

PASS IT BACK: USING SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO PREVENT COVID-19

Children innovating, creating and expressing

Asia and the Pacific: Laos

Many youth activities and groups have been forced to stop in an effort to ensure the safety of children and teachers, disconnecting many young people from their peers, mentors and education. Child Fund Pass It Back, an innovative Sport for Development program that aims to equip children and young people in Asia to overcome challenges, inspire positive social change and 'pass it back' to their communities, refuses to let the current state of being stop their mission. Even though social distancing restrictions are in place, Child Fund Pass It Back's young coaches in Laos are continuing to play leadership roles in their communities by helping to distribute brochures on how to stay safe from the COVID-19 virus, as well as supplies such as soap and handwashing gels to schools and village offices. Malon, age 16, says: "We need to know how to prevent the virus from spreading through methods like washing our hands with soap or using hand wash gels every time before eating or after touching anything. We need to wash our hands properly and avoid touching our eyes, nose, and mouth. It's also important to stay home."

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