-profit organization UFL (Unison France Laos). The project aims to build an inclusive and sustainable future by optimizing the use of funds dedicated to solidarity-based development in the face of growing challenges for associations (financial resources, internal management, regulations).

Innovation and cooperation

Faced with increased donor mistrust and the need to pool resources, the project proposes a new form of local, national, and international collaboration based on federation rather than competition. The aim is to create a model that can be replicated between developed and developing countries in response to demographic, social, and environmental upheavals (aging populations, declining working-age populations, increasing precariousness, climate disruption, etc.).

Context and partnerships

During the UFL mission to Luang Prabang (October 2025 - January 2026), regarding the sponsorship of four children, the team noted that only Phout was continuing his education at Hat Hiene School.

Consequently, a tripartite cooperation agreement was established with the [Sisters of Charity of Luang Prabang](#), who are based in Luang Prabang and recognized for their ethics and excellence, to ensure the long-term monitoring of the children in their care. This partnership is based on a win-win approach and mutual self-monitoring to guarantee transparency and efficiency.

- **The three key players:** → **The Ministry of Education**, represented by Piscina SINGVONGSOTH (Head of School Development at the Luang Prabang Education Office) and Hongkham PHENGSAVONG (Principal of the Lao French bilingual school), who liaised with Phetsamone CHANTHAVONG (Principal of Hat Hiene School). → **The UFL association**, represented by Chansy UPRAVAN (President). → **The community of Sisters of Charity in Luang Prabang**, represented by Sister Viengsavanh MANIVONH, the person in charge.
- **The common goal:** To create a sustainable, transparent, and replicable model of cooperation to address social and educational challenges in Laos.

APPLICATION 2026: CARE FOR 5 DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN, INCLUDING PHOUT

PURPOSE OF THE ACTION: To keep children in school under the best possible conditions.

To ensure that the children in our care are monitored seriously and sustainably, it has been agreed that:

- **Sister Viengsavanh** and her team will be responsible for providing comprehensive support to the five children, using the tools they have developed to ensure appropriate care.

→ A detailed profile will be created for each child, listing their individual needs [food, school supplies, physical appearance/personal hygiene (school uniform, shoes, toiletries)].

A summary of the support provided, and expenses incurred will be sent to the children's sponsors via the **UFL** association. **Phetsamone, Piscina** and **Hongkham** will be copied on the correspondence.

Regarding medical care: children will receive free care until the age of 15 from the NGO [Lao Friends Hospital for Children](#), led by **Pierre Boismard**, a French compatriot with whom we are partnering. The care provided is, of course, limited to the services available at the hospital. (For example, there is no ophthalmology department. Eye examinations will be carried out at Luang Prabang Provincial Hospital, where consultations are subject to a fee).

- **The UFL association** will ensure that funds are received to meet the identified needs of the five children.

To begin their care in 2026, **UFL** will transfer to **Sister Viengsavanh** the sum of **€1,277**, corresponding to the annual needs identified in 2025 for the first [four children to be sponsored](#).



N°1 Phout Déc.24



N°2 Bim Déc.25



N°3 Detsa Déc.25



N°4 Phouttham Déc.25



N°5 Chanmy Déc.25



Phetsamone, Piscina, Hongkham,
Gilles (UFL), Sœur Viengsavanh, Chansy



Yannick (UFL)

OBJECTIVES OF THE “FRANCOPHONIE CLUBS”

This project is a free, private, non-profit, and apolitical initiative present in 90 French-speaking countries.

The main objective is to share knowledge and ideas within the French-speaking world by enabling individuals to meet and get to know each other:

- Share the French language as a vehicle for exchange and cooperation for co-development and multilingualism.
- Facilitate Francophone exchanges and cooperation in all areas.
- Contact and meet new people. Get to know each other and cooperate on new projects.

PS: Members' contact details are available on the WhatsApp page of the “Club Francophonie” to which they belong. Anyone can chat freely with the group or contact a member privately.

OBJECTIVES OF THE “CLUB FRANCOPHONIE LUANG PRABANG”

For the “Club Francophonie Luang Prabang” (which will work in synergy with those in Vientiane and Pakse), we held a brainstorming meeting. Initial ideas selected by the entrepreneurial profiles present:

① **Denis BASTARD** (based in Luang Prabang) → Support French language learning through interactive conversation workshops and deploy members working in the environmental field in France and Laos.

② **Gilles LORGEOU** (based in France) → Be a correspondent for French conversation via WhatsApp, an idea to be developed. Mentor to two young Laotians enrolled in courses at the French Institute, suggestion to link these courses with those of Denis to optimize French language acquisition.

③ **Chansy UPRAVAN** (based in France) → Deploy French members working in the health sector to collaborate with Laotian doctors who speak French and/or want to improve their French. If necessary, in the event of a diagnosed condition that requires confirmation and/or serious follow-up care, provide French doctors' advice to members of the “Club Francophonie LP.”

④ **Yannick GOUY** (based in France) → Bring together members in the construction industry for projects that require skills in renovation and construction.

⑤ **Bonnie LI** (based in Luang Prabang) → Support the learning of English and Chinese.

⑥ **Inthasone KOUNLAVOUTH** (based in Luang Prabang) → Set up a tool for organizing members to facilitate networking by highlighting their skills and areas of activity listed in cooperation. Everyone will be free to register their interests and other details...

PROGRESS OF ACTION FRANCE

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We have been at the forefront of the challenges faced by associations under the 1901 law.

