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The Programme for Realizing the MDGs in Lao PDR - Consolidated
Programme of Support to MPI
for the Achievement of the Valuable Goals of
7th NSEDP/MDGs

ANNUAL PROGRAMME REPORT

Reporting Period: June – December 2011

I. PROGRAMME INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Programme ID and title:	00061662 - The Programme for Realising the MDGs in Lao PDR - Consolidated Programme of Support to MPI for the Achievement of the Valuable Goals of the 7 th NSEDP/MDGs.
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)].
Responsible Parties (if applicable):	Department of Investment Promotion (DPI), Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI); Department of International Organisation (DIO), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA); and Pilot Provinces (TBC).
Donors:	(1) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (2) Government of Luxembourg through third party cost sharing with UNDP

Programme starting date		Programme completion date	
Originally planned	Actual	Originally planned	Current estimate
January 2011	June 2011	December 2015	December 2015

Period covered by this report	June - December 2011
Date of Annual Programme Review	19 th January 2012

Summary of Total Annual Budget and Expenditures for all programme components (June - December 2011)		
	Source of Fund	Total (US \$)
Budget	UNDP	1,106,887.95
Expenditure	UNDP	806,826.11
Total Balance	UNDP	300,061.84

II: PURPOSE

The main purpose of this consolidated five-year programme (2011-2015) is to provide more efficient and results-based support to help the Government of Lao PDR achieve the valuable goals of the 7th National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSEDP 2011-2015), especially more inclusive and equitable growth, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and substantial progress towards graduation from Least Developed Country (LDC) status by 2020.

The consolidated support programme consists of four mutually supportive components that all contribute to the achievement of NSEDP and MDGs with more specific objectives, output and activities:

(1) Support to consultative planning, implementation, monitoring, assessment and reporting on the NSEDP/MDGs - implementing by DOP, is to strengthen the capacity of MPI to translate the five-year NSEDP into effective results-based annual implementation plans, including public investment programmes, aiming at securing continual progress towards the valuable goals of NSEDP.

(2) Support to strengthening effective monitoring and evaluation of progress towards goals of NSEDP/MDGs via LaoInfo - implementing by LSB, aims to strengthen the monitoring of the 7th plan implementation and progress towards the MDGs, which will be achieved through improvement of the common database (LaoInfo) that contains updated data disaggregated by sex, age group, region and ethnicity to support evidence-based planning and decision-making at both national and sub-national levels in a timely manner.

(3) Support to strengthening the Round Table Process for the Achievement of NSEDP/MDGs - executing by DIC aims that through the national Round Table Process to further strengthen capacity of MPI, including the DIC in helping the Government lead and facilitate the effective mobilisation and coordination of Official Development Assistance (ODA) provided by the Lao PDR's growing number of Development Partners (DPs); and

(4) Support to advancing Human Development through policy-informing research on Human Development Issues, especially relevant for achieving NSEDP/MDGs – implementing by NERI aims to help further develop government capacity to undertake applied policy research on strategically-selected human development issues for achieving the valuable goals of NSEDP/MDGs and advancing the country towards LDC graduation.

The programme is closely linked to the core UNDP mandate in the Lao PDR as well as the UNDAF/CP outcome 1 "By 2015, the Government of Lao PDR has effectively implemented the MDG-based NSEDP for more inclusive, equitable and sustainable development.", and expected CP output 1.1 "Substantially strengthened capacities for NSEDP implementation and increased aid effectiveness."

This programmatic approach conforms to the commitments of the Paris and Vientiane Declarations on Aid Effectiveness and builds upon earlier capacity building support to several separately implemented UNDP supported projects at MPI in order to generate greater synergies, reduce overhead and transactions costs, and further increase managerial and administrative efficiency. In addition, the programme will develop more systematic linkages with other UNDP programme activities and those of other UN agencies and development partners.

Annual Key Priorities/Targets for 2011:

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. New LDC Plan of Action drafted
- 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. ICT hard and software updated or installed according to specifications, and operating satisfactorily.
- 1.2. MPI Department statistical focal points (ODA, FDI and Macro Economic data domain) and officials at management level trained
- 1.3. Key indicators with metadata to monitor NSEDP are available.
- 2.1. Workshops among NSS statisticians on specific topics and developments in dissemination conducted on annual basis
- 2.2. User needs and satisfaction study/survey conducted
- 2.3. Statistical literacy training materials produced
- 2.4. A dissemination plan updated with appropriate statistics dissemination and access policy
- 2.5. Key (core) technical oversight body established and training coordinator appointed
- 3.1. Donor coordination TOR finalized

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

- 1.1. Annual roadmap and theme for RTIM/RTM is prepared and consulted through Sector Working Groups annually.
- 1.2. At least one provincial development issues are included in the list of Pre-consultation topics for RTIMs/RTMs.
- 1.3. Annual results-oriented RTIMs focused on most important issues and recommended actions needed to advance effective implementation of NSEDP/MDGs organized with high quality analytical documents which support RTP produced and delivered in a timely manner and in accordance with annual consultation plan.
2. Results-oriented SWG guidance note on SWG contribution to NSEDP formulation and review implementation through is prepared and finalized.
- 3.1. Monitoring procedure for assessing progress on VDCAP implementation is redefined and established.
- 3.2. Initiatives related to Aid Effectiveness including the Monitoring Survey on Paris Declaration are taken on a pro-active and timely manner.
- 4.1. AMP official implementation launched and open access for DPs.

