

2012 Annual Work Plan



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Programme Title:	Realizing the MDGs in Lao PDR - Consolidated Programme of Support to Ministry of Planning and Investment for the Achievement of the valuable Goals of the Seventh NSEDP 2011-2015.
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 Planning (DOP), Lao Statistics Bureau (LSB), Department of International Cooperation (DIC), and National Economic Research Institute (NERI), and Department of Investment Promotion (IPD)].
Other Responsible Parties:	<input type="checkbox"/> Department of International Organization (DIO), Ministry of Foreign Affairs <input type="checkbox"/> Department of Investment Promotion (IPD), Ministry of Planning and Investment <input type="checkbox"/> Pilot Provinces (TBD)

Background and objectives

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 addition, more systematic linkages will be developed with other UNDP programme activities, and those of other UN Agencies and development partners. 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.

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 the Round Table Process for achievement of NSEDP/MDGs; 3. Support to strengthening effective monitoring and evaluation of progress towards goals of NSEDP/MDG via LaoInfo; and 4. Support to advancing Human Development through policy-informing research on Human Development Issues especially relevant for achieving NSEDP/MDGs.

Annual key priorities for 2012

Based on the key outputs of the programme components, the key priorities for 2012 are:

Component 1: Support to Consultative Planning, Implementation, Monitoring, Assessing and Reporting on the NSEDP/MDGs

- 1: Poverty reduction and MDG priorities and programmes in the 7th Plan (2011-2015) are incorporated in annual plans, budgets and public investment programmes (PIPs)
- 2: Macroeconomic analysis and management conducted to contribute to the macroeconomic achievements outlined in the NSEDP
- 3: Capacity for local planning and implementation improved at the central and local levels
- 4: Substantially improved monitoring, assessment and reporting framework and enhanced capacity of MPI and three provinces to monitor and report on plan implementation using LaoInfo
- 5: Strengthened capacity of the MDG and LDC Secretariats to coordinate, advocate and facilitate progress towards the MDGs and

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implementation of the LDC Plan of Action (MOFA).

Component 2: Support to Effective Monitoring and Evaluation of Progress towards Goals of NSEDP/MDGs via LaoInfo

- 1: An effective common database upgraded to support evidence-based reporting, planning and decision-making at the national and sub-national levels to support implementation of NSEDP/MDGs.
- 2: Increased stakeholder awareness and participation, improved advocacy and dissemination to ensure the best use of official statistics.
- 3: Improved networking and statistical cooperation at the national, regional and international level

Component 3: Support to Strengthening the Round Table Process for Achievement of NSEDP/MDGs

- 1: Enhanced greater substantive dialogues and closer partnership with DPs, and effective resource mobilisation and management through the Round Table Process, include improving Sector Working Group mechanism for facilitating effective implementation of NSEDP and VDCAP towards achieving the MDGs in Lao PDR
- 2: Enhanced reliability, accessibility and transparency of ODA related data, information and results through the established ODA Database Management System and related quality ODA analytical reports/documents
- 3: Strengthened capacities of DIC and its Implementing Partners in effectively managing ODA related programmes and projects
- 4: Provided quality assurance and support to national implementation management through audit, spot checks and HACT

Component 4: Support to Advancing Human Development through Policy-Informing Research on Human Development Issues Especially Relevant for Achieving NSEDP/MDGs

- 1: Further enhanced awareness of the concept of Human Development (HD), and capacity for MDG and Human Development reporting at National and sub-national levels
- 2: One high quality National Human Development Report, and/or Provincial Human Development Reports produced
- 3: Evidence-based research and analysis to support the implementation of the NSEDP/MDGs

Annual key deliverables (targets)

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

Component 1: Support to Consultative Planning, Implementation, Monitoring, Assessing and Reporting on the NSEDP/MDGs

- 1-1. Government instructions drafted to focus more on the MDGs and poverty reduction incorporated in the annual plan and provincial plans
- 2-1. Quality quarterly reports on macroeconomic analysis produced (2011 onward)
- 2-2. At least 2 macroeconomic analysis or supporting documents provided to the SWG meetings and pre-consultation meetings of the RTIM
- 3-1. Consultation meeting for participatory planning manual approved and officially applied during the local level planning process in selected poorest districts
- 3-2. Evaluation of kumban experience conducted and draft report circulated to stakeholders
- 3-3. At least two capacity building exercises on off-track MDGs, environment issues, human development concepts and gender issues conducted
- 4-1. A set of 7th NSEDP monitoring identified and approved
- 4-2. Progress report of 7th NSEDP with key indicators and harmonized metadata published
- 5.1. Agreement on the main elements of the LDC graduation strategy is reached
- 5.2. MDG advocacy materials produced and disseminated (2011 onward)

