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**NGO report details the harms of
U.S. wartime use of Agent Orange in Laos**

Chester, VT (June 07, 2021) – The first ever systematic documentation of the human health consequences of wartime use of Agent Orange in Laos has come into the spotlight.

War Legacies Project (WLP), partnering with the National Regulatory Authority and Lao government agencies, has undertaken the Laos Agent Orange Survey, drawing on decades of prior field surveys, and direct health, educational and fiscal support for those likely impacted by Agent Orange.

The international community has taken little notice of the aftermath of U.S. aerial herbicide spraying, Operation Ranch Hand, during the “Secret War in Laos.” Over 600,000 gallons of Agent Orange and other toxic herbicides were sprayed over a concentrated area of southeastern Laos, alongside heavy bombing. Today, these war legacies still impede development, and the full human and environmental toll remains unknown.

“We had hoped to find a few people impacted by Agent Orange in Laos. But this wasn’t the case; what we found confirmed our worst expectations.” –Susan Hammond, Founder and Executive Director

Since 2008, WLP has led in-depth medical investigations, relief programs and strategic interventions. WLP has also published [a full report](#) on survey findings to be sent to U.S. government agencies and officials, to advocate policy-oriented reconciliation and healing.

“Many in Laos ask why their children aren’t receiving U.S. support like the Vietnamese and why Americans don’t know about the Secret War. This must change.” –Jacqui Chagnon, Board President

Greater visibility for Agent Orange-related work is anticipated with the *New York Times Magazine* feature [“The Victims of Agent Orange the U.S. Has Never Acknowledged”](#) and the documentary [The People vs Agent Orange](#) (2020).

About War Legacies Project

WLP is a global NGO that helps many in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, as well as in the U.S., including veterans, to overcome ongoing legacies of Vietnam War-era use of Agent Orange and Explosive Remnants of War.

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