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Final Project Report

Project ID: 00053063
*Project Name: Support to the National Social-Economic
Development Plan (2006-2010)*

Reporting Period: January - December 2010

I. Project Information and Resources

Project number and title:	00053063 " SUPPORTING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN, 2006-2010"
Implementing Partner:	NERI / MPI SNV DOS / MPI DOP / MPI
Responsible Parties (if applicable):	Ministry of Planning and Investment
Donors:	UNDP

Project Starting date		Project completion date	
Originally planned	Actual	Originally planned	Current estimate
08 September 2006	01 October 2006	30 September 2010	31 December 2010

Period covered by this report:	January 01 st - December 31 st 2010
Date of annual review: <i>[Indicate if planned or actual]</i>	Tentatively to be organize during Mid of January 2011

Total Budget	Original Budget (US\$)	Latest Signed Revision (US\$)
	557,006	582,162

Resources	Donor	Amount
	UNDP (04000 TRAC)	(USD) 920,000
	UNDP (11888 Country Co-Financing CS)	(USD) 43,825
	STORA (3000 Programme Cost Sharing)	(USD) 78,337

II. Purpose

1. Main Objectives of the Project: *(as per the approved UNDP Country Programme Document and Country Programme Action Plan and/or Project Document)*

The overall objective of the project is to support with the government development goal in lifting the country from the ranks of LDCs by 2020 through the implementation of the Sixth-Five year plan (2006-2010), including the constituent poverty reduction strategy and the MDGs; and in monitoring and evaluating the results. New to the project in 2009 is the support to the Government of Lao in the formulation process of the 7th NSEDP. To address this, an additional outcome has been added to the project. Specifically, the project will help the Government of Lao PDR in achieving four outcomes.

- I. Incorporation of the poverty reduction and MDG priorities and programmes of the Sixth Plan (2006-2016) in the annual plan and budgets of selected Ministries and three pilot provinces and implementing them;
- II. NSEDP VII is formulated in participatory manner, is results-oriented enabling effective monitoring and integrates MDG and other national priorities (new addition – last year).
- III. Enhanced capacities of Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), selected Ministries and three pilot provinces for improved implementation monitoring, evaluation and reporting for NSEDP VI and NSEDP VII;
- IV. Establishment of a research network comprising the National Economic Research Institute (NERI) and selected Ministries and Agencies to undertake policy research to support planning, monitoring and evaluation.
- V. Initiate work on Poverty-Environment linkages with a view to recognise the importance this topic and incorporate it into the planning framework (new addition – last year)

III. PROJECT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS

1. Contribution to the strategic goals *[To be completed in cooperation with UNDP Programme Analyst]*

Intended Outcome

1. MDG and poverty reduction firmly reflected in the Annual Plan
2. Adequate support provided for the 7th NSEDP document formulation.
3. NERI papers provide a research base for planning
4. Initial work begins on M&E.
5. Initiation made on P-E Linkages

Progress towards achieving outcome *[A brief analysis of the status of the situation and any observed change, any project contribution.]*

Outcome1: Incorporation of the poverty reduction and MDG priorities and programmes of the Sixth Plan (2006-2016) in the annual plan and budgets of selected Ministries and three pilots.

- During the past few years, the activities in the area of MDGs have been achieved to a significant extent. The result and outstanding achievement was the MDG Costing Report was launched at the national level. The report is not only a statistical calculation of numbers, but it also provides an analytical framework for achieving the goals. The President of Lao PDR represented the country at the Global Summit in New York on MDGs – shows the importance of MDGs in the government. Moreover, it has shown that, even though Lao PDR is a small LDC, it is making efforts and is committed to achieving MDGs.
- 3,000 copies of the annual 2009-2010 NSEDP (English version) were published.
- Summary achievements on Annual NSEDP implementation during 2009-10 completed.
- Draft Annual NSEDP 2010-2011 (Lao version) improved and English translation completed.
- The Participatory Planning Manual for KUMBAN Development revised and finalised
- Conducted Participatory Planning exercise for 28 Kumbans of 14 Districts in 11 Provinces during the year.

Outcome2: NSEDP VII is formulated in a participatory manner and is results-oriented, enabling effective monitoring and integrating MDG and other national priorities.

- Draft of VII NSEDP (2011-2015) improved, by sharing at the national level and development partners.
- NSEDP VII English version translation completed (draft).