4.2. 50% of ODA projects entered into the AMP system.

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

Annual Key Results for 2011:

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

1.1. Government instructions that focus on the MDGs and poverty reduction drafted.

2-1. Quality quarterly reports on macroeconomic analysis produced.

2-2. 3 macroeconomic analysis and supporting documents provided to the SWG and the pre-consultation meetings of the RTIM.

3-1. Internal consultation meeting for participatory planning manual conducted.

3-2. Internal evaluation of kumban experience conducted.

3-3. 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 indicators identified and brought to the further consultation for approval.

4-2. Progress report of the 7th NSEDP (progress in 2011) with key indicators published.

5.1. Government launched the LDC graduation preparation during the 2011 RTIM and a series of technical and high level meetings to prepare for smooth transition from LDC are being planned for 2012.

5.2. MDG advocacy materials (MDG Acceleration Framework and its Lao version) produced and disseminated.

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

1.1. Initial draft indicators to support the monitoring and evaluation of NSEDP/MDGs is produced.

1.2. LaInfo is selected as a common database to monitor the implementation of NSEDP/MDGs.

1.3. Concerned government officials from eight ministries and five provinces are trained in administrating and using LaInfo.

2.1 TOR of International consultant to produce the statistical literacy manual is produced. Recruitment process is underway.

3.1. Draft TOR of donor coordination mechanism and technical working groups is produced.

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

1.1. The Roadmap for 2011 RTIM was developed and shared with SWGs during the first quarter of 2011. The road map suggested a theme for the meeting: "Pathway to the achievement of 7th NSEDP/MDGs and 2020 LDC graduation".

1.2. The Roadmap also outlined key events leading up to the RTIM including one provincial consultation meeting in Sekong province which was held in September.

1.3. The Annual RTIM was successfully organized on 22 November. The participants noted the quality discussions and constructive dialogues on key development issues including the need to increase participation by CSOs, attract quality FDI, prudent natural resource management, more investment in

social sectors especially the MDGs and the need to further develop domestic private sector.

2. The SWG review findings and recommendations were shared and discussed with the chairs and co-chairs of the SWGs. Based on the recommendations and deliberations within the Round Table process and in line with the restructuring of the Government offices, the Government has established two new SWGs 1) natural resources management and environment and 2) trade and private sector development which used to be a sub-SWG. Advance guidance note to SWGs on their contribution to the RTIM was shared. However, there was still some delay in getting inputs from some SWGs to the RTIM background Document.

3. Lao PDR participated in the 2011 Paris Declaration survey. UNDP and EU were the donor focal points supporting the national coordinator (MPI) in completing the survey on time. The results have been shared widely and also presented at the RTIM and the results will be further integrated in the VDCAP revision in 2012.

4. The AMP is being populated with updated information. Now the system contains information of more than 700 projects. Nevertheless, progress has been somewhat slow due to delay in providing inputs from DPs, limited capacity at DIC and technical issue with AMP that needs to be fixed by the Development Gateway foundation.

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

1.1. Outline of HD modules for the National University of Laos (NoUL) was prepared. NoUL accepted the proposal of introducing HD module as one of the university course.

1.2. One training on HD concept, data needs and HDI calculations is organized for line ministries.

1.3. Number of HD advocacy materials (bags, pens, notebook, etc) is produced; some HD related materials are translated into Lao.

2.1. Broad concept of the 5th NHDR is defined.

3.1. Two quarterly macro economic reports are produced.

III. PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS

1. Contribution to the strategic goals

UNDAF/CP Outcome 1: By 2015, the Government of Lao PDR 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.

Progress towards achieving outcome:

Many of programme deliberations are aimed to substantively contribute to the achievement of NSEDP and MDGs. The annual formulation of NSEDP has regularly been focused on addressing MDGs especially off track areas. The 2011 RTIM theme also focused on identifying fundamental elements to achieve 7th NSEDP/MDGs and 2020 LDC graduation. Through the Round Table Process, concerns and discussions on improving quality of Foreign Direct Investment, the issues of natural resource management and environment were increasingly opened to development partners.

2. Programme Activities Vs Targets

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Component 1 - Support to Consultative Planning, Implementing, Monitoring, Assessing and Reporting on the NSEDP/MDGs			
Output 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)			
Sub-output 1.1: The 7th NSEDP is converted into annual plans and PIPs through a consultative manner that emphasizes poverty reduction/MDGs	Activity a/ The 7 th NSEDP has been translated and distributed to the concerned stakeholders before. Annual Plan (2011-2012) and PIP for 2011-2012 have been translated and distributed to the concerned stakeholders before the RTIM.	Achieved.	

