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LAO RUGBY

# Annual Report 2009

The Lao Rugby Federation

A women's National Team player leads the way against Cambodia



## President's Words

This year has been the most successful for Lao Rugby in the history of the sport in the Lao PDR. Participation in the sport, both from a playing and administrative perspective, has increased significantly as interest in the sport across the country continues to grow. The capacity of the LRF from an administrative perspective has also grown, with the LRF now having experience of hosting full international events. Some of the achievements of the LRF during 2009 include:




- Expansion of the school rugby development project to cover a total of 11 schools
- Expansion of the Silver Heritage community rugby development project to cover all of the LRF's schools and two community centres for children and youth
- Establishment of a new women's club side, the Vientiane Cheetahs
- Victory by the Women's National Sevens Team in the Asian Rugby 7s Championship Development Division, with defeats of Cambodia, Malaysia and India highlighting their campaign, with the team also winning the inaugural Mekong Shield against Cambodia
- Victory in the Asian 5 Nations Regional Competition by the Men's National Team with victories over Cambodia and Brunei, the team also retained the Mekong Cup over Cambodia
- A Lao PDR National under 20s side competing for the first time on the international stage against the Philippines, Pakistan and Iran
- Hosting a successful international rugby competition in Savannakhet, having an increase in team numbers in the annual ANZ Vientiane Rugby Tens club competition and hosting the Indochine cup, Asia's oldest club competition
- Bringing the sport to a wider audience with provincial outreach activities in Savannakhet and Luang Prabang
- Taking a stronger role in institutional fundraising, with players from across the LRF's domestic teams running to Luang Prabang from Vientiane in the 'Running for Rugby' fundraiser, which raised more than 3,000 USD for the LRF
- An under 14 Lao school side beating opponents from a top rugby school in Bangkok in the first Lao-Thai Junior Friendship Competition held in Vientiane
- The establishment of quarterly residential rugby camps for junior players
- An increase in the number of qualified international volunteers working with the LRF, with support coming from Australia, Hong Kong and Singapore amongst other countries

- Certification of all LRF Rugby Development Officers with IRB Level One coaching and IRB Rugby Ready qualifications

None of these achievements would have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors and supporters. In addition, thanks must be given to the LRF staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to promote the sport and the benefits of participation in this truly global game.

Thank you all again for your support for Lao Rugby and I look forward to working with you all into 2010.



  
Mr. Virayouth Rathikoun  
President



## Introduction

The LRF currently operates within a 5 year strategic plan that defines the work of the Lao Rugby Federation. This report outlines the activities of the Lao Rugby Federation for 2009 in the context of the following 5 key areas:

**Result One: Increased participation of children and adults in rugby**

**Result Two: Increased domestic and international competition opportunities and exposure of the general public to rugby across the Lao PDR**

**Result Three: Increased participation in elite rugby**

**Result Four: Increased capacity of the LRF to deliver rugby participation opportunities that meet international sound practice standards**

**Result Five: Increased Lao institutional involvement in the sport of rugby union**

Young Players at a Training Session



## Increased participation of children and adults in rugby

Boys in action in an LRF competition



Girls make up nearly half of the LRF's players



A new player gets involved in Savannakhet



Community rugby activities in Vientiane



A young player begins her rugby career



### Expansion of school coaching sessions and carnivals to incorporate eight schools and community centres

2009 was a year that saw expansion of school and community rugby development activities. Core funding for the LRF school's development project from the Australian Government and for the LRF's community development project from Silver Heritage allowed longer-term planning for 2009 and this resulted in 11 schools and 2 children's centres participating regularly in rugby development activities. School sessions operate during term time with Rugby Development Officers running 80 minute sessions at schools, usually in the afternoon. Community rugby sessions now run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, along with a major session on Sunday mornings. These sessions are held at a central location to allow children who do not have access to a sporting facility to play; they also provide an opportunity from children from a range of backgrounds to build friendships through the medium of sport. All sessions are ran by Lao Rugby Development Officers, all of whom have international playing experience and are strong role-models for young players taking up the sport.

