

Lao PDR

**Annual Work Plan 2012
Lao PDR**

- Project Title:** 00054101 Enabling an Effective Integration of the Lao PDR into ASEAN
- UNDAF Outcome 1:** The livelihoods of poor, vulnerable and food insecure populations are enhanced through sustainable development (within MDG framework)
- Expected CP Outcome 1.5:** Enabled environment for growth with equity
- Expected CP Output:** Enhanced capacity building for service delivery and strengthened negotiation skills and policy advice on trade and poverty policies, including global and regional agreements such as the ASEAN Free Trade Agreement (AFTA), accession to the World Trade Organization and investment promotion (UNCTAD, ITC, UNIDO, UNDP)
- Implementing partner:** ASEAN Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA)
- Responsible parties:** NA

Narrative

Project background and objective

Since joining the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in July 1997, Lao PDR has emphasized the importance of full integration into ASEAN through active participation in economic, political, security and socio-cultural cooperation. Economic cooperation, in particular, and the participation in the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) and Free Trade Areas between Dialogue Partners are seen as crucial for the development of the country.

However, full integration poses various challenges for Laos. Among the most significant ones include: the capacity of the GoL to manage the process of integration; analyzing the impacts of AFTA and other Free Trade Agreements currently in force and under negotiation and finding ways to achieve maximum benefits from ASEAN economic integration and other aspects of ASEAN integration; understanding among local officials, business community and the general public in order that they are able to benefit from the opportunity offered by AFTA and prepare themselves to deal with the challenges of ASEAN integration.

A three-year cooperation project, which has been extended to five year, is designed to promote human development, trade and economic growth in Lao PDR through integration in ASEAN. This will be achieved through delivery of the following outcomes:

- Increased national commitment to the process of ASEAN integration.
- Improved capacity to coordinate ASEAN affairs within the Government of Lao PDR.
- Enhanced national capacity to assess policy implications of regional integration.

Annual key priorities

Based on the key outputs of the project, the key priorities for the year 2012 are:

1. New project formulation.
2. Final Review Meeting of “Enabling an Effective Integration of Lao PDR into ASEAN” project.
3. Project implementation fully complied with Result Based Management (RBM) requirements.


Annual key deliverables

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

1. The new project to support ASEAN Dept/MoFA on Lao Integration into ASEAN is formulated.
2. The project Final Review Meeting is organized.
3. RBM requirements are completed; the number of audit observations at minimum and audited recommendations is implemented.


Programme Period:	2007 – 2011	Estimated annualized budget:	\$40,000
Key Result Area (Strategic Plan):	Fostering inclusive globalization	Total allocated resources:	\$40,000
Atlas Award ID:	00045737	Government	In Kind
Atlas Project ID:	00054101	UNDP Regular TRAC	\$40,000
Duration :	Five years 01/01/2007 – 31/12/2011 Extended to 30/06/2012	Other (Cost Sharing)	
		Unfunded budget:	-

Agreed by Implementing Partner:



 Dr. Khiane Phansourivong
 National Project Director
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 ASEAN Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Agreed by UNDP:



 Minh H. Pham
 UNDP Resident Representative

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EXPECTED CP OUTPUTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	PLANNED BUDGET		RESPONSIBLE PARTIES	Source of Funds	PLANNED BUDGET	
		Q1	Q2			Budget Description	Amount (USD)
<p>Output 3: Strategic Policy framework to guide integration into ASEAN.</p> <p>Indicator: Availability of new ASEAN project document</p> <p>Target: New ASEAN project document is finalized</p> <p>Baseline: ASEAN phrase 2 project operated</p>	3.1.1 formulation and finalization of ASEAN phrase 3 project document	X	X	ASEAN dept.	04000	71200 Intl Consultant 71600 Travel 74500 Miscellaneous	20,000 5,000 500
	3.1.2 LPAC meeting		X	ASEAN dept.	04000		25,500
	3.1.3. Workshop on deepening Laos economic integration into ASEAN and the impact of AFTA.	X		ASEAN dept.	04000		71600 Travel 72500 Supplies 73100 Rental and Maint Premises 73400 Rental & Maint of Other Equip 74200 Audio Visual & Print Prod Costs 74500 Miscellaneous Expenses
						Total 3.1.1 Total 3.1.2 Total 3.1.3	1,000 1,000 8,170
<p>Output 4: Sufficient managerial and technical inputs are provided to the project.</p> <p>Indicator: Result Based Management (RBM) requirements fulfilled.</p> <p>Target: Monthly meetings, Project Board meeting and Final Review Meeting are organized; Quarterly/Final Project Report, RBM logs are prepared</p> <p>Baseline: RBM requirements were strictly followed and fulfilled.</p>	4.1.1 - Staffing support for Implementation of Project activities.	X	X	ASEAN dept.	04000		2,370
	4.1.2 - Office equipment maintenance and supplies	X	X	ASEAN dept.	04000		400 1000 110 450
	4.1.3 - Final Review Meeting	X	X		04000		73100 Rental and Maint Premises
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