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	<p>b/ Pre-consultation meetings of RTIM at the technical and the policy levels were conducted in November 2011 leading up to the RTIM on Nov 22.</p> <p>c/ Prepared the government instruction and MPI Minister's guideline to line ministries and provinces for facilitating the preparation for NSEDP and PIP 2011-2012 to achieve MDGs.</p> <p>d/ Regular consultative meetings with concern sectors were conducted in MPI, important workshops with provinces were conducted in Luang Prabang (concerned sectors from 5 provinces), in Luang Nam Tha (concerned sectors from 4 provinces), in Savannakhet (concerned sectors from 4 provinces), in Attepeu (concerned sectors from 4 provinces), and workshops on the MDGs were conducted in Xiengkhuang and Houaphanh provinces.</p> <p>e/ A review of sample of 2-3 provincial annual plans to better understand how MDGs and poverty reduction priorities are reflected into provincial plans has been postponed.</p>	<p>Results from the pre-consultation meeting of the SWG were substantively contributed to finalising RTIM background document and presentation at the RTIM.</p> <p>Achieved.</p> <p>Achieved.</p> <p>Achieved.</p> <p>Not achieved within the agreed timeline.</p>	<p>Due to the absence of STA, this activity has not been conducted in 2011. As a preliminary study on the MDGs at the provincial level, the project will review a sample</p>

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<p>Sub-output 1.2: Targeted actions to address off-track MDGs and key environment issues incorporated in annual plans</p>	<p>f/ A technical training on inter-sectoral and evidence-based planning in cooperation with DOS (Conducted together with 4.2.c and 4.2.d) has been postponed.</p>	<p>Not achieved within the agreed timeline.</p>	<p>Due to the absence of STA, this activity has not been conducted in 2011. This activity will be discussed with LSB again and conducted in accordance with the needs and available resources.</p>
<p>Sub-output 1.2: Targeted actions to address off-track MDGs and key environment issues incorporated in annual plans</p>	<p>Activity a/ Development of analysis and pilot demonstrations of targeted actions to address off track MDGs and to support inclusion into annual planning (GSPP assessment) has been postponed. b/ Conducted workshops in Xieng Kouang and Houaphanh provinces and addressed off-track MDGs and poverty environment issues. c/ Completed supporting to development of guidelines and capacity development on due diligence review and FDI proposal screening to help achievement of MDGs and poverty reduction.</p>	<p>Not achieved within the agreed timeline.</p> <p>Received a better overview of MDG progress in those provinces and advocated an inclusive growth with environmental sustainability.</p> <p>Achieved. However, government instructions to address investment management for quality investment in the annual plan at the central and provincial levels will be prepared in early</p>	<p>Due to the absence of STA, this activity has not been conducted in 2011.</p>

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	d/ Prepared monthly, quarterly, mid-term and annual reports on 2010-2011 NSEDP implementation	2012. On going.	
Output 2: Macroeconomic analysis and management conducted to contribute to the macroeconomic achievements outlined in the NSEDP			
Sub-output 2.1: The result from the analysis and reports are incorporated into annual plans through a consultative manner which emphasizes on macro-level management to achieve NSEDP and MDGs	Activity a/ Monthly consultation meetings with key sectors in charge of macroeconomic management conducted regularly. b/ Collected and analyzed economic data and prepared reports regularly.	Achieved as planned. Results and analytical reports were inputted in the preparation of RTIM presentation on NSEDP and contributed to Background Document.	
Output 3: Capacity for local planning and implementation improved at the central and local levels			
Sub-output 3.1: Increased understanding on kumban planning experiences on the ground to further improve the process	Activity a/ Conducted a technical workshop on PPM with development partners followed by a consultation among UNDP, GIZ and PRF. Revision works have been conducted at the technical level in Q4 and will be finalized in 2012. b/ The approval, translation, publication and dissemination of Participatory Planning Manual (PPM) were postponed.	Achieved. Not achieved within the timeline. This results in a delay for conducting a dissemination workshop.	PPM draft has not been approved yet. Due to the change in the direction of the PPM, another

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<p>Sub-output 3.2: Capacity for local level planners enhanced to promote the use of participatory approaches, incorporate poverty-environment issues and off-track MDGs</p>	<p>Activity a/ Capacity building activities including Training of Trainers for local level planning facilitators at the central and provincial levels incorporating lessons learnt in the Activity Agreement 4 (AA4) pilot projects postponed. b/ Technical meetings on planning skills were conducted. However, the comprehensive training was postponed. c/ Actual participatory planning in 3 targeted poorest districts of 3 pilot provinces using new approved manual postponed. d/ Pilot exercise to prioritize poverty and off-track MDGs in PIPs, local planning and budget in 3 targeted poorest districts in three provinces postponed.</p>	<p>Not achieved. Not achieved. Not achieved. Not achieved.</p>	<p>Due to the absence of STA, this activity has been postponed until STA arrives. Due to the absence of STA, this activity has been postponed until STA arrives. PPM draft has not been approved yet. Due to the change in the direction of the PPM, another revision works are required. PPM draft has not been approved yet. Due to the change in the direction of the PPM, another revision works are required. Due to the absence of STA, this</p>
	<p>c/ An evaluation of kum ban experience and producing concrete recommendations were postponed.</p>	<p>Not achieved within the timeline. This results in a delay in conducting a dissemination workshop.</p>	<p>Due to the absence of STA, this activity has been postponed until the STA arrives. revision works are required.</p>

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Output 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			
Sub-output 4.1: Strengthen monitoring and reporting capacity of MPI and planners with the use of improved and updated data from LaoInfo	Activity a/ Hired a short term consultant to assist development of framework for NSEDP M&E in Q4 and intensive consultations with MPI departments, key line ministries and development partners. b/ Conducted a consultation workshop to discuss the draft M&E framework in Q4 and submitted a final draft to MPI. The draft framework will be further discussed internally and is expected to be approved early next year. c/ User guide for M&E framework of the 7 th NSEDP was developed. However, the training for adequate use and better understanding of M&E framework will be conducted early next year.	Achieved. Achieved.	activity has been postponed until STA arrives.
Output 5: Strengthened capacity of the MDG and LDC Secretariats to coordinate, advocate and facilitate progress towards the MDGs and implementation of the LDC Plan of Action (MOFA)			
The activity is postponed to early next year. Due to the framework has not been approved and in use.			

