

SUPPORT TO CONSULTATIVE PLANNING, IMPLEMENTING, MONITORING, ASSESSING AND REPORTING ON THE NSEDP/MDGS

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Project Description

Lao PDR's National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSEDP) embodies the Government's most important development goals and plans for their achievement. The NSEDP also serves as the common over-arching framework for mobilization and coordination of resources from both national and international development partners for achievement of the country's development goals.



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Through the support from UN/UNDP, MDGs concept has been incorporated into the 7th NSEDP 2011-2015. The plan has a strong focus on inclusive and equitable growth, achieving the

Project Summary:

- Duration: June 2011 – December 2015
- Geographic coverage: Vientiane Capital
- Focus Area: Poverty Reduction
- Implementing Partners: Department of Planning, Ministry of Planning and Investment
- Websites:
 - <http://www.investlaos.gov.la>

MDGs by 2015, and further advancing the country towards graduation from LDC status by 2020.

The 7th NSEDP aims to increase the quality and inclusiveness of GDP growth including the underlying quality of FDI being mobilized to help achieve the country's development goals. In order to better safeguard the well-being of Lao families and communities especially in rural areas, as well as to safeguard progress already achieved towards the MDGs, the 7th NSEDP also commits to issue 1 million new legally-secure land titles over the 2011-2015 period.

Main Objectives and Outcomes

The main objective of the NSEDP project is to strengthen MPI capacity to translate the 7th five-year NSEDP into effective results-based annual implementation plans as well as local planners' capacity in mainstreaming MDGs and green growth concept into annual plans including public investment programmes (PIPs). The project will also provide high quality technical assistance to support MPI on the formulation of the 8th NSEDP to achieve the national goal of graduation from Least Development Country (LDC) status by 2020.

Results and Achievements to Date

Through implementation of the NSEDP project, UNDP has assisted the Government to enhance quality of formulation and implementation of annual 7th NSEDP (2011-15) by ensuring necessary instructions and guidelines on annual plan formulation and reporting are prepared and disseminated in a timely manner.

The mid-term review (MTR) of the 7th NSEDP has successfully prepared; the import exercise has identified priority actions in the balance of the 7th NSEDP and guided the policy adjustments needed and the foundation for the next five years plan (2016-20).

A similar UNDP project which ended in 2010 has also promoted an inclusive and consultative process of the 7th NSEDP formulation process, as a result the government, for the first time, organized discussion forum with development partners (DPs) and welcome DPs involvements in 7th NSEDP formulation process. The project will continue similar practice in promoting inclusive and consultative approach in the formulation of the 8th NSEDP.

Substantive knowledge of government officials from the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), other selected Ministries and three pilot provinces (Huaphan, Oudomxay and Saravane) on poverty reduction, MDGs and green growth concepts have been strengthened through series of trainings and workshops, as results, those vitals concepts have been incorporated into annual plans and budgets.

A participatory planning manual (PPM), a guideline for local planning, was completed; PPM trainings were provided to the relevant Ministries to enhance their local planning capacity.

A Monitoring and Evaluation framework of NSEDP is being developed under closed consultation with line ministries. It is expected the framework will be a useful tool for the government to monitor the progress and implementation, in term of both quality and quantity, of national development plan.

The project also extends its support to strengthen capacity of the MDG and LDC Secretariat, at MoFA, on coordination and implementation of MDG related initiatives.

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