Outcome 3: Enhanced capacities of Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), selected Ministries and three pilot provinces for improved implementation monitoring, evaluation and reporting for NSEDP VI and NSEDP VII – this has been staggered for reasons that DOS got the mandate to standardise definitions of different variables only in end-2010; additionally, readiness of line ministries less than full

Outcome 4: Establishment of a research network comprising the National Economic Research Institute (NERI) and selected Ministries and Agencies to undertake policy research to support planning, monitoring and evaluation – NERI papers useful in plan preparation, particularly in the industry sector.

Outcome 5: Initiate work on Poverty-Environment linkages

2. Update on implementation of the Vientiane Declaration and its Action Plan [*Brief update on any achievement and/or problem related to the implementation of the Vientiane Declaration. It should also include issues related to the introduction of HACT and actions planned for the following period.*]

1. The project has followed the Vientiane Declaration on Aid Effectiveness quite successfully. However, the project over the 4-5 years has been fully integrated with the Ministry of Planning and Investment; therefore, it is not always easy to identify which activity is of (or supported by) the project and which by the ministry. Hence, to a rank outsider there might be some outlying cases, which might appear not to follow the Vientiane Declaration to the letter and spirit. This however would be an incorrect reading of the situation for the reason mentioned above. On the other hand, since the MPI (and the project) have worked in close partnership with different line ministries, provincial and district authorities and also other donors in an integrated fashion, it is evident that the spirit of partnership in the Vientiane Declaration has been fully upheld.

2. In terms of substantial work, there has been tangible progress. The different objectives have been fulfilled, and the broadest indicator of this has been the success of the 6th Plan – in some areas, it has more than achieved the set targets, like the economic growth rates, industrial production, and human development and selects MDG goals. The contribution of the project in terms of its laid down objectives has been successful, though there has been some shift in priorities, for example, in the case of M&E (a point made earlier). However, in the spirit of Vientiane Declaration this was made clear to the donors and other stakeholders well in advance along with the reasons thereof (and hence maintained transparency).

3. In terms of administration and finance, there has been no problem per se. The staff members are dedicated, and so are the commitments from the ministry counterparts. On the downside, however, there has been a relatively large turnover of project personnel. Reasons: Temporary jobs, perhaps salary structures (not comparable with the private sector in short term jobs), a perceived distance between the project staff and the government regular staff, and sometimes personal issues like going for further studies or maternity leaves. High attrition rate has also meant, new staff has to learn the job each time, and this has affected the productivity.

3. Update on partnerships [*Brief update on any achievement and/or problem in developing partnerships and inter-agency collaboration. It should also include strategies for south-south cooperation*]

This project has facilitated a great number of partnerships to emerge and flourish.

1. In the Kumban planning, there has been a great deal of joint work with partners in the government at provincial, district and villages, civil society and people at large. Inter-donor agency cooperation was achieved since SNV Netherlands was also a partner.

2. In the MDG Costing exercise, almost all the UN and Brettenwood Institutions (WB, ADB) were closely consulted with, in addition to different ministries and provincial agencies

3. A similar exercise was repeated while preparing the 7th NSEDP Document.

4. The Kumban Planning Manual was prepared in a highly participative manner with partners from different ministries and ministry-equivalents in addition to international partners.

5. While not much tangible progress has been made in M&E for reason explained earlier, whatever little has been done, has been done in close collaboration with concerned departments and ministries, especially DOS and NERI.

Outcome 1: Incorporation of poverty reduction and MDG priorities and programmes in the Sixth Plan (2006-2010) in annual plans and budgets [Indicate if included in SRF]

Progress towards achieving outcome [A brief analysis of the status of the situation and any observed change, any project contribution.]

Annual outputs and indicators [According to project document and/or annual work plan]	Key activities completed during reporting period	Expenditures [Actual expenditures against activities completed]	Progress towards achieving outputs and targets achieved against indicators	Reasons if progress below target and response strategies [If applicable, explore underlying factors and reasons for gaps in output and target]
<p>Output 1.1: Support preparation of the annual NSEDP and PIP 2010-11, including review of 2009-10 Plan, and ensure that MDG priorities are integrated into national and sub-national plans and budgets</p>	<p>- A series of consultation meetings was conducted within MPI & among other concerned sectors at the central and provincial levels, so as to gather comments and advice to improve the revised draft of the VII NSEDP. (Q1)</p>	<p>46,140,100 KIP</p>	<p>Summary achievement on Annual NSEDP implementation during 2009-10 completed. PIP list for 2011 drafts prepared</p>	<p>Completed</p>
<p>Target 1.1: Annual NSEDP and PIP 2009-10, including a review of the 2009-10 Plan is produced and disseminated to all stakeholders by September 2010</p>	<p>- Consultation meetings with concerned sector was conducted 3 times within MPI, and at the same time prepared for the formulation for VII NSEDP (Q1).</p>	<p>13,189,000 KIP</p>	<p>Draft Annual NSEDP (Lao version) and English translation Completed, but under the process of editing.</p>	<p>Completed</p>
<p>Indicators: NSEDP & PIP 2009-2010 published by</p>			<p>Outcome successful</p>	

