



**Newsletter**  
Issue 2



# INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

## **Sport for Development for Children Working Group**

The ChildFund Pass It Back Director has been invited to sit on the UNICEF and Barça Foundation Sports for Development for Children Working Group. The Working Group has been tasked to develop a global Sports for Development for Children framework to shape the sector's contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals. The Group's first meeting will take place on April 9th in Barcelona, Spain.

## **Safe Sport International Conference**

ChildFund Pass It Back was invited to speak at the inaugural Safe Sport International Conference on 'Challenging Violence in Sport' in Madrid, Spain from 6-8 April, 2018. We will present lessons learnt from our experience supporting organisations who work with children to improve child safeguarding standards.

## **Child Safeguarding Regional Workshop**

From 29-31 March 2018, ChildFund Pass It Back led a regional child safeguarding meeting and networking opportunity with project focal points from Laos, the Philippines and Vietnam. Representatives from Hong Kong Rugby Union and Asia Rugby also participated in the workshop to share experiences and lessons learnt to improve child safeguarding practices.



# KEY ACTIVITIES



# Competitions and Events

## Champa Ban Championship

*Vientiane, Laos, 4 November 2017*

20 teams from Vientiane, Xieng Khouang, and Kim Boi District in Vietnam came together for the Champa Ban Championship hosted by the Lao Rugby Federation. 19 matches took place!

## End of Season Competition

*Kim Boi, Vietnam, 24 and 31 December 2017*

Rugby matches and life skills games were organised to celebrate the successful completion of the 2018 Gender Season! Forty five Under 13 and 29 Under 16 teams competed in 144 tag rugby matches and 26 life skills activities!

## Xieng Khouang Champa Ban Powered by ChildFund Pass It Back League

*Xieng Khouang, Laos, November 2017 and January 2018*

Sixty seven teams participated in more than 250 matches!





## Competition and Event

### Parents' Day

*Kim Boi, Vietnam, 20 December 2017*

The first Parents' Day took place in Kim Truy commune, Kim Boi with more than 400 parents and teachers attending! The adults were led through a series of rugby and life skills activities where they learnt more about how ChildFund Pass It Back can benefit their children and communities!

### Sport for Tomorrow

*Mukdahan, Thailand, February 2018*

Four ChildFund Pass It Back U13 and U16 teams from Laos took part in a Sport For Tomorrow event hosted by the Thai Rugby Union and the Japan Rugby Football Union, where they had the chance to exchange and sharpen their rugby skills!



# Coach Development

## Vietnamese Coaches' study tour to Laos

Coach Group Leaders from Vietnam travelled to Laos for a study tour in December to learn more about how to support and develop Coaches across their work.

## Coach recruitment in Kim Boi, Vietnam

Thirteen new Coaches were recruited in January 2018 in Vietnam, making the total number of active Coaches now 40, 50% of them are female!

## Coach training in Vietnam

Preparation for a Planning for the Future season was held in Vietnam, where 40 Coaches were supported to sharpen their coaching and life skills education!

## Child Safeguarding training

During the last Quarter of 2017, 3 child safeguarding trainings were provided to 26 Coaches in Vietnam and 41 Coaches in Laos.





## Media

### ChildFund Pass It Back Cup Belfast 2017 Documentary Launched

On 16 February 2018, ChildFund Pass It Back launched the 'Rise of the SEA Dragons' documentary to share the journey of a group of young women from Laos, Vietnam and the Philippines to the ChildFund Pass It Back Cup held in Belfast as part of the Rugby World Cup Impact Beyond 2017 program.

The video was published across all of ChildFund Pass It Back's media channels and has been widely shared by the program's partners and supporters!

The video is available in [English](#), [Vietnamese](#), [Lao](#), and [Tagalog](#).

### 360 filming in Vietnam

From 19-23 January 2018, a film crew visited to shoot a series of 360 videos. These videos will provide an immersive and unique insight into our work and show how rugby can be used as a powerful tool to deliver life skills learning.