Reminder: After being selected by [France Strategy](#), we were encouraged by **France Experimentation** to team up with community organizations to strengthen collective action. This is because, despite the essential role of solidarity and mutual aid played by these organizations, which complement the work of public authorities, they are often run by volunteers and struggle to survive in the face of financial, human, and organizational pressures.

After approaching associations, their surprised reaction confirmed a need: innovation yes, but without destabilizing. Consequently, we choose to listen and adapt our approach to make it a lever for resilience to respond to the realities on the ground, without imposing a sudden break with their practices.

What is the situation today !? In 2025, a pivotal year: the commitment has reached its limits.

And that's where it all begins, with beautiful promises, including a hopeful initiative that appealed to us: a call to support associations in their development so that they can better respond to the challenges of our time. Attracted by this proposal, we requested a meeting to imagine together a concrete and human collaboration... The answer? No dialogue: just a set price for access to volunteer skills, presented as a gesture of solidarity.

Our questions: In a world where systems are showing their flaws, is volunteering, born of selfless enthusiasm and now turning into a transaction, a symbol of France going astray? And doesn't our lack of openness to others betray our difficulty in questioning ourselves, in overcoming our individual reflexes to embrace a collective vision? If we prioritize short-lived publicity stunts over social sustainability, if we act in a fragmented manner rather than with overall consistency, are we not at risk of remaining prisoners of our own dead ends? Isn't it a challenge today to work together to reinvent a way of writing the rules and living by them, rather than just changing them?

Fortunately, in a world searching for guidance, we encounter inspiring people who remind us that dialogue, law, and peace remain powerful tools for action. For **Oui Ensemble**, this quest is embodied daily through:

- **Connection** → That which unites generations, knowledge, and dreams of a shared future.
- **A common heritage** → That of the French language and a history that transcends borders, inspiring us in our futuristic ambition.
- **Action** → Through peace and law, which are not utopian ideals but realities for co-building a more inclusive future.

On the guiding principle of alignment between teams in France and Laos:



We have approached new unicorns.



The links between unicorns will be detailed at the General Meetings of our two associations: This point will be illustrated with the profiles of members who have joined our LinkedIn networks.



Elodie MONDIELLI joins Oui Ensemble SAS FRANCE: Every piece of our puzzle matters, and Elodie completes it, ensuring the consistency of our approach with her ability to connect people and organizations.

Social innovation is built together. And as is often the case in hybrid projects, diversity is strength. Élodie has been working for over 20 years on issues related to social health, cohesion, education, prevention, and territorial innovation, with her unchanging approach: anticipating, structuring, and connecting to build effective and coherent human pathways.

As ambassador for the Bouches-du-Rhône department within the French Federation for Social Connections, she bases her work on a vision in which relationships, cooperation, and social impact become major drivers of change. A woman of both action and strategy, our approach to projects resonates strongly with her own: starting with meaning, real-world functioning, and people, so that the economic system is then coherent and sustainable.

- She clearly understood our desire to put people back at the heart of our work, without ever losing sight of one essential question: how can we enable everyone to get involved, create value, and earn a fair and sustainable living?
- She emphasized that the structure we have created between the conceptual SAS, the cooperatives, and the association seemed to her to respond precisely to this challenge: protecting the thinking, tools, and methodology, while remaining deeply rooted in the reality on the ground.
- She understood the importance we placed on methodology over price: establishing a solid, proven framework that has already proven its worth, while “dusting it off” in line with social and societal changes.

It is in this context that Élodie joins the Oui Ensemble adventure, and she will gradually and thoughtfully contribute her **key expertise** to our team:



Social Strategy and Policy: Design and management of strategic frameworks. - Organizational transformation and public policy development. - Systemic approach (autonomy, social cohesion, education, prevention).

Cross-functional Management & Transformation: - Change management. - Steering multi-stakeholder initiatives. - Management of multidisciplinary teams and national networks.

Health, Social Services, and Regional Coordination: - Complex care pathways (autonomy, disability, mental health, aging). - Hospital/city/regional coordination. - Reducing disruptions and streamlining care pathways.

Advocacy, communication & public intelligence: Production of strategic notes and guidance documents. - Institutional advocacy with elected officials, administrations, and partners. - Dissemination of clear and shared frameworks.

Social innovation & project engineering: - Designing innovative and replicable solutions. - Impact analysis, evaluation, consistency indicators. - Deployment of tools, standards, and methodologies.

Partnerships and ecosystems: Development of local, national, and international collaborations. - Network facilitation and territorial co-construction. - Institutional, associative, and private cooperation.

Accessibility, inclusion & prevention: Inclusive educational policies. - Prevention of vulnerabilities. - Accessibility policies and territorial consistency.

Digital transformation & modernization: Administrative simplification. - Social information systems, digital pathways, decision-making tools. - Modernization of practices and organizations.



A community of French-speaking application developers: It was created to be a space for developers to exchange ideas, help each other, and share opportunities.

It should be noted that 90 states and governments are members of the OIF (International Organization of La Francophonie), including several countries in Southeast Asia and Africa. This network, built on friendship and a shared linguistic and historical heritage, aligns with our vision of unity between France and Laos. In addition, one of the members of SAS Oui Ensemble has a project in the works between France and Congo.

This group has naturally caught our attention in the context of the deployment of the centerpiece of the Oui Ensemble puzzle: an intuitive, supportive, and scalable computer system designed to make our **humanistic vision scalable**. We are on the lookout for partners or service providers who share our social and societal values, and for now we are participating as observers...