

Lao PDR (CONTINUED)

FOCUS AREAS

Implementation of Climate Action

- Complete feasibility study for one mini-grid, including geographic, financial and community assessment;
- Construct a micro-hydro power plant in an off-grid community and train villagers in operation;
- Provide solar home systems (SHSs) to households in off-grid communities at subsidized rates to achieve access to electricity for all members of the target communities

Enabling an Environment Enhanced for Private Sector

Engagement

- Strengthen communities and small enterprise by identifying new productive activities in the agricultural sector, supporting existing businesses, and developing targeted marketing strategies for new products;
- Establish a development fund to advance agricultural production beyond subsistence farming;
- Support implementation of Lao PDR's climate change adaptation and mitigation priorities, including achieving NDC goals and targets.

BUILDING BLOCKS

- Lao PDR's long-term goal for national development is set out in the 8th Five Year National Socio-economic Plan (2016-2020), with a Vision to 2030. The overarching goal is to transition into a middle-income country by 2030, supported by inclusive, stable, and sustainable economic growth and the elimination of poverty.
- The Climate Change and Disaster Law is being developed and will provide the overarching legal framework for climate change and disaster management.
- The National Strategy on Climate Change (NSCC) of Lao PDR was approved in early 2010 and states a vision on how to address climate change.
- Lao PDR, with support from UNDP, successfully prepared and submitted the INDC to the UNFCCC Secretariat ahead of the Paris Agreement. A detailed assessment of information available for key mitigation and adaptation sectors (through National Communications, GHG inventories, etc.) was carried out during this the preparation process.
- The UNDP supported NAMA on for the Renewable Energy Sector of Lao PDR focuses on electrification with renewable energies.
- Knowledge and lessons learned from the design and implementation of the UNDP GEF project "Intended Nationally Determined Contributions Lao PDR" are incorporated in the programme.

PARTNER INITIATIVES

The approach used in the formulation of the National Communications is similar to what is being proposed for the NDC implementation, whereby the immediate needs and concerns related to identification and prioritization of mitigation options, strategies, and measures are highlighted and collectively addressed by the stakeholders. Implementation of the activities in the target communities will also be coordinated with other programmes, such as the **GEF Small Grant Programme**.

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With the goal to foster ambitious progress towards resilient, zero carbon development, the NDC Support programme works with countries to put their climate commitments under the Paris Agreement into action. We thereby help countries pursue a "whole-of-society", integrated approach that is embedded within national systems to drive transformative sustainable development results. The programme is funded by the European Union and the Governments of Germany and Spain as a contribution to the NDC Partnership.