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<p>Sub-output 5.1: Increased MDG advocacy and awareness of the LDC Plan of Action at provincial levels</p>	<p>Activity a/ Provided administrative and logistic support to the MDG Secretariat. b/ MDG advocacy workshop was conducted in Savannakhet in December 2011. c/ The 3rd MDG Progress Report has not yet been completed.</p>	<p>MDG Acceleration Framework has been translated into Lao language. However regular advocacies are needed. The structure and approach are currently planning but the actual writing will also require results from Lao Expenditure and Consumption Survey (LECS VI) which will begin in 2012.</p>	

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<p>Component 2 - Support to Effective Monitoring and Evaluation of Progress towards Goals of NSEDP/MDGs via LaoInfo</p>			
<p>Output 1: Upgraded an effective common database to support evidence-based reporting, planning and decision-making at the national and sub-national levels to support implementation of NSEDP/MDGs</p>			
<p>Sub-output 1.1: Shared database for MPI departments and other users upgraded and regularly updated with data needed to support effective implementation of</p>	<p>Activity a/ The IT needs assessment was conducted among key selected line ministries by DevInfo Support Group (DSG) consultant and the report provided useful recommendation to improve the</p>	<p>Achieved as planned but the assessment report is not yet finalised.</p>	<p>Due to the LSB team is undertaking multiple functions both government assignments and project tasks; the process of finalization of the report took</p>

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<p>NSEDP/MDGs</p>	<p>utilization of LaoInfo.</p> <p>b/ Procured some IT equipment to update ICT system infrastructure to handle increased data flows down to the local level and data management systems</p> <p>c/ Conducted a workshop on Harmonization of NSEDP M&E indicators and its metadata.</p> <p>d/ Organized internal discussion workshop on harmonizing metadata (among Dos) And external discussion workshop on metadata of harmonized socio-economic indicators and approved before translate into English (DOP, MPI & other line ministries) to support the establishment DI monitoring.</p>	<p>Some IT equipments (computers, printer, server, etc.) are still under procurement process by UNDP.</p> <p>Through the workshop, the LSB and DOP had shared (1) Draft NSEDP 7 indicators have been identified by DOP; (2) Two draft monitoring frameworks have been suggested by the consultant; and (3) Two types of metadata have been suggested by the consultant. The team received a number of useful comments from the workshop participants and is working with DSG to incorporate the comments.</p> <p>Both internal and external discussion workshops were jointly organized in Dos conference in December 15. 30 participations from 8 key line ministries were invited to participate in the workshop includes Dos technical team, project coordinator and DSG consultant. The workshop aimed to get the agreement of metadata elements and other features to put into LaoInfo</p>	<p>longer time than expected.</p> <p>The procurement process took longer time due to the unusual natural disaster (flooding) occurred in the main regional manufacture.</p>

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		<p>database and LaoInfo webpage. The agreement of workshop on metadata element has been made as following details:</p> <p>1. In term of metadata element has been agreed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition; • Method of computation; • Comment and limitation; • Process of obtaining data; • Source and frequency; • Responsible agency; • MDG dereference; <p>2. In term of indicator and the way forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority indicators should be linked to UNSD; • Focus on MDG indicators; • Completed 31/1/2012; • DoS will provide draft and make consensus with line ministries; • Two version (Lao and English); • Agreement workshop after first draft completed (first week of Feb); • DoS will send the socio-economic indicators and NSEDP indicators 	

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	<p>e/ Organized training workshop for line ministries on LaoInfo Admin and User module (DI monitoring)</p>	<p>DI monitoring training was conducted on 15-18 November 2011 at the Training Laboratory of DOS. 16 participants, who are LaoInfo networks/members, were invited from 5 key line ministries such as, MoH, MOE, MAF, DOP, DOS. The key concepts of the training were focused on designing and monitoring framework and indicators of 7th NSEDP. Overall, the training was carried out with interactive of both trainers and participants and good atmosphere along 04 days of DI monitoring. We could see from the evaluation result made by participants in the last day of the training. 80% of participants are understood and knowledgeable in the lesson what they have learnt and they are able to generate/create the practical sample framework of their own division/department/ministries by themselves. Moreover, the project team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to line ministries for comment and finalize; • MOH, MOE, MAF (first priority); • Q2 completed Macro indicators (depend on DOP); • Q3 & 4 adapt at line ministries 	

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		<p>also noticed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants were active and motivated to learn the lesson provided by the trainers; • Questions, answers and recommendations were exchanged among participants and trainer along the training sessions; • Participants practiced and be able to establish/create the sample frameworks of their organizations; • Participants understood and aware of the significant and usefulness of DI monitoring tools to be used in their own field work and organization; <p>Outcomes</p> <p>About 90% of participants' expectation for training course met. Most of participants appreciated a usefulness and friendliness of the di monitoring tool. The training course is relevant to their works. However the participants encourage more time for their practices as well as increasing duration of training. Moreover they suggested to ensure the properly installation/set up before starting a course especially a</p>	

