



2010 Annual Work Plan

Project Title	CUSTOMARY LAW PROJECT
Project Number	00070144
UNDAF Outcomes:	UNDAF OUTCOME 3: By 2011, strengthened capacities of public and private institutions to fulfill their duties and greater people's participation in governance and advocacy for the promotion of human rights in conformity with the Millennium Declaration
Expected CP Outcomes:	Outcome 7: Enhanced institutional capacity development of the legal sector to improve the application of the law in an impartial, effective and predictable manner, particularly for women, low-income households and vulnerable groups.
Expected CPAP Outputs:	Output 7.1: Enhanced institutional capacity development of the legal sector to improve the application of the law in an impartial, effective and predictable manner, particularly for women, low-income households and vulnerable groups.
Implementing Partner:	Ministry of Justice
Responsible Parties:	Ministry of Justice, UNDP

Brief Description

To this day there is no reliable data on customary law in Lao PDR whereas it is acknowledged that it constitutes a main source of legal practice in the country, particularly among ethnic groups and in all rural remote areas. On the basis of a strategic survey and data collection on customary legal practices of a representative sample of ethnic groups throughout Laos, but also by resorting to comparative studies with neighbouring countries, the project aims at supporting in 2010 the building a national strategy on customary law. This strategy should facilitate the practice of customary law where it serves the needs and interests of the people, enhance the knowledge of central authorities on informal practices so that they may govern in a more effective and responsive way, and ensure compliance with the general standards of Human Rights and gender equality principles.

Annual key priorities

Based on the key outputs of the project, the key priorities for 2010 are:

1. Support survey of customary rules and practices;
2. Facilitate and support the creation of customary justice practice database;
3. Support drafting of National Strategy/Strategy Guideline on customary justice practices;
4. Support dissemination of National Strategy/Strategy Guideline on customary justice practices.

Annual key deliverables

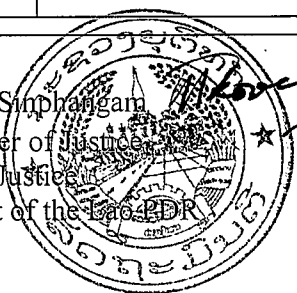
In accordance to the key priorities specified above, the key deliverables for each key priority of the project are:

1. Being able to carry out survey to collect all information (both second and first hand information) on customary justice practices/rules;
2. Complete compilation of informal legal/customary rules and practices and place them on database system;
3. Having National Strategy/Guideline on customary justice practices/rules for getting approval from the Lao government;
4. Raising understanding on the code of use of National Strategy/Guideline on customary justice practices/rules

Programme Period:	2007-2011	Estimated 2010 budget:	\$ 301,450
CPAP Programme Component:	Output 7.1	Total resources required	\$ 352,131
Project Title:	Customary Law	Total allocated resources:	\$ 236,000
Atlas Award ID:	00070144	• Regular	\$ 50,000
Start date:	1 January 2010	• Other:	
End Date :	31 Dec 2010	◦ DGTF	\$ 186,000
PAC Meeting Date:	19 March 2009	Unfunded budget:	\$ 116,131
Management Arrangement:	NIM (National Implementation)	In-kind Contributions	office space
		MoJ	

Agreed by Implementing Partner: Mr. Kysinh Siphangam
Vice-Minister of Justice
Ministry of Justice
Government of the Lao PDR

Date: 16/02/2010



Agreed by UNDP:

Ms. Sonam Yangchen Nana
UN Resident Coordinator and
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Date: 18/2/10



Work Plan

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EXPECTED OUTPUTS <i>And baseline, associated indicators and annual targets</i>	PLANNED ACTIVITIES <i>List activity results and associated actions</i>	TIMEFRAME				RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET	
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Funding Source	Budget Description Amount
Output 1: Relevant database on customary laws and practices in Lao PDR created								
<i>Baseline: No existing database on informal legal rules and practices at end 2009.</i>	Action 1.1: Survey of informal legal rules and practices of representative ethnic groups (including village mediation units), paying specific attention to gender parity and the situation of most vulnerable people	X				MoJ and UNDP	DGTF	71300 National 71100 international experts 26,000
	<i>Indicators: Existence of a working Database</i>	1.1.1: Recruitment national and international consultants/experts specialising in anthropology, Lao legal system and legal pluralism	X					