Dec. 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultation meetings was conducted in LPB to gather ideas and comments to the VII NSEDP (2011-2015) Q1 - Print Annual NSEDP 2009-2010 & PIP Plan (English version) Q1 - 13/04/2010, conducted consultation meeting in order to improve the Annual NSEDP 2010-2011; afterwards, conducted a preparation meeting on Planning and Budgeting of the Government on 7-9/04/2010. - 05/05/2010, a consultation meeting was conducted in order to discuss the mega project as support to the formulation of the VII NSEDP (2011-2015). - 11/05/2010, conducted internal consultation meeting within DOP on Budgeting for 2010-2011 and 2011-2015 Plan). 	<p>28,209,000 Kip</p> <p>81,000,000 KIP (Direct Payment)</p> <p>5,885,000 Kip</p> <p>1,325,000 Kip</p> <p>875,000 Kip</p>	<p>3,000 copies of 2009-2010 NSEDP (English version were published)</p> <p>Outcome successful</p> <p>Outcome successful</p> <p>Outcome Successful</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Achieved Target</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 13/05/2010, Organized Seminar on the Impact of the Dam Construction Mekong Basin, in order to support to the VII NSEDP. - 24/05/2010, conducted consultation meeting on the Project to be implemented during the VII Plan, 2011-2015) - 20/07/2010, conducted Meeting on draft decree of the Annual 2010-2011 implementation. The concerned meeting discussed the responsibility of each department in implementing the Annual Plan 2010-2011. - 12-13 / 08 / 2010 Conducted technical consultation meeting among NSEDP project management team, PO of UNDP and concerned DOP technical staff, in order to review the PP Manual (Latest version) 	<p style="text-align: center;">1,645,000 Kip</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Outcome successful</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Completed</p>
		<p style="text-align: center;">2,670,000 Kip</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Outcome successful</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Completed</p>
		<p style="text-align: center;">1,468,000 Kip</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Outcome successful</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Completed</p>
		<p style="text-align: center;">500,000 Kip</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Outcome successful</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Completed</p>

	<p>based on revisions of previous versions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Edit and translate the Annual Plan (2010-2011) & Summary of the NSEDP for the first 6 months and Target Goal for fiscal year 2009-2010 from Lao to English. Then publish a no. of copies of the Annual NSEDP & PIP (2010-2011) in order to share with DPs. - Also, Printed of PIP Book (2010-2011)300 copies. - Support with the KUMBAN translation remains with the translating Company. 	<p>9,443,532 Kip</p> <p>By Direct Payment (39,000,000 Kip)</p> <p>By Direct Payment (35,429,568)</p>	<p>Outcome successful</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Partially Completed, since available budget remain at the end of the year allowed to print the PIP (2010-2011), but can not print the Annual Plan. Possibly to print in the next programme support for NSESP.</p>
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<p>Output 1.2: Mid and End term reviews of the 6th NSEDP completed and disseminated</p> <p>Target: Mid-Term review of the 6th NSEDP is published in Lao and English and disseminated to all stakeholders; End term review is completed by June 2010.</p> <p>Indicators: MTR printed in English and Lao; ETR workshop reports</p>	<p>- Conducted three consultation meetings within DOP and concerned sectors (namely: MOAF, MOTPW, MOIC, MOEM, MOF & BOL in order to get a unify conclusion. on the 6 month implementation of Annual NSEDP (2009-2010): Q1</p>	<p>4,884,000 Kip</p>	<p>Report produced and disseminated</p>	<p>Completed</p>
<p>Output 1.3: Finalization and publication of the Participatory Planning Manual for preparing the Kum Ban Plans (that includes gender and environment)</p> <p>Target: The process for preparing Kum Ban plans is revised and includes gender and environment, based on a revised Participatory Planning Manual, and revised TOT program for</p>	<p>- Conducted consultation meetings regarding the improvement in the Participatory Planning Manual for KUMBAN Development with MPI.</p> <p>- 29/12/2010, organized meeting to give comments to the draft of the PP Manual (Revised version)</p>	<p>4,497,200 KIP</p>	<p>1. English report finalized.</p> <p>2. Lao Report in final stage of proof reading. (November----- expected to be printed in December, before the project ends)</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p>

