



The Vientiane College Diploma - Module Overview

DIPCD104 Community Development

Overview of the module

This module provides an opportunity to explore the complex concepts and multiple perspectives of community development through readings and research on different aspects of community and grassroots development. You will develop an understanding of the concept of community-driven development and become better able to assess the top-down or community-driven nature of a project. You will gain more understanding about specific community development projects in your own country and be able to apply the vocabulary and concepts studied in discussion of these real life examples.

Key questions explored in the module

- What is community development or grassroots development? How can citizens be involved in their own development?
- How does the level of community involvement differ and how can we gauge if a project is community-based or community-driven?
- What are the Sustainable Development Goals and how do they relate to the local community?
- How can we adapt development to take into account some of the environmental issues that can cause poverty?
- What are some examples of community-based development projects in Laos?

Skills

This module will help you improve your English language skills with a special emphasis on:

- interpreting, analysing and paraphrasing key concepts in written texts
- identifying and thinking from different perspectives; supporting opinions with evidence
- understanding main ideas and note-taking them when listening
- sharing ideas clearly, concisely and appropriately
- extending the range and accuracy of language, especially in relation to cause and effect
- preparing relevant and engaging presentation content; considering audience and purpose

Performance Task

This module you will:

- explore concepts of community developed based on readings and discussion
- apply community development ideas to Laos and the local communities
- prepare a group presentation where you present a persuasive proposal for a community-driven development project and respond to questions from the audience.