# Achievement and Awards

## ChildFund Pass It Back players and Coaches represent their country

*Dubai, 29-30 November 2017*

The Lao Under 17s National team, in their first ever competition, took home 3 international victories with 11 of 12 squad members coming through the program, including half from outside Vientiane. The team was also coached by the first Lao international female rugby 7s Coach, who has also been honing her skills through ChildFund Pass It Back.

## Asia Rugby Award for Character

*Hong Kong, 19 November 2017*

Asia Rugby awarded ChildFund Pass It Back the Asia Rugby Award for Character, recognising the impact of the program in building young leaders through sport.





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## Kim Chi's story

Kim Chi is a young player from team "Tomatoes". She loves playing rugby.

At the beginning, Kim Chi could not get her parent's approval to join the program. She said: "They told me that I should stay home and help them with housework, that there is no use for a girl to play tag rugby, and that I should spend my free time doing my homework. They also thought I should not play sport because I got sick quite often!"

Being asked how she managed to make them change their minds, she responded confidently and happily: "Seeing my friends play the game and knowing I had to stay home made me decide to try my best to complete the assigned house chores such as cleaning the house, cooking meals, doing the laundry, and washing the dishes, as well as to completing all my homework. Then, I told my parents that if I got to play tag rugby, I would also be taught life skills by the Coaches. Those skills are quite similar to the civil education lessons I learn at school. Also, I told them that this program is not only for boys but for all children – boys and girls can join. I promised them that I would not get sick playing rugby, so they didn't have to worry".

"Seeing me keep asking for permission to join and after hearing about the program, my parents found it quite interesting sessions and because of this, they decided to let me sign up. But, they were still worried that I would get sick, and so they warned me that if I got sick, I would have to stop playing. I was



very grateful that they let me play. As I eat more after training, I have even gained weight and my health has improved and my parents have stopped their worrying. Since joining, I have started to save money by applying the skills learned from the sessions, and it has made my parents happy. They can see me learning life skills from Coaches. My Coach also gave me a rugby ball, and instead of keeping it on my cabinet as a souvenir, I brought it to my village's playground and taught other children how to play tag rugby too."

Responding to the question "How can you play tag rugby without tags?", she said: "We used leaves and string to make our own tags, we were very excited, the parents were also excited watching us making our own tools and playing with each other."

Kim Chi's creativeness and her willingness to 'pass it back' shows the value of the program to young people. She worked hard to get the opportunity to play and to share her enjoyment with her community - she is an example of young people leading in their communities.





# MEET A COACH

# Yer Chang

"I am 17 and I'm from Laos.

I am talkative, I like to smile, I speak with a loud voice, and I can be described as fiery. When I meet somebody I like to call out their names and make them smile.

I am coaching team 'Dragon'.

I have been involved with ChildFund Pass It Back for almost 3 years.

My favourite memories from ChildFund Pass It Back come from the annual Coach Trainings each summer. I love when all the Coaches from Vientiane and Xieng Khouang are together, as I could meet so many friends, both those I have known before and the new Coaches!

Thing I love the most during my time with the program is being a Coach Group Leader as I am given more responsibility than I have had before; for example, during the village group competitions, I handle the logistics and planning and it's exciting because it's a new experience for me!"



# NUMBER CRUNCH



**504  
teams  
formed**

**22,000  
sessions  
delivered**

**278  
Coaches  
trained**

**6,787  
players  
registered**

**54%  
female  
participation**



# PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS





The 'YO!' moment of Coaches and Trainers at the closing ceremony of the Planning for the Future Curriculum Training in Hoa Binh, Vietnam!



Parents love playing rugby too!  
Parents' Day in Kim Boi, December 2017



A fun snap of Child Safeguarding workshop participants playing the game 'Protect the Bee' to learn about how Coaches can introduce safeguarding to children, parents, and their communities!



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