



Annual Work Plan 2011

PROJECT ID: 00075094

**PROJECT TITLE: "PROGRAMME OF SUPPORT TO THE
NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM IN THE LAO PDR"**

- UNDAF Outcome 2:** Enhanced ownership and capacity for pro-poor planning, implementation and harmonized aid coordination, and disaster management
- CPAP Outcome 2.3:** Increased capacity in disaggregated data collection and analysis research, dissemination and utilization of data for improved (or evidence-based) advocacy, policy and strategy development, planning and monitoring for population, poverty reduction, labour market policy formulation and sustainable development
- Implementing partner:** UNDP Lao PDR
- Responsible Partners:** Department of Statistics (DoS) Ministry of Planning and Investment

Narrative

Project background and objective

The purpose of an Initiation Plan (IP) is to articulate activities to be completed and budget required prior to the full implementation of the project, i.e. during the Initiating a Project.

The overall 5 year programme of support will aim to strengthen the National Statistical System (NSS) to perform its functions efficiently and effectively, and support the NSS in its quest to provide relevant, timely and reliable statistical data. The information provided by such data is a requirement for evidence-based policy making, and is therefore a vital contribution to government policy formulation. Relevant, timely, and reliable data will assist policy makers in establishing successful strategies for poverty reduction and agricultural and rural development and to monitor achievement of NSEDP, MDGs and graduation from LDC status. Conversely, an inability of the NSS to provide appropriate data will leave substantial uncertainty regarding policy adequacy and goal attainment. They are therefore important components of an overall strategy towards increased economic growth, and the information provided by the NSS will help reinforce the linkages between growth and social development. The crucial role played by statistical data for policies of balanced growth also underlines its importance for a stable socio-economic and socio-political development.

The programme will be guided by the statistical Master Plan or the National Statistical Development Strategy (NSDS) prepared by the DoS with considerable inputs from SIDA-Statistics Sweden, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development/ Partnership in Statistics in the 21st Century (OECD/PARIS21). Statistical capacity-building will be pursued using a system-wide approach. Strategic interventions will be applied to the different components of the Project: institutional and organizational, human resources, statistical infrastructure, data development and management, and provincial and district statistics. The interventions will generate data with substantially improved quality, at more disaggregated levels, which will allow increased use of the LaoInfo system and support the GPAR program. Eventually statistical outputs will feed into results, or outcomes, with increased user satisfaction that respond to the requirements of the NSEDP and the adherence of the NSS to the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics promulgated by the United Nations Statistical Commission.

However, while the full programme document is being prepared, there are a number of key activities in support of the Department of Statistics and the NSS that require immediate support for implementation. This IP addresses this gap.

The IP includes the following activities (see AWP for details):

- a. Sensitisation workshops for National Assembly Members in preparation for the approval of the new Statistics Law
- b. Meetings to decide on common indicators and metadata definition standardization between NSEDP M&E and integrate into LaoInfo common database
- c. Statistics day will be celebrated to increase visibility and understanding of Statistics among various stakeholders (incl. specific session on statistics and gender)
- d. A communications officer will be recruited to help DoS develop and implement a communications, outreach and dissemination plan for the National Statistical

Development Strategy

- e. Support Department of Statistics participation at regional and international statistical cooperation meetings
- f. Establish of a coordination mechanism for donor support to Department of Statistics
- g. Develop a resource mobilisation plan for the programme in support the National Statistical System in Lao PDR

Finalize the necessary documentation and approval process to implement a comprehensive programme to support the National Statistical System in Lao PDR

Annual key priorities/outputs

Output 2: Increased understanding of National Statistical Development Strategy (NSDS) through dissemination and information sharing events

Annual key deliverables/targets

1. Monitoring framework with specific indicators established for the 7th NSEDP, MDGs and Human Development
 - Develop monitoring framework based on LaInfo database technology
 - Adopt DevInfo di Monitoring dashboard to 7th NSEDP, MDGs and HD monitoring framework in LaoInfo
 - Update baseline, target and actual data in monitoring framework in LaoInfo
 - Conduct national seminars on 7th NSEDP, MDGs and HD monitoring using dashboard
2. Coordination function established for evidence-based monitoring of 7th NSEDP, MDGs and human Development
 - Integrate Lao Info database template of development indicators with monitoring framework at Bureau of Statistics
 - Create sector-based Lao Info adaptations in key development line ministries
 - Establish monitoring frameworks for key line ministries as integrated modules of 7th NSEDP, MDGs and HD
 - Adapt DevInfo di Monitoring dashboards to monitoring frameworks of key line ministries
 - Conduct national seminars to update and adjust line ministry monitoring dashboards
3. Capacity to exchange and disseminate data useful for monitoring development improved at the national and pilot sub-national levels
 - Develop data exchange tools to upload line ministry data to Lao Info database format
 - Conduct training of trainer data exchange and dissemination workshops for national data producers
 - Facilitate data exchange and dissemination workshops for sub-national


data producers

4. Policy makers are able to use development statistics for improved planning and decision-making at the national and the pilot sub-national areas.

- Produce advocacy materials based on progress and achievements of the 7th NSEDP, MDGs and HD
- Conduct training of policy makers in the use of development statistics for improved planning at all levels

Programme Period:	01/01/2011 – 30/04/2011	Estimated annualized budget:	310,010
Programme Component:	Poverty Reduction	Allocated resources:	
Intervention Title:	Programme of support to the national statistical system in the Lao PDR	UNDP	310,010
Budget code:	Award ID 00059884 Project ID 00075094	Unfunded budget:	n.a
Duration :	4 months		

Agreed by (UNDG Agency):



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I. ANNUAL WORK PLAN : JANUARY 2011 – APRIL 2011

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMEFRAME				RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET			Amount USD
		Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4		Funding Source	Account Code	Itemize Code	
Output 2: increased understanding of National Statistical Development Strategy (NSDS) through dissemination and information sharing events Indicator: Report specifying the LaoInfo and NSEDP indicator metadata definitions Target: Common indicators between NSEDP M&E and LaoInfo are decided on Baseline: No common indicators identified between laoInfo and NSEDP, a list of M&E indicators for NSEDP have been identified, however, further discussion is required to finalize the list of NSEDP M&E indicators	2.6. Support LaoInfo to be monitoring tool for MDGs, NSEDP and HDI - Establish monitoring framework with specific indicators established for the 7 th NSEDP, MDGs and Human Development - Establish coordination function or evidence-based monitoring of 7th NSEDP, MDGs and human Development - Improve capacity to exchange and disseminate data useful for monitoring development at the national and pilot sub-national levels - Policy makers are able to use development statistics for improved planning and decision-making at the national and the pilot sub-national areas	x	x			UNDP	UNDP	72140	Contractual service	310,010
Total Output 2:										310,010