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		<p>networking system. The tools must be translated in local language. Participants attending this four-day training have learnt to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiar with DevInfo/Laolnfo interface and user module and current development of DevInfo; • Setup and utilize DevInfo database technology for monitoring the NSEDP VII indicators; • Understand the linkage of result framework-output-outcomes-impact; • Able to use and understand the di monitoring dashboard; • Able to create a result framework based on framework tree using di monitoring tool; • Able to use an advance technique to merge a framework; • Understand the needs for enabling an online database/server/SQL; • Linkage vis-à-vis di monitoring and Laolnfo; • Enable the local language adaptation both interface and result framework <p>Next step:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSG will ensure that all participants have access to online database through 	

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		<p>the server of DSG in Delhi for their practices until the installation of new serve of DOS. • DSG together with DOS will assign level of user /admin. While site admin will still operate by DSG. These functions will gradually transit to DOS upon the availability of new server.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tools will need to translate in local language. UNDP needs to arrange for its translation, while DSG will ensure the translation of di monitoring interface. These should be done before next training. • The subsequent training will need to organize for the remaining line ministries and key provincial counterparts with more involvement of the participants from the planner and manager levels. The next training is planned on second week of Dec 2011. • The trained participants will remain as key contact person for di monitoring. Although more than 70% of participants are able to organize the training for their organization, the close follow up and interaction are required through the LaoInfo network. 	

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	<p>f/ Obtained TA support from DSG on harmonizing NSEDP indicators and their metadata (this include trainings and production of advocacy materials)</p> <p>g/ Contributed and provided closed follow up to the Lao Social Indicators Survey (LSIS).</p>	<p>The key TA support from DSG has been provided in drafting 7th NSEDP indicators, defining metadata element, conducting IT and training assessment and upgrading government official, particularly DOS, on operating Laoinfo. DSG national consultant has been seconded at DOS.</p> <p>Progress of LSIS in 2011:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful implementation of the household listing operation including training and field works of the listing and mapping of the 1000 selected villages/EAs (During Oct 2010 – Jan 2011) • Completed a training of trainers (ToT) of LSIS questionnaires in collaboration with ICF Macro (DHS team), and UNICEF Regional Office (since Jan 2011) • 19 days training for 150 enumerators (ToE) was implemented in September 2011 attended and opened by the Minister for MoH, Representative of UNICEF Lao PDR, Deputy Director General of DOS, and external experts from ICF Macro and Regional MICS team. • In Oct 2011, the data processing 	<p>Number of activities under the TA support from DSG are strongly linked with DOP. Absence of DOP inputs caused the delay in number of DOS activities.</p>

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		<p>programmes were developed by the expert from ICF Macro in collaboration with 2 technical staff from DOS who have been trained by UNICEF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The field data collection of 75 clusters in Vientiane Capital was completed in October 2011. • In the remaining 16 provinces, the data collection is being implemented by 20 survey teams and completed about 50% of the total clusters. • Data entry, checking and editing has been started since November 2011 (about 50% of clusters has been finished). • The data processing team led by the director from Social Statistics Division of DOS supervises the data entry, checking and editing. <p>It is expected that the preliminary finding of the LSIS will be available in August 2012</p>	
Output 2: Increased stakeholder awareness and participation, improved advocacy and dissemination to ensure the best use of official statistics			
Sub-output 2.1: Capacity building support established for statistics users,	Activity a/ Conducted a workshop to establish technical oversight body to supervise	A half day workshop establish technical oversight body to supervise creation of	

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planners and administrators	creation of NSEDP and MDG-based statistical literacy training materials.	<p>NSEDP and MDG-based statistical literacy training materials was organized jointly with the meeting to finalize the TOR and select indicators from DI monitoring and target audience (NSEDP and MDG) on 27th December with participation of 31 participants, includes 22 females and 9 males from concerned sectors under key line ministries such as DoP, Dos, MoLSW, MOPW, MoTI, MoF, MoAF, bank of Lao PDR. The workshop was chaired by the Director General of Dos. The following results/outcomes of the workshop were met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consensus agreement on setting up the common statistical dissemination team by appointing 02 responsible persons including 01 technical person relevant ministries; 2. Agreement on the joining of establishing statistical handbook; 3. The needs for selection of dissemination indicators. 4. The statistical data dissemination & and services teams will identify and share among team network 	Partially completed. Statistical Literacy Materials and questionnaires assessment
	b/ Reviewed other countries experience on Statistical Literacy Materials and draft		

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	<p>TOR for a national consultant for preparing statistical literacy training materials and user's needs assessment.</p> <p>c/ Hiring an International consultant to prepare statistical literacy training materials and user's needs assessment was slightly delayed.</p> <p>e/ The draft advocacy dissemination strategy has been discussed and presented in workshops practical knowledge and use of recent statistics (Statistical Forum). The strategy has been translated into Lao language and edited to serve the preparation of dissemination guideline.</p> <p>f/ Organized workshops practical knowledge and use of recent statistics (Statistical Forum)</p>	<p>for data user needs have been reviewed from other practiced/experienced countries via internet connection and they were selected some necessary points and print out. However, the budget did not use for this activity.</p> <p>TOR for consultant was prepared and shared with the PARIS 21 for comments. Based on the agreement between DoS and UNDP to change from national to international consultant to work on this activity, this TOR was completely finished, advertisement for recruitment international consultant was placed on UNPD website already.</p>	<p>Due to changing from local to international consultant and because of the budget availability of budget, the component agreed to propose this activity to Q1 of 2012.</p>
		<p>The statistical forum was conducted in Saravan province on 24 – 25 November 2011 with participation of 198 females</p>	

