



2010 Annual Work Plan

Project Title	INVESTMENT IN LAO PDR: MINIMISING THE SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS
Project Number	00064088 (PEF Fund) 00071859 (TRAC Fund)
UNDAF Outcomes:	UNDAF Outcome 1: By 2011, the livelihoods of poor, vulnerable and food insecure populations are enhanced through sustainable development (within DMG framework)
Expected UNDP Country Programme / CPAP Outcomes:	Outcome 1: Improved and equitable access to land, markets and social and economic services, environmentally sustainable utilization of natural resources, with balanced population growth.
Expected UNDP Country Programme / CPAP Outputs:	Output 1.2: The role of biodiversity, agro-biodiversity, land management and environment in general in livelihood improvements and poverty reduction strengthened through enhanced knowledge management and management capacity. Outcome 1.3: Enhanced management capacity of the Government in meeting its international environmental obligations through strengthened implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and related national policies and legislation.
Implementing Partner:	Investment Promotion Department (IPD) of the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI)
Responsible Parties:	IPD/MPI and UNDP

Brief Description

The Poverty-Environment Initiative (PEI) in Lao PDR aims to strengthen capacity of targeted central and provincial authorities to integrate poverty-environment concerns and opportunities in key development planning processes. The Initiative is not one stand-alone project but has been designed primarily to provide targeted support to ongoing programmes.

This project document – Investment in Lao PDR: minimizing the social and environmental impacts - corresponds to Output 2 of the overall PEI country programme, as set out in the ‘PEI Framework for Lao PDR’. Output 2 aims to strengthen the capacity of national and provincial authorities to plan and manage investment in a manner that seeks to maximize pro-poor and pro-environmental outcomes. The project will work with the Investment Promotion Department in the Ministry of Planning and Investment and provincial authorities to strengthen skills to

design, negotiate, plan, monitor and enforce appropriate investment contracts. In particular the project will encourage central and provincial authorities to use integrated spatial planning resources, existing cost-benefit analysis material, community consultation mechanisms, close coordination with the Environment and Social Impact Assessment Department of WREA, and south-south learning events to produce integrated investment strategies that are beneficial at the provincial level and assist Lao PDR to graduate from Least Developed Country (LDC) status by 2020. These activities will support the government to implement the revised Investment Law for Lao PDR (currently under consideration by the National Assembly).

MPI has selected four provinces within which to focus PEI provincial activities – Oudomxay, Phongsaly, Saravane and Savannakhet. PEI will coordinate its provincial activities with two parallel development initiatives – the Northern Uplands Core Coherent Program (AFD/EC/GTZ/SDC) in Phongsaly, and the ADB-IFAD Sustainable Natural Resource Management and Productivity Enhancement project in Saravane and Savannakhet. Activities will also aim to link closely with the ongoing UNDP Governance and Public Administration Reform programme (GPAR) in Saravane.

Annual key priorities

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

- (I) National level capacities strengthened to manage investment processes in a manner that minimizes negative environmental impacts and maximizes social benefits;
- (II) Provincial level institutional capacities strengthened for sound investment management;
- (III) Provincial level organizational and individual capacities strengthened for sound investment management;
- (IV) Community consultation in investment management strengthened.

Annual key deliverables

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

- (I)
 - Capacity needs assessment of Investment Promotion Department;
 - Training / awareness activities;
 - Technical briefs to support the development of the implementing decree of the new Investment Law;
 - Baseline assessment of investments and environmental impacts in the two southern provinces (outsourced);
 - Establish working group for coordination with WREA, MAF and other line ministries on PEI activities;
 - Consultation and progress review workshops as well as training and awareness raising on resource and investment databases and ISP
- (II)
 - Establish Provincial working group and hold regular meetings;
 - Develop and monitor coordination arrangements with resource and investment database and ISP development;
 - Review of national, provincial plans and policies;
 - Draft of provincial investment strategy.
- (III)
 - Assessment of national and provincial level institutional arrangements; capabilities, coordination needs and related issues;
 - Draft of institutional review report and recommendations;
 - Consultation workshops on draft report and recommendations.
- (IV)
 - Evaluation of consultation mechanisms to provide input on proposed investments

Programme Period:	2007 - 2011	2010 AWP budget:	USD 410,000
Key Result Area (Strategic Plan):	Goal 1 (Achieving the MDGs and reducing human poverty)	Total resources required	USD 410,000
Atlas Award ID:	<u>00058002</u>	Total allocated resources:	USD 410,000
Start date:	July 2009	• UNDP (TRAC)	USD 210,000
End Date	December 2011	• PEF	USD 200,000
PAC Meeting Date	26 March 2009	Unfunded budget:	0
Management Arrangement	NIM (National Implementation)	In-kind Contributions from Government	