<p>provincial and district authorities in participatory planning Indicators: Manual translated into Lao and published, Curriculum revised and evidence of environment/gender issues incorporated in the manual and trainings</p>		
<p>Output 1.4: Support the preparation of at least 20 new Kumban plans in poor and poorest districts, assess their effectiveness (especially with regards to MDGs and P-E) and upon availability of new Participatory Planning Manual update at least 10 existing Kumban plans Target: At least 115 Kumban plans have been prepared and at least 10 Kumban plans are updated using the revised PP Manual. Indicator: Number of Kumban plans prepared and updated, in addition to</p>	<p>- Conducted Participatory Planning exercise for 28 Kumbans of 14 districts in 11 provinces as follows: - 2 Kumbans of Add district, Houphan Province. - 2 Kumbans of Pakbang district, Oudomxay Province. - 2 Kumbans of Namtha district of Luangnamtha Province. - 2 Kumbans of Phoukoud district of Xieng Koung province. - 4 Kumbans of 2 districts namely: Viengkham and Nan</p>	<p>2,073,094,600 Kip</p>
	<p>The kumban plans prepared in appropriate numbers.</p>	<p>Completed</p>

<p>capacities improved</p> <p>Baseline: As of Nov 2010, 126 Kumban plans have been prepared</p>	<p>district of Luang Prabang Province.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 Kumbans of 2 districts namely: Xienghon and Xayabouly of Xayabouly Province. - 2 Kumbans of Kasi District of Vientiane Province. - 2 Kumbans of Kong district of Champasack province. - 2 Kumbans of of Lakorppeng of Saravan Province. - 2 Kumbans of Thateng district of Sekong Province. - 4 Kumbans of 2 districts namely: Sanamxay & Xanxay of Attapeua Province. <p>Translated (Lao-Eng) Participatory Poverty Reduction of 19 Focal development area/ village (Q1-Q4/2010)</p>	<p>334,048,604 KIP</p>	<p>Kumban Plans translated into English. Kumban plans distributed to appropriate stakeholders.</p>	<p>Completed</p>
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<p>Output 2.1: Formulation of NSEDP VII that is pro poor and MDG-centric is undertaken through consultation with public and private sector stakeholders.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conducted 3 consultation meetings on improving the draft VII NSEDP (2011-2015) with concerned sectors in Q1 	<p>6,744,000 Kip</p>		<p>Completed.</p>
<p>Target: Draft Macro-Economic Framework is to be revised and approved by the government by 2010. A pro poor and MDG-compliant framework established for 7th NSEDP, technical support to MPI on NSEDP VII provided through 2010</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conducted consultation meetings with concerned sectors on improving the draft VII NSEDP (2011-2015), held at Lane Xang Hotel. Q1 	<p>9,406,600 Kip</p>	<p>The draft was improved and its scope widened with inputs provided by different concerned stakeholders.</p>	<p>Completed.</p>
<p>Indicators: Availability of the Workshop reports; revised macroeconomic framework; draft NSEDP that includes MDGs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 06/05/2010, Conducted meetings with concerned sectors on NSEDP VII to revise the draft before sharing it to the Development Partners. - 14/05/2010, Development Partner Consultation meeting on the Draft 7th NSEDP, held at Lao Plaza 	<p>923,000 Kip</p>	<p>The draft was improved/ revised to an extent, as to ensure that all critical information and data are taken account of in the plan.</p>	<p>Completed.</p>
		<p>24,040,000 Kip</p>		

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		<p>The draft was improved at a wider scope and its scope widened from all the with inputs shared provided by many different concerned stakeholders.[WX11]</p> <p>The draft was improved/ revised to some an extent, as to ensure that all the critical information and data are captured taken account of in the plan.[WX12].</p> <p>Information and lesson learnt was shared among the Laos & Vietnamese delegates toward the improvement of the VII</p>	