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		<p>and 22 male participants of concerned sectorals under key line ministries. The following outcomes/results of the workshop were met:</p> <p>A brief summary outcome of the conference has been made in the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear understand on the implementation of statistical law, national strategy on statistical system development plan 2010-2020 and instruction handbook of strategic implementation; • Previous experience on the implementation of statistics work and future plan in 2011-2012; • Made consensus on improving the research methodology and data collection in grass-root levels; • Agreed on the GDP computation plan in provincial level and data collection of the local market prices and calculate the Consumption Price Index (CPI); • Essential of the establishing indicators computation handbook for nationally, departmentally and locally 	

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<p>Output 3: Improved networking and statistical cooperation at the national, regional and international levels</p> <p>Sub-output 3.1: Enhanced capacity of LSB to coordinate work on statistics with line ministries and development partners.</p>	<p>Activity a/ Participated in workshop and seminars to strengthen statistical networks</p>	<p>LSB staff has updated their statistical knowledge and skills through the participation in the following workshops and seminars.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) committee first session conference in Jakarta, Indonesia, 2-4 Nov 2011. 2. The Tenth Management Seminar for the Heads of National Statistical Offices conference in Asia and Pacific 7-8 Dec 2011, Chiba, Japan. 3. The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific: Government Counsel Seminar, seven sessions, 8-9 December 2011, Chiba, Japan. 	
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Component 3 - Support to Strengthening the Round Table Process for Achievement of NSEDP/MDGs			

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<p>Output 1: Further enriched quality and effectiveness of the Round Table Process for facilitating substantive dialogue and closer partnership in the implementation of NSEDP and the achievement of important national development goals such as the MDGs</p>			
<p>Targets</p>			
<p>1.1. Annual RTIM effectively organised to increased common understanding on national development priorities and mobilise necessary support to NSEDP implementation.</p> <p>1.2. Increased quality, practical focus and coherence of documentation for RTIM and pre-consultation meetings.</p> <p>1.3. Background document is prepared early and consulted thoroughly by SWGs.</p>	<p>Activity</p> <p>a/ Developed the RTIM concept note/roadmap which suggested a theme for the meeting: "Pathway to the achievement of 7th NSEDP/MDGs and 2020 LDC graduation". Prepared a Guidance Note for providing SWGs a clear steps and actions for SWGs for preparing themselves for the Meeting.</p>	<p>The Roadmap was prepared well in advance and had a more explicit focus on achieving NSEDP and MDGs. This roadmap guided a more relevant and focused SWG dialogue and contributed more effectively to the preparation of Background document and discussion at the RTIM.</p>	
<p>Indicators</p> <p>1.1. Existence of RTIM organised with roadmap prepared and containing theme and with quality discussion focusing on NSEDP/MDG achievement.</p>	<p>b/ Conducted a Sekong provincial consultation in September. During the meeting, issues of local development and challenges to achieved MDGs especially off track areas were discussed integrated in Background document and reported during the RTIM.</p>	<p>The provincial consultation was successfully organised. It highlighted key experience from local dimension and areas where further support by both government and development partners to develop locality is needed as to achieve the national development objectives.</p>	
<p>1.2. Availability of Background Document with high quality analysis and focus on NSEDP/MDGs progress</p>	<p>c/ Prepared RTIM background document based on inputs from SWGs, findings from NSEDP annual review and relevant</p>	<p>The Background Document provided an analysis on current status for the Country to achieve MDGs through NSEDP</p>	<p>The delay was caused by a late submission from SWGs especially for them to report back on</p>

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<p>and containing results from SWG deliberations. 1.3. Background Document is distributed at least one month prior to the RTIM.</p> <p>Baselines 1.1. RTIMs were regularly conducted with specific annual theme and focus. 1.2. Background Document normally outlines macro-economic snapshot and not so focused on the theme. 1.3. Delay in finalisation and distribution of Background Document.</p>	<p>publications on NSEDP and MDGs as well as LDC graduation. d/ The Annual RTIM was successfully organized on 22 November 2011.</p>	<p>implementation. It also outlines opportunities and challenges for the country to achieve the LDC graduation goal. However, despite an early preparation, submission of the Background Document was not able to distribute in advance.</p> <p>The Annual RTIM's participants noted the quality discussions and more constructive dialogues on key development issues including the need to increase participation by CSOs in the Round Table Process, attract quality FDI, prudent natural resource management, promote more investment in social sectors especially the MDGs and the need to further develop domestic private sector.</p>	<p>results of their pre-consultations. In order to address this issue, DIC will constantly follow up with SWG secretariat to ensure a common understanding on the required tasks and timeliness of submission.</p>
<p>Output 2: DIC capacities enhanced to more effectively guide Sector Working Groups (SWGs) for effective implementation and MDG attainment</p>			
<p>Targets 2.1. Clear guidance provided to facilitate development of SWGs to better respond to the needs of Government in achieving NSEDP/MDGs. 2.2. Common coordination among SWGs is established and</p>	<p>Activity a/ Based on recommendations from SWG forward looking review and RTP management retreat, followed up key action plans including redefine the Term of Reference for SWGs and strengthen the role of SWG secretariat.</p>	<p>A Generic SWG ToR has been revised to reflect the requirement of SWGs in supporting the implementation of 7th NSEDP including MDGs and LDC graduation. The document is in process of consultation and will be endorsed in early 2012 instead.</p>	<p>Although the process of revision ToR started, the approval of 2 new SWGs is pending. As a result, the ToR will need to reflect the government's instruction to be issued by January 2012.</p>