<p><i>Target:</i> Comprehensive database exists</p>	<p>1.1.2: Consultations at local and central level and determination of relevant areas of investigations organise 4 technical workshops at 4 provinces aiming to train groups of survey/researchers.</p>	X	X				DGTTF	74500 Workshops 71600 DSA 71600 travel 72500 supplies	52,000
		<p>1.1.3: Field survey in pre selected areas of the country—field survey will be conducted 4 times within 4 parts of the country .</p>	X	X				DGTTF	74500 Workshops 71600 DSA 71600 travel 72500 supplies
<p><i>Related CP outcome:</i></p>	<p>1.1.4: 4 workshops after field survey</p>	X	X				TRAC	71600 DSA 71600 travel 72500 supplies	50,000
	<p>Action 1.2: Relevant database created.</p>								
	<p>1.2.1 Recruitment of national or international database specialist</p>		X				DGTTF	71300 National 71100 international experts	8,000
	<p>1.2.2: Production of a database on customary rules and practices, with a focus on specific thematic fields and/or specific groups, such as women.</p>		X				DGTTF	74500 Misc 72200 Equipment 72500 supplies	4,000

	- data compilation in database— consultation meetings/ workshops may be needed.											71600 DSA 71600 travel 72500 supplies	8,000
	1.3. : Project Staff	X									DGTTF	71400 Salaries	8,500
												Output 1 total	179,000

Output 2: Formulation of a draft National Strategy on customary law based on the survey previously carried out and resulting database

<i>Baseline: No National Strategy on Customary Law</i>	Action 2.1: Comparative study of informal laws or rules and the formal statutory system												
<i>Indicators: Existence of a draft National Strategy</i>	2.1.1: Recruitment of a team of national/international experts on legal pluralism and lao legal system												26,000
<i>Target: Draft National Strategy formulated</i>	2.1.2: Workshops and consultations aiming at performing a comprehensive gap analysis												12,000
<i>Related CP outcome:</i>	2.1.3. Concept Paper developed on gap analysis												2,000

	Action 2.2: study of coordination between village mediation and formal judiciary system									
	2.2.1: workshops on improvement of coordination between village mediation and court system	X	X	X	X	MoJ	Unfunded	74500 Workshop organization 71600 DSA 71600 travel, 72500 supplies	8000	
	2.2.2: drafting of a concept paper identifying areas and means whereby the institution of Village Mediation Unit can be further integrated into the overall judicially system	X	X	X	X	MoJ	Unfunded	74500 Misc., 72500 supplies	4,000	
	Action 2.3: National Strategy Developed on harmonisation of formal statutory system and informal rules and practices with specific attention given to women and most vulnerable groups					MoJ	Unfunded	71600 DSA 71600 travel,	12,000	
	2.3.1: workshops aiming at designing a national strategy.	X	X	X	X	MoJ	Unfunded	71600 DSA 71600 travel,	12,000	

	2.3.2: Study tours to relevant countries				X				Unfunded	71600 DSA 71600 travel,	16,000	
	2.3.3: drafting National Strategy Guideline Document to be endorsed by GoL				X	X			Unfunded	74500 Misc 72500 supplies	3,500	
	Action 2.4: Strategy Guideline disseminated (Optional Action)											
	2.4.1: Dissemination of copies of Strategy Guideline at central, provincial and district level				X		MoJ		Unfunded	74500 Misc., 71600 DSA, 71600 travel 72500 supplies	10,000	
	2.4.2: Creation of leaflets or booklets on applicable laws and rules in regard with specific issues such as gender equality/dissemination at village level				X		MoJ		Unfunded		18,000	
	2.5 Project Staff				X		MoJ		DGTTF	71400 Salaries	8,500	
	2.6 Purchase of furniture for office Customary Law Project				X	X	MoJ		Unfunded	72200 furniture	2,450	
Output 2 total											122,450	
GRAND TOTAL											USD	301,450