### Establish monthly school's 15s and women's 10s training along with quarterly matches within an age-grade domestic tournament

Activities under the Silver Heritage Community Rugby Initiative have provided a significant increase in playing opportunities for children and youth in the Lao PDR. The LRF has been fortunate to secure a training pitch that allows regular rugby to be provided to children and youth who previously had no access to a suitable venue. Access to this venue has provided regular team training opportunities and monthly competitions to be held. In addition, the LRF has begun to run quarterly residential rugby camps, a key component of which is team competition. Two of these camps were held in the second half of 2009, with 4 planned for 2010; more than 70 boys and girls attended each of these camps. Federation teams have also begun regular competitions against teams from the French School in Vientiane, with games being played at the under 14 and under 17 level.

### Establish out of term rugby playing opportunities with school children

Community rugby activities have provided significant numbers of children and youth with the opportunity to continue playing rugby outside of school terms. In addition, 3 schools have also continued to train weekly during the school holidays in their usual afternoon slots, highlighting the strong levels of interest in the sport.

### Support clubs to maintain independent sponsorship and management structures

2009 saw the continued growth of Lao Rugby's domestic clubs, with the Vientiane Cheetahs coming out of the LRF school and community rugby activities. The team is made up of a motivated group of young women and is currently under the stewardship of the LRF. The other women's domestic team, the Vientiane Lions, along with both of the men's domestic teams, all have nominated boards and are working with the LRF to bring club registration up to international standards. All clubs are



The LRF currently runs around 15 school and community rugby sessions every week. Rugby Development Officers visit schools each afternoon during the week and provide coaching through the Silver Heritage Community Rugby Initiative 3 evenings and 1 morning every week. Community rugby works with centres for vulnerable youths as well as schools and provides players with access to a safe sporting facility, something lacking in many schools and community centres. In addition, these sessions provide the opportunity for players from diverse backgrounds to build relationships through sport. The focus of these sessions is also on delivering healthy living messages and encouraging the development of key life-skills such as leadership and respect

A Rugby Development Officer works with a school team during outreach activities in Vientiane



also working hard to secure sponsorship independent of the LRF, however, in the limited sponsorship environment of the Lao PDR, some overlap does exist.

### Seeking financial support to consolidate school and community rugby development activities

Although 2010 has seen an increase in overall funding for the LRF, sponsorship levels remain the single most limiting factor to the growth of the sport. Securing core funding for school and community rugby activities was a key factor in the expansion seen across this aspect of the LRF's operations, however, funding shortfalls remain in senior domestic rugby and the risk is that players finishing school and wishing to continue playing senior rugby will find opportunities limited in the future. It is critical that the LRF can provide playing opportunities for players at all levels throughout their rugby lives.

### The Numbers

The figures below give a summary of the LRF's school and community rugby sessions: for 2009:

TOTAL SESSIONS = 367

Total School Sessions = 237

Total Community Sessions = 128

Total Residential Camps = 2

Average Number of Participants = 70

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS = 10,154

Average Number of School Participants = 15

Average Number of Community Participants = 51

Average Number of Residential Camp Participants = 70

Total Girls = 4,671 (46%)

Total Boys = 5,483 (54%)

## Increased domestic and international competition opportunities and exposure of the general public to rugby across the Lao PDR

### Providing marketing and media support to all national teams

National team media exposure was much improved during 2010.. International matches in Savannakhet were broadcast live on local TV, the women's National team were also included in international TV coverage on ESPN and the IRB's Total Rugby. Web and news presence was also much increased, with the LRF website hosting all of the LRF-issued press releases. Locally, 15 National team related news articles were carried in local print media and strong crowds were present at international games held in Savannakhet.

The LRF also established a Facebook page to highlight both national teams and dedicated webpages have been set-up to give website visitors an opportunity to see what happens when National teams compete.

2009 also saw the LRF develop some strong video media, all of which is hosted on the LRF's YouTube page, with an ANZ Bank supported women's rugby short in particular attracting some positive attention.

### Encouraging LRF clubs to play regular domestic matches

During 2009, men's teams played 12 games women's teams 22 times. In addition, sides also had the opportunity to play in Luang Prabang in exhibition matches aimed at raising the profile of the sport outside of Vientiane.

Both men's club sides have also established development teams to provide younger players with the opportunity to play regular competitive rugby under the banner of a Vientiane club side.