	<p>concerned departments within MPI in preparation for the RTM meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 04/10/2010, conducted internal consultation meeting to continue improving the VII NSEDP (2011-2015), held at DOP Meeting room, MPI. 31 senior and technical officers attended. 2.1.1 - 10-11/12/2010, conducted meeting on the improvement of the VII NSEDP & PIP, and finalize the implementation of Annual NSEDP 2009-2010 (12 Months) and the number of project for the VII Plan (2011-2015), held within MPI. 2.1.2 - 27/12/2010, conducted internal consultation meeting within DOP to discuss and consult on the PIP and improve the Draft of the VII NSEDP, held at DOP meeting room. 2.1.2 	<p>1,845,000 KIP</p> <p>3,996,000 KIP</p> <p>2,608,000 KIP</p>		<p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p>
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<p>Output 2.2: Formulation of NSEDP VII is undertaken through preparation of technical inputs, analytical research reports</p> <p>Targets: Policy briefs are prepared and disseminated to 7th plan committee members covering issues of gender, employment, rural development, domestic private sector, P-E. These shall be prepared as input to the March draft of 7th NSEDP. South south</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12-14/10/2010, organized consultation meeting on MDG Costing work; together with concerned sectors, as well as sharing and giving comments on the Draft of the VII Plan, held at MPI Meeting room, with 30 attending participants. (2.1.3) - 30/12/2010, conducted meeting on concluding the implementation of the Annual NSEDP 2009-2010 and VII NSEDP (2011-2015) 2.1.3 	<p style="text-align: center;">3,293,000 Kip</p>	<p>Completed.</p>	<p>Completed.</p>
<p>2.2.1. Prepare inputs to prepare ProDoc for UNDP in supporting the VII Plan implementation process.</p> <p>2.2.4 Workshop (s) for the 7th plan formulation Committee members to discuss recommendation in policy brief, incl PEI brief</p> <p>2.2.5 Support the development of poverty-environment policy</p>	<p>Completed as reasons stated in Output 2.4.2</p> <p>Postponed, to be merged with M&E activities for logistic reasons explained in M&E sections.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5,300,000 KIP</p>	<p>Completed.</p>	<p>Completed.</p>

<p>learning event is organized for planners on P-E.</p> <p>Indicators: Copies of policy briefs; agenda of south-south learning workshops/trip; first draft of NSEDP VII</p>	<p>recommendations for the NSEDP draft through South-South learning events.</p>		
<p>Output 2.3: MDG Needs Assessment and Costing report prepared for VIIth Plan is published in Lao and English</p> <p>Target: Report published and disseminated</p> <p>Indicators: Availability of MDG Needs assessment and costing report published; evidence of MDG costing integrated into draft NSEDP VII</p>	<p>- 13th May 2010, Conducted meeting for launching of MDG Costing report with concerned sectors, held at Lao Plaza hotel.</p>	<p>13,650,000 Kip</p>	<p>Achieve Target</p>

Outcome 3: Enhanced capacities of MPI, & selected Ministries for improved implementation monitoring, evaluation and reporting for NSEDP VI and NSEDP VII

<p>Output 3.1: The NSEDP VII has a comprehensive M&E and reporting system which is introduced in Year 1 of NSEDP VII period (2010/2011).</p> <p>Target: Draft M&E system for NSEDP VII with adequate integration of poverty- environment linkages is developed by end 2010</p> <p>Indicators: Core set of indicators identified for each sector and cross sector of NSEDP VII, including priority P-E indicators; draft reporting templates and reporting schedule.</p> <p>Baseline: Diagnostic Assessment of NSEDP M&E system undertaken from Oct07-April08, and an assessment of capacities at sub-national level was undertaken in Sept-Oct 08.</p>	<p>- Conducted one consultation meeting on M&E within MPI for NSEDP. Q1</p> <p>- Conducted consultation meeting within MPI in identifying PE indicators to incorporate poverty with Environment. Q1</p>	<p>1,033,000 Kip</p> <p>1,094,000 Kip</p>	<p>Initial list of monitoring indicators prepared and discussed within DOP</p> <p>Conducted consultation meeting within MPI in identifying PE indicators to incorporate poverty with Environment. (Q1)</p> <p>List of PE Indicators have been translated and are available in Lao and English; only need further editing and consultation meeting to share, improve and develop the concerned framework. (Q4)</p>	<p>Completed.</p> <p>Further work on M&E will be taken up in 2011 onwards as DOS has received the decree to standardise definitions, coverage, etc. only in late 2010. It would have been pre-mature for DOP to proceed ahead, if DOS and other partners were not ready</p>
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<p>Output 3.2: Strengthened capacity of MPI to manage and coordinate the NSEDP M&E system for NSEDP VII and provide accurate and informative reports to Government, and utilize the information in planning.</p> <p>Target: NSEDP VII guidelines include information on new M&E system and a training of trainers programme (MPI and LMs) on M&E system is developed by Q4 2009.</p> <p>Indicators: NSEDP VII guidelines include information about new M&E system; TOT programme to MPI staff on new M&E system.</p>	<p>3.2.1 Following from 3.1. above, conduct comprehensive training for MPI, with practical examples incl. field visit</p> <p>3.2.2 PEI Technical inputs on p-e in the training programme and deliver training sessions on poverty-environment M&E. Support additional participants from PEI pilot provinces</p>		<p>Further work on M&E will be taken up in 2011 onwards as DOS has received the decree to standardise definitions, coverage, etc. only in late 2010. It would have been pre-mature for DOP to proceed ahead, if DOS and other partners were not ready</p>
<p>Output 3.3: Strengthened capacity of Line Ministries to undertake M&E and reporting activities for the NSEDP VII.</p> <p>Target: New M&E system installed in LMs by end 2010 and training</p>	<p>3.3.1 Following from 3.1.above, conduct comprehensive training for Line Ministries, with practical examples.</p> <p>3.3.2 PEI Technical inputs on p-e in the training programme and deliver</p>		<p>Further work on M&E will be taken up in 2011 onwards as DOS has received the decree to standardise definitions, coverage, etc. only in late 2010. It would have been pre-mature for DOP to proceed ahead, if DOS and other partners were not ready</p>

