



**Lao PDR**

**Project Title:** **Enhancing the contribution of International Law to strengthening the Rule of Law in the Lao PDR**

**UNDAF Outcome(s):** **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 Outcome(s):** **Outcome 9:** Progressive realization of international treaty obligations, including protection of human rights, in accordance with the Lao Constitution and the Millennium Declaration

**Expected CP Output(s):** **Output 9.1:** Key international treaties, including Human Rights instruments, are acceded to, effectively transformed into national legislation, and increasingly observed, enforced, and monitored by appropriate government bodies

**Implementing partner:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Responsible Parties:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department of Treaties and Law

**Narrative**

This is the final year of the Project. The Project has the following objectives: (1) Increased participation in the international legal framework; (2) Improved incorporation of international law into the domestic legal system; (3) Enhanced implementation, enforcement, monitoring and/or reporting under international legal instruments obliging the Lao PDR; (4) Developed national capacities in international law and negotiation. The final year as per this Work Plan, has focused on enhancing implementation and awareness of international law in the domestic law and general community of the Lao PDR; the capacity to meet reporting obligations and general personnel capacity building for MoFA in the areas of negotiation, general international law and English language skills. Key activities for the final year include intensive workshops on the ICCPR and Cultural Heritage Conventions, Chiang Mai study tour for MOFA officials, 3<sup>rd</sup> Laos International Law Forum, celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights and the formulation of Phase III.

**Programme Period:** 2005-2008

**Key Result area (Strategic Plan):**

Strengthening responsive governing institutions: ensuring that the state reflects and serves the needs, priorities, and interests of all people, including women, the poor, youth, and minorities, by promoting the core governing institutions of representation and accountability at the national, regional and local levels. 2.3: The justice system is more effective, responsive and accessible: this includes promoting the rule of law as well as both formal and informal processes of justice.

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Duration: 3 Years

**Estimated annualized budget: US\$ 496, 056**

Total allocated resources:	<b>US\$ 1,697,453</b>
• Regular	US\$ 659,499
• Other:	
○ Government	
○ Donor	US\$ 736,011 (Finland)
○ Donor	US\$ 301,943 (EC)
○ Donor	
Unfunded budget:	0
In-kind Contributions:	_____

**Agreed by (Implementing Partner):**

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