Kids enjoy a tackling drill (far left)

A player takes a big tackle in a school game (left)



A women's side takes on an Isaan University (left)

An under 20s National Team player warms up in the Philippines





## Supporting LRF clubs to play regular competitive matches

In addition to the domestic games played during 2009, a number of further games and competitions occurred during the year. January saw the biggest Vientiane International Tens competition to date take place, with 6 women's team and 12 men's teams, along with a youth division. The Vientiane Buffalos also hosted teams from Vietnam and Cambodia in the 2010 Indochine Cup. A number of games against opposition from Isaan (10) also took place during 2009 for men's and women's team in both Vientiane and various Isaan locations including Khon Kaen, Mahasalakham and Roi-Et.

## Promoting and playing school carnivals and 15s competitions

Playing opportunities during the second half of 2009 have increased significantly due to the LRF's newly acquired training facility. Having this pitch available has meant that weekly community rugby sessions are now able to end with a competitive element to allow teams to develop their playing skills. This has included both 7s, 10s and 15s forms of the sport to allow players to experience all forms of the game. Games typically occurred at least twice per month since the LRF took over the new facility in September. Prior to that, competitions were played monthly throughout the year with the exception of April.

## Seeking financial support to provide playing opportunities

The LRF has struggled throughout 2010 to secure a platinum sponsor and the men's national team remains without a sponsor or financial support for the 2010 international season. However, continued support from ANZ, positive news in late 2009 from both EDF and the Australian Government and an increase in fundraising revenue has meant that the LRF has been able to continue offering rugby playing opportunities across all levels of competition. Nonetheless, the lack of available funds to support national team preparations, particularly the men's national team, is a cause for concern moving into 2010.

The LRF expanded fundraising activities in 2009 and undertook the first Running for Rugby event, which saw players from 4 domestic clubs running to Luang Prabang from Vientiane and raising money through sponsorship. The event saw the match ball for the first Luang Prabang Derby being carried up by players for the entire journey. Finally, Lock Stock and Barrel, an Australian wine distributor, were a positive example of how businesses overseas can support Lao Rugby. The business hosted a fundraising event tied in with promoting their services and products, whilst highlighting the development work of the LRF. The LRF will seek to establish more links with businesses keen on supporting Lao rugby.

## Securing a dedicated rugby ground in Vientiane

The Lao Rugby Federation, with the support of Vientiane Direct Supplies, has secured a training venue in Nakhouay village that is available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and all day on Sunday. This facility is a stop-gap to allow the federation to develop playing capacity whilst working with partners to secure a permanent and secure rugby facility. The facility is used to capacity and also has on-site storage for equipment.

A battle-damaged school shirt does nothing to reduce enthusiasm



Tackling safety demonstrated by a Rugby Development Officer



The Running for Rugby fundraiser brought in 3,000 USD for the LRF in 2009



## Increased participation in elite rugby

A women's national team player



A women's line-out win



A tough tackle from a Lao winger (blue)



A Lao v Cambodia line-out



A victorious men's national team captain



### National men's 15s team and women's 10s team international matches

The Lao Men's National Team produced their best year of rugby to date. The team played in the IRB Asian 5 Nations Regional Tournament in Savannakhet against Cambodia and Brunei. The Lao side beat both their opponents in front of a home crowd, the first time such a tournament has been played in the Lao PDR, to be crowned division champions, another first for the Lao side. The team also retained the Mekong Cup, contested over two games against Cambodia in Savannakhet and Phnom Penh. In 2009 approximately 90% of the national team consisted of Lao nationals, testament to the growing strength and development of rugby in the Lao PDR, with the remaining squad members made up of other nationalities who had qualified through the International Rugby Board's 36-month residency rule. A men's 7s side also competed in the IRB sevens competition in Brunei against some of the best teams in Asia; although the team found the competition tough, solid international experience was gained and the team will build on their performances.

In 2009 the Lao Women's National Team built on their successes of the past two years by winning the development division title at the IRB Asian Women's 7s Championship in Pattaya, Thailand and the inaugural Mekong Shield match against Cambodia in Phnom Penh. The girls lost one game out of their seven, a phenomenal achievement for Lao women's rugby. The match against Cambodia for the Mekong Shield was also the first official international 10s match for the Lao side, and represented a flawless execution of many months of preparation and hard work. In 2009 every player representing the Lao PDR women's side were Lao nationals, a clear signal of the growing force of women's rugby in the region.