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<p>regularly maintained.</p> <p>2.3. Results oriented and focused dialogues from SWG meeting including Chair and Co-chair meeting.</p> <p>Indicators</p> <p>2.1. Revision of SWG Generic ToR is completed and endorsed.</p> <p>2.2. Establishment of the common coordination tool including mailing list.</p> <p>2.3. Number of SWG results and deliberations related and contributed to RTIM preparation and NSEDP implementation.</p> <p>Baselines</p> <p>2.1. SWG ToR produced in 2006 and not updated.</p> <p>2.2. No SWG mailing list.</p> <p>2.3. Chair and co-chair meeting usually contains update from each SWG and not so focused on specific issue/agenda.</p>	<p>b/ Established a SWG mailing list to ensure common information sharing and a more effective way of communication.</p> <p>c/ Each chair and Co-chair SWG meeting was successfully conducted with focused and quality discussion on further improvement of SWGs and their contribution to NSEDP/MDG achievement.</p>	<p>The mailing list was prepared but not yet formalised and effectively use.</p> <p>The discussion at the chair and co-chair meeting becomes more action oriented. Key issues on RTIM preparation and relevant to improvement of SWGs such as establishment of 2 new SWGs on 1) Trade and Private Sector Development, and 2) Natural Resource Management and Environment, and the need to further secretariat support were raised during the meeting.</p>	<p>In light of new government structure, some SWGs focal points/secretariats were rotated, thus, the address needs to be updated again.</p>
<p>Output 3: Increased effective utilisation of aid through effective implementation of the Vientiane Declaration on Aid Effectiveness Country Action Plan (VDCAP) and other aid effectiveness commitments</p>			

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<p>Targets</p> <p>3.1. Implementation of VDCAP is progressively measurable and promotes an increase effectiveness of ODA integration into NSEDP/MDGs implementation.</p> <p>3.2. Capacity of the Government to enhance implementation of aid effectiveness agenda and participate in global and regional aid effectiveness initiatives is enhanced.</p> <p>Indicators</p> <p>3.1. Availability of VDCAP monitoring systems and guideline on updating VDCAP.</p> <p>3.2. Number of reports and outputs on aid effectiveness, such as Paris Survey, etc.</p> <p>Baselines</p> <p>3.1. None</p> <p>3.2. Government's Capacity to manage aid effectiveness needs improvement.</p>	<p>Activity</p> <p>a/ Finalised VDCAP Implementation Guidance Note.</p> <p>b/ VDCAP Secretariat meeting was held on 27 October 2011 in Khammouane province to review monitoring, and progress on VDCAP implementation.</p> <p>c/ DIC as a national coordinator managed and completed the 2011 Paris Declaration Survey in collaboration with donor focal points (UNDP and EU).</p> <p>d/ DIC Attended pre-consultation leading to and the 4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan, Korea in order to share progress on Lao PDR and bring back key commitments and actions to update the VDCAP as to enhance aid effectiveness in Lao PDR.</p>	<p>Guidance Note was prepared in English and in process of translating into Lao language.</p> <p>Current progress and challenges of VDCAP implementation and update from respective sectors were discussed at the meeting allowing the Secretariat a clearer direction on where things need further actions.</p> <p>The management of Paris Survey was more effective compared to previous rounds. Donors noted more consultations were held especially CSOs and national assembly were participated actively. The quality of reports increased and the submission to OECD DAC was on time.</p> <p>The government understands the global deliberation towards achieving aid effectiveness, and know the situation, emerging issues/challenges and trend of ODA which they can bring to adapt locally, such as ODA planning and mobilisation strategy.</p>	
<p>Output 4: The ODA data, information, and results are reliable, accessible and transparent</p>			

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<p>Targets</p> <p>4.1. The Aid Management Platform (ODA Database) is in fully operational, and opened for DP access.</p> <p>4.2. Publication of quality Foreign Aid Implementation Report (FAIR) and related ODA analytical reports/documents.</p> <p>4.3. Regular communication, such as website, newsletters, and booklet is maintained.</p> <p>Indicators</p> <p>4.1.a. Number of ODA project data populated in the system.</p> <p>4.1.b. Number of reports generated from AMP.</p> <p>4.2. Availability of FAIR 2009-10 and distributed one month prior to RTIM.</p> <p>4.3. RTM website is updated at least quarterly.</p> <p>Baselines</p> <p>4.1. AMP is established but not yet able to generate any official ODA reports.</p> <p>4.2. FAIR is produced annually and</p>	<p>Activity</p> <p>a/ ODA project data (Lao Fiscal Year 2006-11) which obtained from development partners were populated into AMP.</p>	<p>Currently, more than 700 ODA projects were populated in AMP based on existing data at DIC and obtained directly from DPs. However, there are a few gaps/incomplete information and required more inputs from DPs and Line ministries.</p> <p>The training provided a good opportunity to engage DP's support in AMP implementation. Allowing them to know the system better and interact directly. DIC also gets project information more promptly.</p>	<p>Reasons for delayed implementation of AMP:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Technical bugs/errors which sometimes interrupt the data entry process. 2- Missing data especially historical one. 3- Some DPs were not responsive to DIC request for project data. The letter from DIC was sent in March but only received information back in August and some even later.
	<p>b/ On site AMP Training for pilot DPs (ADB, WB, UNDP, Australia, UNICEF, JICA, etc) was conducted.</p>	<p>Finalising the data management plan was taken on hold until a demarcation on ODA management between the 3 core ministries become clearer. DIC will conduct a series of consultations with</p>	
	<p>c/ In July, discussion on data management plan through AMP was held with Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but no conclusion was reached due to the unclear division of responsibility on ODA</p>		