Component 2: Support to Effective Monitoring and Evaluation of Progress towards Goals of NSEDP/MDGs via LaoInfo

- 1.1.1. Lao Info common database handbook, which articulates various data sets, their indicators and metadata, and 7th NSEDP DI monitoring handbook, produced.
- 1.1.2. A common official data base/tool to monitor and evaluate the implementation of NSEDP/MDGs established and operated
- 1.1.3. At least 5 Line Ministries and 5 Provinces use data from LaoInfo for their plans and reports
- 1.1.4. Lao Info is online
- 2.1.1. Assessment report of Data users' needs and capacity is produced
- 2.1.2. Statistical literacy guide/manual is produced
- 2.2.1. TOR of technical network/group on LaoInfo and statistical dissemination is prepared.
- 2.2.2. Statistical dissemination strategy is disseminated.
- 3.1.1 updated donor coordination TOR
- 3.1.2 Workshop reports are produced and disseminated in LBS office.

Component 3: Support to Strengthening the Round Table Process for Achievement of NSEDP/MDGs

- 1.1.1. Roadmap and theme for 2012 RTIM is prepared.
- 1.1.2. At least 80% of actions contained in the 2011 RTIM recommendations are implemented/followed up.
- 1.1.3. At least one provincial development issue is included in the list of RTIM pre-consultation.
- 1.1.4. Results-oriented RTIM focused on most important issues and recommended actions needed to advance effective implementation of NSEDP/MDGs organized.
- 1.1.5. At least one high quality analytical documents which support RTP produced and delivered in a timely manner.
- 1.2.1. At least 5 SWGs provided inputs into annual planning process.
- 1.2.2. SWG benchmarks to measure their progress developed.
- 1.3.1. The VDCAP is revised and new action plans from Busan HLF-4 and related aid effectiveness agenda are integrated.

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- 2.1.1. By Q3 2012 - DIC is able to effectively use AMP for ODA Data Collection, Storage and Analysis to support reporting, e.g FAIR 2010-11, Semi-Annual Report, and Donor Profile Report.
- 2.1.2. After a study visit, DIC has a better understanding of key strategy and technical capacity required for achieving the AMP implementation.
- 2.1.3. AMP System Manuals are developed and disseminated.
- 2.1.4. Data Management Plan which indicates clear roles and responsibilities of the core Ministries over AMP is completed.
- 3.1.1. CDF TOR prepared;
- 3.1.2. DIC pool of trainers/experts team established;
- 3.1.3. Trainings menu for DIC in managing ODA prepared;
- 3.1.4. Government officials and NIM project staff capacity is enhanced through trainings.
- 3.2.1. Options paper is prepared
- 4.1. Annual 2011 NIM audit report prepared.
- 4.2. Regular spot check is conducted.

Component 4: Support to Advancing Human Development through Policy-Informing Research on Human Development Issues Especially Relevant for Achieving NSEDP/MDGs

- 1.1. At least 3 trainings/workshops to be organized on HD concept, data needs and HDI calculations at national level
- 1.2. HDR network/focal point at line ministries established
- 1.10. At least one policy seminar or public debate organized per year
- 3.1. At least one high quality reports produced per year
- 3.2. Research to support Macroeconomic Quarterly report has been carried out regularly

Programme Period:	01/01/2012 – 31/12/2012
Programme Component:	Poverty Reduction
Intervention Title:	Realizing the MDGs in Lao PDR - Consolidated Programme of Support to Ministry of Planning and Investment for the Achievement of the valuable Goals of the Seventh NSEDP 2011-2015.
Budget code:	Award ID: Project ID:
Duration :	One year

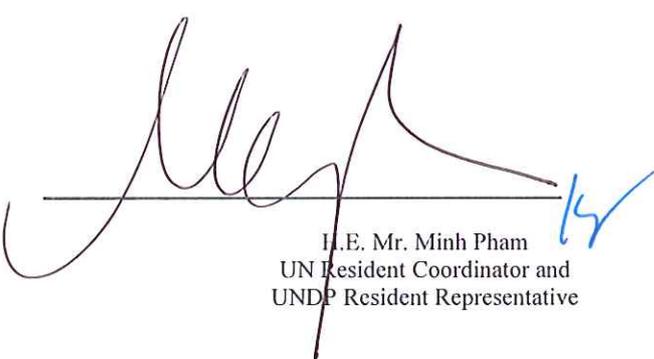
Estimated annualized budget:	USD 1,661,070
Allocated resources:	
- Government	In Kind
- UNDP Regular Allocation	USD1,511,070
- Luxemburg	USD150,000
Unfunded budget:	-

Agreed by (Implementing Partner):



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Agreed by UNDP:



 H.E. Mr. Minh Pham
 UN Resident Coordinator and
 UNDP Resident Representative