### National men's fifteen squad and women's ten squad selection and training

The Lao National Men's Team underwent a rigorous training schedule in preparation for their international matches and tournaments. An initial squad of 30 players was selected to train and vie for positions and this was further cut to match day squads of 22. Training sessions were run three times per week and five preparation matches were held against a Vientiane select side. This year also saw a number of players taking the initiative in their training and preparation for competitions to gain an edge over their competitors.

The Lao Women's National Team also adhered to an intense training schedule, completed by frequent internal preparation matches, which assisted in selecting the starting side. The women also trained three times per week in preparation for competitions.

The burden on international players to make training and playing commitments through training and work commitment often interferes with team preparation, however, the LRF has found a good balance that ensures that teams were well prepared for their international competitions.



Elite rugby is the pinnacle of the LRF's rugby playing activities. Men and women's national teams play regular matches against Asian competition. The national teams usually begin training in February to take them through to the Mekong competitions against Cambodia in May, with the men then moving on to compete in the Asian 5 Nations competition against Brunei and Cambodia in June and the women playing in the Asian Division 2 competition. Both teams have strong records in the region, with the men's team currently holding their regional division championship and the women having the Mekong Shield (an annual competition against Cambodia) and the Asian Women's 7s Development Division championship.

The women's national team captain leaves the pitch after victory against Malaysia



### Media exposure of national teams

The LRF endeavours to maintain a good working relationship with both domestic and international media, as well as improving our own media channels in order to increase public awareness of and access to information on all Lao national team matches and tournaments. In 2009 the IRB Asian 5 Nations Tournament in Savannakhet was broadcast live on Savannakhet TV, with highlights coverage on ESPN and the IRB's Total Rugby programme. Coverage also appeared in Cambodian, Brunei and Lao print media, as well as on the IRB and 'Rugby in Asia' website (Asia's largest website dedicated to rugby).

The women were also prominent in the media, with the IRB Asian Women's Sevens Championship being broadcast live on ESPN, featuring on the IRB's rugby programme 'Total Rugby' (both of which included an interview with the Lao National Team captain), international online sports media and coverage in Lao, Thai and other international print media. The LRF also covered all elite rugby events through its own website and press releases, which has over 700 subscribers including all regional rugby federations, major rugby corporate sponsors, rugby governing bodies, Lao officials and fans.

Finally, the LRF produced a number of video media shorts and established a Facebook page to provide more people with more access to information regarding Lao rugby.

### Fundraising activities

LRF merchandise made a significant contribution to funds this year. Both the men's and women's teams benefited significantly from this activity and the LRF is planning to order new stock for the coming international season. The loss of the men's national team sponsor reduced the funds available for their international season. Nonetheless a number of local Vientiane businesses rallied behind the men's team and their support made it possible for the men's team to finish their international season with success.

## Increased capacity of the LRF to deliver rugby participation opportunities that meet international sound practice standards

### National team coach recruited

Ian Mehluish, the men's and women's national team head coach for 2008, returned as head coach for 2009 and has signed on for 2010. The post is voluntary with accommodation provided free of charge by the LRF and a small monthly stipend is also paid to support living costs. His efforts this year resulted in victories for the Lao men's national team in the IRB Asian 5 Nations Regional Tournament and the Mekong Cup and his work with the women's team led to victories in the Mekong Shield, their first international 10s match and the development division in the IRB Asian Women's 7s Tournament. The LRF is very pleased to have secured his services for the coming international season.

Coaching the Lao National Teams requires a coach with significant experience and someone who is willing to work with a developing federation. Currently, the role is filled with someone who has more than 30 years experience of playing and coaching and this experience has been critical in the development of winning Lao teams.

### Secure a technical director (with development and coaching experience)

Due to funding restrictions, it has not been possible to recruit someone to this post. Although candidates are available, they are unable to work on a volunteer basis. The vast majority of development activities have been led by volunteers within the LRF working with Rugby Development Officers. The LRF is currently in discussion to secure a volunteer coach from the Asian Institute of Rugby in Japan to come to Vientiane in mid-2010. The volunteer will work with LRF coaches and staff to develop new coaching methodologies and improve current practices. In addition, the LRF is currently working with the Princeton in Asia scheme to identify if a suitable volunteer can be secured to support local capacity development.