<p>programmes started. The no. of staffs / LMs which have M&E could effectively use the new M&E System.</p> <p>Indicator: Availability of New M&E system and No. of staff within the concerned LMs could demonstrate the M&E system.</p>	<p>training sessions on poverty-environment M&E.</p> <p>3.3.3 Introduce new M&E system in line ministries. Conduct training, install necessary software.</p>		
<p>Output 3.4: Strengthened capacity of local authorities to undertake M&E and reporting activities</p> <p>Target: Local authorities in 2 pilot provinces and PEI pilot provinces trained in M&E and reporting by Q3 2010</p> <p>Indicators: Draft training program integrated in PP Manual; list of trainers from DOP, DOS and MPI Training Centre trained; lessons learned report</p>	<p>3.4.1 Follow-up on capacity development program for pilot districts and villages in 2 pilot provinces (Attapeu and Khammuan) and introduce new M&E system in these Districts</p> <p>3.4.2 PEI to provide technical inputs to ensure that poverty-environment M&E is in the capacity development program.</p> <p>3.4.3 Support the purchase of calculators and filing cabinets for pilot village and district, and follow-up that each village is using the filing system.</p>		<p>Further work on M&E will be taken up in 2011 onwards as DOS has received the decree to standardise definitions, coverage, etc. only in late 2010. It would have been pre-mature for DOP to proceed ahead, if DOS and other partners were not ready</p>

<p>Output 3.5: Both Planning Department and project activities are strategically linked by enhanced and effective project support</p> <p>Target 1: No high risk audit observations and no qualified audit opinions</p>	<p>3.4.4 Based on documented lessons learned of the CEP Capacity Development Program, provide input into the formulation of the Village Statistic Book for NSEDP VII and village and district level M&E systems for NSEDP (linked to Output 3.1)</p> <p>3.4.5 Initiate the process of integrating training into the regular training courses such as Kum Ban participatory planning at the village, District and Provincial level, and plan the follow up coaching & guidance programs that will be managed by MPI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchased office supplies/ stationary for daily use in the project office. - Supported operational and logistic work of the project. - Project staffs attended a numbers of Training on 	<p>442,459,171 Kip (Q1-Q3)</p>	<p>Reduce in the numbers of Audit Observation for each domain. The overall rating for 2009-2010 Audit was rated satisfactory. If compared from year 2008 or the past few years. The overall rating was only partial satisfactory.</p>	<p>Achieve Target</p>
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<p>(expenditure, cash and asset statements</p> <p>Indicator 1: Reduce in the no. high risk of audit observation.</p> <p>Baseline1: 4 high risk audit observations and qualified audit opinion in 2008</p> <p>Target 2: 90% project delivery</p> <p>Baselines 2: 2007 project delivery – 85%</p>	<p>Financial and Project Management, organized by the NIM project & UNDP.</p> <p>- Project management team attended a series of meetings for NIM Audit Kick off and project management.</p>		
<p>Outcome 4: Improved coordination and dissemination of research in order to have better integration into the national and sub-national policy, planning and budgeting system</p>			
<p>Output 4.1: Develop a research master plan to guide formulation of the NSEDP VII and conducting joint research among members of national research network</p> <p>Target: Review and share all research result from line ministries/relevant research</p>	<p>- 3 consultation workshops were conducted for research topic with concerned sectors within NERI. Q1.</p> <p>- Conducted survey SME Policy Case Study: “Production condition of Rattan and Sales of product made from</p>	<p>6,867,000 Kip</p> <p>1,688,000 Kip</p>	<p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p>

