

**Programme Board Meeting of  
The Programme for realizing the MDGs in Lao PDR  
“a Consolidated Programme of Support to MPI for the Achievement of the Valuable Goals of  
the 7<sup>th</sup> NSEDP 2011-2015”,  
The Poverty Environment Initiative Programme (NERI and IPD Component) and  
The Capacity Development for National Implementation Project**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING**

After closing the ARM of MPI Programme, Programme Board members (Representatives of MPI relevant departments and UNDP) continued meeting to further update and agree on new programme management structure and arrangements, and discuss and approve the 2012 Annual Work Plan of MPI Programme and PEI Programme.

The board has discussed and agreed on following issues:

**1. Programme management structure and arrangements:**

- a) Since there has been changes in MPI senior management, there is a need to update on the new MPI programme management structure, especially the Programme Executive Board that MPI proposed to replace HE Dr Bounthavy Sisouphanthong with HE Somchith Inthamith who has been assigned to oversee international cooperation related activities as an Executive Board while performing his responsibilities as a National Programme Coordinator. In this regard, UNDP will further consult its Head Office and get back to the Government if this option would be feasible.
- b) It is noted that since PEI Programme involves other Ministries not just MPI, to ensure an overall coordination among the PEI components, it is recommended that during the formulation of the new PEI Phase, the PEI Programme Board should be developed. So from this year onward (2012), PEI will have its own Board.

**2. 2012 MPI Programme Annual Work Plan:**

- a) Overall, the 2012 Annual Work Plan has been approved by the Programme Board, but each component in collaboration with UNDP POs needs to work more on prioritizing activities and budget as there is a significant resource gap. It is also proposed that a joint mission for the resource mobilization will be conducted by MPI and UNDP possibly in Hanoi and Bangkok to ensure the resource gap is securely filled.
- b) The board has agreed to include NIM activities as outputs 5 and 6 of the RTP Component 3 of the MPI Programme.
- c) In addition, it has been proposed that the Flexible Funding Facility be developed as one of activities within the RTP Component.

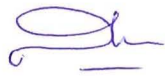
- d) More streamlined programme, especially the streamlined activities of each component, is required in order to reduce overhead and transactions costs.

**3. Linkages among NSEDP, MDGs, NHDRs and LDC Strategy:**

- a) There is a need for DPs to support the Government in formulating long-term LDC Strategy, as well as integrating LDC criteria and targets into the Five-year and Annual NSEDP including regular monitoring of NSEDP and PIP in order to achieve MDGs by 2015 and LDC graduation by 2020.
- b) The NHDR will be used to closely monitor Laos' progress towards the LDC graduation. The NHDR research will look at implications of LDC graduation on Laos especially in the following areas:
- Implications on ODA, soft and commercial loans
  - Implications on Trade preferential treatment from trade partners
  - Technical assistance

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