



I came to the Coady to learn lessons and gain knowledge from other experienced people. Furthermore, I would like to see the 'bigger picture', to build up connections with many friends around the world.

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I am currently working for PEDDA as the vice chairman and project coordinator. My daily work includes: project management and planning; financial management; government, donor and community liaison; coordinating and leading community development activities, including community training in gender and family issues, sustainable livelihoods, and income generation; capacity building and empowerment focused on women in rural communities and sex workers.

PEDA is a registered civil society organization, implementing community education and development programs throughout Laos. PEDDA designs and delivers behavior change communication and education programs in the areas of preventative healthcare focusing on HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections, malaria and tuberculosis, human trafficking, drug use and sustainable livelihood development. PEDDA envisions an educated and empowered community that is self-reliant and built on the principles of sustainable development.

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