

Peuan Mit

A program for

*street children,
their families
and their community*



Who are we and what do we do?

Peuan Mit, meaning 'close friend', works with street children, their families and communities in Vientiane Province. Our objectives are to reintegrate street children back into Lao society and to prevent others from becoming street children. Run by the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, in cooperation with the NGO Friends-International, it is currently the only project working with street children in Lao PDR, working with up to 1,000 street and at risk children per month.

We provide medical care, non-formal education, vocational training, life skills education, psychological support, games, sports, dancing and painting for participants up to 21 years of age. Their families are also supported by helping them to set up home-based businesses and access to health care. We provide parents with counseling and life skills training, so they are better prepared to accept their children back into the family.



Makphet Restaurant, our newly-opened vocational training restaurant, is run by the instructors and the students. We uphold the highest standards of hygiene, use only naturally-grown ingredients and no MSG. The décor, food and the music are purely Lao and profits help fund our activities for street children. Once training is completed, Peuan Mit helps the students find full time employment.

Our Noi-Noi Shop (meaning 'small-small') sells ChildSafe® products made by parents in vulnerable communities of Vientiane. Parents receive regular payments for their products, and all profits help sustain the project and support basic welfare services for the families. These products are ChildSafe®, as the income generated enables families to pay for their children's education which helps prevent them returning to the streets. We will soon be implementing the regional ChildSafe program in Lao PDR.



What can you experience?

- Have dinner or lunch at Makphet Restaurant where we serve traditional Lao food in a contemporary setting, opposite Vat Inpeng on Sethathirath Road. We are open Monday to Saturday from 11am to 2pm and 6pm to 9pm.
- Visit our Noi-Noi Shop above the Makphet Restaurant, which sells products made by the parents of former street children, using simple, recycled materials. The original designs reflect modern Lao style. Noi-Noi shop is open from 11am to 9pm.
- Peuan Mit values your generous support and any donations are very welcome.



Donation Guidelines

- \$10 - Mobile school education sessions
- \$50 - Sponsor a child to attend public school (1 year)
- \$50 - Vocational training in hospitality/mechanics (1 month)
- \$100 - Remedial education to a child at Peuan Mit (1 year)
- \$1000 - Basic medical care to 100 street children (1 year)