Girls in action in a school's competition



## Maintain IRB and ARFU links for sound practice

Regular communication is undertaken with both the International Rugby Board (IRB) and the Asian Rugby Football Union (ARFU). 2009 also saw the LRF secure extra funding from ARFU to support school's development, highlighting the strong relationship between the LRF and ARFU. The LRF also participated in the ARFU/IRB Asia general meeting in Hong Kong; these meetings provide the opportunity to engage with federations from across Asia and to get involved with regional initiatives supporting the development of the game. International competitions also provided the opportunity for LRF staff and players to train with internationally accredited coaches. The LRF also attended the IRB AGM in Dublin, Ireland.

## Securing financial and technical support to improve LRF programme delivery

The LRF's rapid growth during late 2008 and early 2009 created the need for increased office space. The LRF moved into a new office in July which better supports LRF's activities. The new office provides dedicated administrative space and provides the LRF with a much improved work environment.

The main difficulties remain with capital availability for key office equipment such as computers, printers, ink and telephone. The office relies on outdated equipment that needs to be updated.

From a technical perspective, long-term volunteers working with staff regularly have provided support for organisational development and staff capacity development, with short-term volunteers focusing more on rugby coaching development to compliment external training opportunities.

## Continued consolidation of administration and financial procedures

Improvements in LRF fundraising and sponsorship practices have provided more resources for improving LRF activities. In addition, volunteers were secured in the areas of graphic design, programme planning, implementation and monitoring; these inputs have been invaluable in improving the quality of the LRF's activities. The lack of resources to secure longer-term technical assistance is still however a concern to be addressed by the LRF.

## Sourcing capacity building opportunities for the LRF

The LRF secured two volunteers from Hong Kong in early 2009, who worked with the LRF Rugby Development Officers during school and community sessions. The volunteers were a huge influence and transferred many new skills and ideas to the LRF staff. In July, the LRF was also fortunate to secure a volunteer from Singapore for the month. The volunteer came with a wealth of experience in teaching and sports development and is also a national representative for the Singaporean team. Her work with the LRF staff and the Vientiane Lions WRUFC was exceptional and the knowledge and ideas concerning sports education were a huge benefit to both staff and players. The LRF hopes to continue to attract new short-term volunteers of this calibre. The LRF also secured two long-term volunteers through two overseas volunteer programmes: Princeton in Asia and Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development. Both volunteers worked with LRF staff in a range of activities including improving administrative and financial practices, fundraising and sponsorship and school and community programme development. Due to the length of their tenure at the LRF, the volunteers were able to work closely with staff and have a greater impact on local capacity development.

## Rugby development officer support

LRF staff members were supported to improve their English language skills with regular classes provided by a sponsor at reduced rates. In addition, both a men's and women's junior player were awarded a two-term placement at Vientiane College to study English as a result of their commitment and performance in LRF activities both on and off the field. Staff members have also been given the opportunity to work closely with skilled international volunteers and learn on the job through coaching sessions held by qualified volunteers.

In addition, the LRF established a new board in late-2009 and expects the new board members to be in a strong position to support rugby development officers with the development of a strong strategic framework within which to work.



National Team players support a national road-safety campaign



## Increased Lao institutional involvement in the sport of rugby union

The Iranian National Women's Team visits a school to support development activities during a visit



A Lao player makes a break against Malaysia



School boys battle it out at an LRF carnival competition in mid-2009



### Further development of links with the National Sports Committee

Links with government continue to improve as a result of the LRF's part-time government liaison officer. His work was invaluable in hosting the IRB Asian 5 Nations Regional Tournament in early 2009 and will again prove so for the LRF's elite rugby activities in 2010. However, because rugby was not included in the SEA-Games and given the amount of effort and focus that was directed toward this event by the Lao government, the LRF was forced to reduce its involvement with government during the latter half of 2009 until the Games were over. Nevertheless, the LRF anticipates a continuation of the strong relationship being built with government agencies next year, particularly as the international season begins. The LRF remains in regular contact with the relevant Government bodies and hopes to continue to develop the profile of the sport and the role of the LRF as a national sports federation under the National Sports Committee.

### Securing sponsorship for player insurance

The LRF has approached a number of insurance providers and is currently discussing the terms and costs of a federation-wide policy for all registered senior players, and agreement is expected to be reached by mid-2010. An attractive package was put together to build a visible relationship between an insurance provider and the LRF to provide extra incentives for insurance companies to get involved. Until a policy is formally identified, the LRF will continue to purchase insurance for individual international tournaments held overseas for elite players. The LRF will also look at establishing an insurance fund to cover the costs of injury for players participating in school and community rugby activities.