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EXPECTED COMP OUTPUTS and indicators including baseline and annual target	Key Activities (List all the activities to be undertaken during the year towards stated output)	TIMEFRAME						RESP. PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET			
		Q1	C2	Q3	Q4				Source of Funds	Budget Description	Amount-USD	
Output 2 of PEI Framework: Capacities of national and provincial authorities to plan and manage investments for poverty reduction and sound environmental management increased												
Output 2.1: National level capacities strengthened to manage investment processes in a manner that minimized negative environmental impacts and maximizes social benefits												
Activity Result 2.1: Strengthen capacity of national officials to minimise social and environment impacts through improved investment management												
2.1 Targets												
1. Comprehensive understanding of the investment process at the national level, encompassing stakeholders involved, institutional arrangements and capacity needs	Action 2.1.1. Undertake a capacity needs assessment of Investment Promotion Department and plan training / awareness activities	X	X	X	X	UNDP	PEF	71100	International TA (full time advisor)	5,950		
2. Investment process significantly strengthened through key policy documents, that include an outline of a national investment strategy and one model contract for agriculture related investments		X	X	X	X	UNDP	PEF	71100	International TA (full time advisor)	4,500		
3. Key Implementing Partners investment management capacity strengthened.	Action 2.1.2. Support the development of the implementing decree of the new Investment Law, through written comments and consultation	X	X	X	X	UNDP	IPD	71100	International TA (full time advisor)	16,130		
		X	X	X	X	UNDP	IPD	74500	Miscellaneous for Workshop	4,000		
	Action 2.1.3. Support the development of a national investment strategy and the 7th NSEEDP with information on social and environmental impacts: prepare technical briefs, hold workshop	X	X	(X)	(X)	IPD	IPD	71100	International TA (full time advisor)	25,500		
		X	X	(X)	(X)	IPD	IPD	73100	Workshop	4,000		
2.1. Indicators												
1. Technical report outlining national level investment processes and associated capacity needs		X	(X)			IPD	PEF	74200	Printing (including communication material)	2,000		
2. Model investment contract for concessions developed	Action 2.1.4. Support the preparation and implementation of model contracts for different types of agriculture-related investments; in cooperation with MAF and WREA	X	X			IPD	IPD	71600	Travel and DSA	6,000		
3. At least 10 government staff with enhanced knowledge of investment management to minimize negative environmental impacts and maximize positive social impacts.		X	X			IPD	IPD	73100	Workshop	8,000		
Baselines:	2.1 Action 2.1.5 Establish working group for coordination with WREA, MAF and other line ministries on PEI activities	X	X	X	X	IPD	PEF	74500	Miscellaneous for coordination	5,000		
1. Detailed technical report outlining investment processes and capacity needs not yet elaborated	Action 2.1.6. Document and promote good private sector practices (eg. corporate social responsibility, codes of practice, fair trade and other certification)	X	X	X		IPD	PEF	73100	Workshops on CSR, etc.	8,000		
		X	X			IPD	PEF	74200	Training Materials and printing	5,000		

Output 2.2: Provincial level institutions capacities strengthened for sound investment management

Activity result 2.3: Provincial level capacities assessed and targeted training events undertaken											
2.3 Targets											
1. Comprehensive understanding of the investment process at the level of two provinces (Saravanne and Savannakhet), encompassing stakeholders involved, institutional arrangements and capacity needs	Action 2.3.1. Carry out an assessment of national and provincial level institutional arrangements, capabilities, coordination needs and related issues. Sub-activities: 1/ Prepare outline, coordinate with Investment Baseline, hold consultation; 2/ Carry out interviews and literature review; 3/ Draft institutional review report and recommendations; 4/ Hold consultation workshops on draft report and recommendations, finalize report. (should move to the North in Q3 and/or Q4)										
2. Key Implementing Partners investment management capacity strengthened in Saravanne and Savannakhet provinces	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2.3 Indicators											
1. One detailed report outlining provincial and district level technical capacities and associated capacity needs for sound investment management	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2. Enhanced technical knowledge of at least 20 provincial authorities about investment management to minimize negative environmental impacts and maximize positive social impact	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2.3 Baselines:											
1. Limited knowledge concerning specific technical capacities and capacity needs of provincial and district level officials for investment management	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2. Limited training on environment and social implications of investments at provincial level	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2.4 Outputs											
5) Training Workshops											
IPD											
PEF											
TRAC											
SP											

Output 2.4: Community consultation in investment management

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