

SHAPING A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES THRIVE

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

By working together we deliver environmental, social and economic impact to the communities in which we operate.

LAOS WATER PURIFIER PROJECT

Our purpose is to shape a world where people and communities thrive. That's why our sustainability approach highlights our commitment to doing what we can to help create a cleaner world. We want to ensure the economies in which we do business grow sustainably.

Our approach to environmental sustainability is broader than improving the energy performance of our buildings – it's about understanding the bigger picture and finding practical solutions to deliver positive outcomes for customers, employees and the community.

As part of the bank's ongoing efforts to maintain Net Zero Carbon, ANZ is supporting for a second consecutive year the Ceramic Water Purifier Project. This project uses locally manufactured ceramic filters to remove bacteria, parasites and suspended solids from drinking water. The filters remove 99.99 per cent of all water-borne bacteria resulting in reduced health issues associated with drinking raw-source water.

The distribution of water filters to Laotian communities avoids greenhouse gas emissions by removing the need for households to boil unfiltered water with charcoal or wood.

The project saves Laotian households more than \$30AUD¹ per month; removing the need to purchase bottled water, fuel to boil water, or medicine needed after drinking unfiltered water. Given the minimum monthly wage in Laos is \$144AUD², the project will benefit many households (by as much as 20 per cent).

Additionally, in 2017 ANZ Laos is supporting the distribution of water filters into 12 schools across the Udomxai Province. Schools which otherwise have no access to clean drinking water. More than 1,300 students are expected to benefit from this program.

Learn more about the project's co-benefits here:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ERVz9SW5rrQ



¹ www.laowater.com/faqs

² www.business-in-asia.com/wages/laos_minimum_wage.html