



United Nations Development Programme

Country: Lao PDR

Programme Document

Programme Title: *Realizing the MDGs in Lao PDR - Consolidated Programme of Support to MPI for the Achievement of the Valuable Goals of the 7th NSEDP 2011-15*

UNDAF/CP Outcome 1: By 2015, the Government has effectively implemented the MDG-based NSEDP for more inclusive, equitable and sustainable development.

Expected CP Output 1.1: Substantially strengthened capacities for NSEDP implementation and increased aid effectiveness.

Implementing Partner: Ministry of Planning and Investment (Department of International Cooperation (DIC), Department of Planning (DoP), Lao Statistics Bureau (LSB), National Economic Research Institute (NERI), and Department of Investment Promotion (IPD)

Responsible Parties: Department of International Organisation (DIO), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Pilot Provinces (TBD)

Brief Description

The main objective of this consolidated programme of support is to provide more efficient and results-based support to help Lao PDR achieve the valuable goals of the 7th National Socio-economic Development Plan 2011-15, especially more inclusive and equitable growth, the MDGs and substantial further progress towards graduation from Least Developed Country (LDC) status.

In order to generate additional synergies, reduce overhead and transactions costs, and further increase managerial and administrative efficiency, the Government has requested that several separately implemented UNDP projects at MPI supporting in various ways the achievement of the goals of NSEDP be consolidated into a single more efficient results-based programme. In particular, three Government implemented capacity building projects supporting respectively NSEDP formulation and monitoring, the Round Table Process, and policy-informing research on human development have been consolidated into a single programme of support to MPI. In addition, more systematic linkages will be developed with other UNDP programme activities, and those of other UN Agencies and development partners.

The new consolidated support programme builds upon earlier capacity building support and includes four mutually supportive components each aimed at assisting the Government achieve the valuable goals within the NSEDP. These four components include: 1. Support to consultative planning, implementation, monitoring, assessment and reporting on the NSEDP/MDGs; 2. Support to strengthening effective monitoring and evaluation of progress towards goals of NSEDP/MDG via LaoInfo; 3. Support to strengthening the Round Table Process for achievement of NSEDP/MDGs; and 4. Support to advancing Human Development through policy-informing research on Human Development Issues especially relevant for achieving NSEDP/MDGs.

Notably, this more programmatic approach also better conforms to the commitments of the Paris and Vientiane Declarations on Aid Effectiveness.

Programme Period:	<u>2011-2015</u>
Key Result Area (Strategic Plan):	_____
Atlas Award ID:	<u>00061662</u>
Start date:	<u>xx/06/2011</u>
End Date	<u>31/12/2015</u>
PAC Meeting Date	<u>31/03/2011</u>
Management Arrangements	_____

2011 AWP budget:	<u>\$1,117,000</u>
Total resources required	<u>\$9,060,600</u>
Total allocated resources:	_____
• Regular	<u>\$3,417,688</u>
• Other:	_____
o Luxembourg	_____
o Donor	_____
o Donor	_____
o Government	_____
Unfunded budget:	<u>\$5,642,912</u>
In-kind Contributions	\$ 100,000 worth

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