### Maintaining regular communication with the IRB and ARFU

Regular contact is made through reports and press releases, all of which are provided to the IRB and ARFU; constant communication is also maintained over regional issues. The LRF sent a representative to the IRB General Meeting in Dublin in November and to the ARFU Annual General Assembly in Hong Kong in December. Both meetings provided valuable opportunities for LRF representatives to discuss both Lao and regional rugby with counterparts and work toward future activities involving the LRF and the wider regional and global rugby community..

### Develop partnerships with youth development, education centres and NGOs

The LRF continued to collaborate with Peuan Mit and the SOS Children's Village throughout 2009, with specific activities and events dedicated to the centres. The LRF also began plans to work with Somsanga Rehabilitation Centre in early 2010.

The Lao Rugby Federation is recognised as an official sporting federation by the Government of the Lao PDR. The federation falls under the National Sports Committee, which falls under the Prime Minister's Office. The LRF is working hard to increase the level of central government involvement in the sport to ensure that rugby is recognised as an equal in the sporting portfolio of the Lao Government.

Inclusion of rugby sevens in the Olympic games will also raise the profile of the sport within the National Sports Committee and it is hoped that this will give further impetus to partners to work in conjunction with the Lao Rugby Federation to continue to support rugby development in the Lao PDR.

The Lao PDR Under 20s National Team with their coaches and manager in the Phillipines



Coaching sessions were also scheduled for the Lao Disabled Peoples Association working with a deaf and hard of hearing team, but appropriate facilities could not be secured. The LRF also encourages the wider community to contact the LRF should they be interested in providing rugby participation opportunities.

### Developing stronger links with Lao sponsors

The majority of the LRF's funding comes from foreign government agencies, business and individuals. However, with the recent successes of the Lao national teams and better circulation of Lao language information on the LRF, a number of local Vientiane businesses began supporting the LRF in 2009. The LRF plans to continue increasing its presence in the Lao business community through better coordination and access to information as well as tailoring sponsorship benefits to suit the needs of individual businesses. 2009 saw the the first Lao business sponsor an elite rugby team, with the Lao PDR Under 20s National Team carrying the Vientiane Direct Supplies logo on their training shirts. The LRF will continue to work with local businesses to highlight the benefits to businesses of supporting rugby development in the Lao PDR.



## Financial Reporting 2009

### Introduction

2009 saw the highest levels of income and expenditure to date, however, levels were still not sufficient to meet all the needs of the federation.

From a sponsorship perspective, the LRF has fared reasonably well given the global economic downturn; added income from merchandise and fundraising activities have allowed the LRF to maintain operations. Nonetheless, the LRF has not secured a platinum sponsor for 2010 and National Teams, particularly the men's team, will feel the brunt of this as funds for national team preparation will be severely limited.

The visit of a volunteer from Singapore allowed the LRF to restructure the accounting system in the office and this further spurred the LRF to improve levels of transparency in record keeping. 2010 will see the introduction of a specialised accounting package, which will allow the LRF to greatly improve the detail of reporting for sponsors to further improve transparency.

The establishment of the new LRF board with an experienced treasurer should also lead to improved standards in financial reporting and a further increase in the confidence of sponsors and supporters in the LRF's use of funds.



Players getting ready for a big game



## Facts and Figures

### Income

Income	USD
Opening Balance 2009	US\$2,908.85
General Donations	US\$20,430.15
School and Community Rugby	US\$20,433.82
Domestic Rugby	US\$4,100.00
Elite Rugby	US\$55,936.33
Institutional Development	US\$0.00
Running for Rugby Fundraiser	US\$3,999.02
Merchandise	US\$2,007.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>US\$109,815.83</b>

### Expenditure

Expenditure	USD
Staffing	US\$9,654.08
Office Costs	US\$2,556.69
School and Community	US\$14,178.15
Domestic	US\$6,099.84
Elite	US\$67,600.60
Communication	US\$381.14
Merchandise	US\$807.85
Fees	US\$186.44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>US\$101,464.79</b>

Closing balance 2009 = 8,351.04 USD

A Lao PDR Under 20s player ready for action



Under 20s players visit the temple before their international trip to the Philippines



The Lao PDR National Team men's captain in training



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The winning try is  
celebrated in a school's  
competition final