<p>institutes.</p> <p>Indicator: Number of Research papers, master plan/guidelines for the NSEDP VII have been developed and disseminated.</p> <p>Baseline 4.1: Research activities from line ministries and related research institutes are not share and unified, at least two research topics have been identified and carried out the study and disseminated.</p>	<p>Rattan." Q1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conducting survey on "policy on SME Promotion" with case study on: Production and distribution of Rattan product" in Vientiane Capital and Vientiane Province, in order to evaluate the production condition and Rattan Handicraft Market. Q2 - Conducted the 3rd Dissemination Workshop of NERI within the Research network, in order to present and share the progress & challenges in implementing the work. (NSEDP. (Held at ITCT, KM 5) - 16/09/2010, conducted consultation meeting within the Research Net Work, in order to put together ideas in identifying research 	<p>1,200,000 Kip</p> <p>14,624,000 Kip</p> <p>5,305,000 Kip</p>	<p>Research was published and disseminated with concerned stakeholders.</p> <p>Research was published and disseminated with concerned stakeholders.</p> <p>5 topics were presented in this workshop. Each topic was influenced by the attending participants with useful details support to the formulation of the VII</p>	<p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p>
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	<p>topics into the VII Plan. 38 participants from concerned line ministries and institute within the research network attended.</p>			
<p>Output 4.2: Continue carry out related works of research data centre of NERI as the main centre for research network to manage and disseminate network activities Target: Support library system and data service through equipment and supplies provision Indicator: Equipment and supplies procured Baseline: n/a</p>	<p>- Developed comprehensive research data-base of the Centre including website to ensure a comprehensive service provision of the Centre. Q1& Q3</p>	<p>13,740,000 Kip 4,150,000 Kip</p>	<p>Completed, website and the library system have been improved; all detail of new research topics and remaining are maintained and file within the library system.</p>	<p>At the operational level, the work is still slow or not completed as planned, since the human resource factor was inadequate. Nevertheless, consultations were made and ways identified for solving the problem in the Q4/2010.</p>
<p>Output 4.3: Undertake Research Activities to support preparation of NSEDP VII and annual plan preparation. Target: Support the</p>	<p>- 02/03/2010, Conducted Pre-net work consultation workshop with related institute and concerned line ministries. Q1</p>	<p>300,000 Kip</p>	<p>Discussion and ideas were shared among 30 participants from concerned line ministries and NERI. Research topics were identified for the 3rd technical workshops for the research network.</p>	<p>Completed.</p>

<p>macroeconomic monitoring in order to evaluate and provide policy recommendation for the implementation of the NSEDP.</p> <p>Indicator: Enhancing and capacity building for NERI and other divisions of MPI such as DOP, line ministries/relevant research institutes in term of human capacity building by provide training for national and local staffs in order to evaluate and monitoring on related issues.</p> <p>Baseline 4.3: Review and fill the gap by conduct researches in term of NERI and line ministries/relevant research institutes.</p>	<p>- Conducted surveys within 3 parts of Laos to support the Macroeconomic monitoring in order to evaluate and provide policy recommendation for the implementation of the VII Plan. Q1&Q3.</p> <p>- Conducted 3 Research Dissemination workshop for Planning Department, MPI staff and other concerned Ministries and Agencies. Q1.</p> <p>- Conducted 3 dissemination workshops for MPI, held on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 07/05/2010 on “ the movement of labor, Money transferred to home and Poverty Reduction” 2. 08/06/2010 on “ Production Capacity and share holding: case study of electronic Industry in Korea” 	<p>19,700,000 Kip</p> <p>19,190,000 Kip</p> <p>5,340,000 Kip</p> <p>20,820,000 Kip</p>	<p>Business Tendency and Consumer Sentimental research papers/ report was produced and used to support to the Quarterly Economic report for the Macro-Economic condition of Lao PDR.</p> <p>Additional information and research was transferred to and acknowledged by DOP officials, which would expand to their knowledge and be the foundation to related work.</p> <p>The 3 topics presented have captured the participants’ interests and they were useful to their</p>	<p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p>
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	<p>3. 29/06/2010 on “ Modernization of Lao Textile Industry”</p> <p>- 27/08/2010, conducted technical meeting on the topic of: “ the impact of appreciation of Lao currency to Lao Economic”</p> <p>- 09/07/2010, organized technical meeting on the topic of: “Preparation to the opening of the Stock Security Market”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5,663,000 Kip</p>	<p>related work. About 75% of the participants proposed to organise the technical meetings on a sustained basis.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Completed.</p>
<p>Outcome 5: Initiate work on P-E</p> <p>All activities and outcomes are merged with Outcome 2 & 3 above.</p>				

4. Update on gender mainstreaming [*Brief update on any achievement and/or problem in terms of mainstreaming gender within the project activities. Strategy for the following period*]

- The fact that MDGs have become central to planning and national priorities suggests that gender is getting mainstreamed.
- All activities within the project are analysed and executed with high gender sensitivity
- Even in the staff of the project, most personnel are women.
- Capacity building among women is given priority.

5. Update on audit recommendations [*Brief update on progress achieved and problems encountered. Actions planned for the following period*]

Reduce in the numbers of Audit Observation for each domain. The overall rating for 2009-2010 Audit was rated satisfactory. If compared from year 2008 or the past few years. The overall rating was only partial satisfactory. However, during the year there has been turnover of project personnel, which has created difficulties and some struggles of the project work in terms of Financial, programme and administrative matters. Thus, it would in some circumstance affected to the Audit preparation.

6. List main challenges and issues (if any) faced during reporting period [*as well as response strategies adopted*]

Time management, scheduling and follow up are major challenges that the government has to address. Meetings are organised with some difficulty, since most senior government officials are very busy. Next, the procedures are at times arduous and time consuming.

Reading per se is scant in the culture and needs inculcation. In this regard, linguistic skills (esp. in English) are a prerequisite for all in the government. The government must take this up on priority.

Inter-department/ministry collaboration, though achieved to and extent in this project, still stays a challenge.

7. Rating on progress towards results

Output: <i>[From table 1. Contribution to Strategic Goals]</i>	
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IV. ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE OUTCOME AND/OR OUTPUTS

Provide information about any activities undertaken by the project that were NOT envisaged in the work plan but which contributed to the outcome and/or outputs? E.g. advocacy and policy dialogue.

- 24-25/02/2010, project management team attended 2009 NIM Audi Kick off and project management, held at Setha Palace Hotel.
- June 16, 2010, Project team attended Finance Training conducted at UN House.
- Audit debriefing meeting held on 17 June at Lao Plaza.
- 27-28/ 07/2010, Project staff attended Training on Financial and Project Management, held at Bankeund, by the NIM project.
- 15-26/09/2010, Project management team accompanied the President of Laos and high level delegation to attend MDGs Summit and Side events at UN headquarters in New York.
- 20-21/10/2010, support to the preparation of organizing the Round Table Meeting with development partners.
- 8-11 November, project manager attended the High Level Regional Workshop on Transport Infrastructure: An instrument for Economic and Social Development, held at China, supported by the ADB.

- 23-25/11/2010, project staffs attend training on Project Financial Management, held at Luangprabang.
- 06-09/12/2010, Project manager attended meeting on Food Security and Mulnutrition, held at Italy, supported by FAO.
- 07-10/12/2010, project staffs attended training on RBM, held at Don Chan Palace, organized by NIM Project.

V. FUTURE WORK PLAN

1. **What are the priority actions planned for the following year to overcome constraints, build on achievements and partnership, and use of the lessons learned during the previous year?**

The new 7th NSEDP ProDoc proposal puts forth a 'programme support' to MPI rather than individual projects to each department. It is believed that this approach to an extent will help in a continued closer coordination between different departments in the MPI.

It is important that UNDP supports projects with the express purpose of imparting skills rather than 'replacing' skills. Also, it should fund more of innovative work rather than routines.

2. **List major adjustments in the strategies, targets or key outcomes and outputs planned.**

1. Lay priority on unfinished jobs of the 6th NSEDP – e.g. M&E.
2. Carryout village studies to get a feel of ground situation, so that strategies of modernisation and industrialisation can be smoother.
3. Be more flexible in time and budget allocation so as to be results-based.

3. **Estimated total budget require:** _____

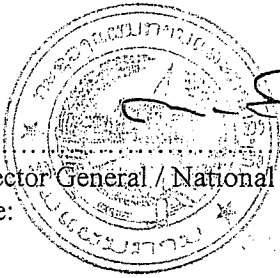
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