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<p>distributed during the RTIM/RTIM. 4.3. RTM website is revamped but not regularly updated.</p>	<p>monitoring and reporting within the Government. d/ In September, DIC conducted a provincial study in Luang Prabang to analyse the possibility of rolling out AMP. However, the Khammouane province visit was cancel. e/ A feasibility study for integrating AMP with LaoInfo was postponed until both systems are effectively in place. f/ Foreign Aid Implementation Report (FAIR) 2009-10 was drafted but only available in Lao language.</p>	<p>technical and ministerial level to address this issue. From a study visit, Luang Prabang is quite ready in terms of infrastructure and meets most technical requirements. However, DIC decided to hold the provincial roll out and more focus on central expansion first. AMP and LaoInfo teams continue to involve each other in their activity in order to assess how best to integrate the two systems. But the technical integration will be a second priority.</p>	<p>The reason for delay is somehow linked to AMP. The initial plan was to generate FAIR from the AMP. However, because of delayed data submitted from DPs, eventually there was no sufficient time to consolidate and finalise the report before RTIM. To ensure a sustainability of the communication work, DIC will</p>
	<p>g/ Hired a communication specialist to support the preparation of RTIM and update the content of RTM website, Communication Strategy and RTP Booklet.</p>	<p>Draft FAIR was produced by DIC in Lao language, but not distributed during the RTIM in November because DIC still needed to finalise and translated into English. The RTM website provided latest information on the key events and documents of the RTIM and previous meetings. Communication strategy and RTP Booklet were also updated to reflect</p>	

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		the current situation.	assign a team to be in charge of website management and production of communication materials.

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Component 4 - Support to Advancing Human Development Through Policy-Informing Applied Research on Human Development Issues, especially relevant for Achieving NSEDP/MDGs

Output 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

<p>Sub-output 1.1</p> <p>National Level awareness and capacity building for Human Development reporting and MDGs among the ministry staff and educational institutions</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <p>a. Availability of draft HD/HDI modules for national university of Laos and training modules for government officials</p> <p>b. 1.2 Number of HD trainings</p> <p>c. Availability of HD Advocacy and</p>	<p>Activity</p> <p>a/ Developed HD/HDI Modules for National University of Laos and training modules for government officials.</p>	<p>Convened meeting with the National University of Laos (NUOL) and the Economic Planning Training Center (EPTC) of MPI on the development of the HD/HDI module for NUOL. NUOL agreed on the module and suggested that it can be taught as a special lecture related to the course programme at the NUOL.</p> <p>The module or course will be piloted at Faculty of Economic and Business Administration at the initial stage. EPTC will share the training curriculum</p>	
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<p>Training materials in Laos</p> <p>Targets:</p> <p>1.1. Draft HD/HDI modules for national university of Laos and training modules for government officials prepared</p> <p>1.2. At least 3 trainings/workshops to be organized on HD concept, data needs and HDI calculations at national and provincial level.</p> <p>1.3. HD advocacy and training materials translated into Lao</p>	<p>b/ Translated the HD advocacy and training material into Lao.</p>	<p>with the project team in order to integrate the HD subject into the training programs.</p> <p>Once the concept note is finalized, the team will prepare a TOR to recruit an international consultant to prepare the Modules.</p> <p>Executive Summary of Human Development Report 2011, the Lao and English summaries were distributed at the local launch of the global HDR 2011 and HD Media Award. Some HD reading materials, Presentation Slides and Essays written by HD Award Winners were translated to Lao respectively and distributed in the workshops:</p> <p><u>HD Reading Materials:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A decade of Human Development by Amartya Sen 2. Defining and Measuring Human Development 3. Human Development Research Paper 2011/01 <p>The HDI 2010: New Controversies, Old Critiques by Jeni Klugman, Francisco Rodriguez and Hyung-Jin Choi</p>	

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<p><u>Sub-output 1.2</u> Provincial and district level awareness enhanced and capacity for Human Development and MDG reporting among line department</p>	<p>c/ Presentations by trainees to their peers and colleagues on HD concept and reporting compatibility between NSEDP monitoring and ODA, FDI database (software application).</p>	<p><u>Presentation Slides:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human Development Reports (Principles, Processes & Key Issues) 2. Human Development Approach: Concept, Evolution and Measures 3. Use of Statistics for HD Policy Advocacy 4. Composite Indexing: An example of HDI <p><u>Essays:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our future is what we need to create by ourselves 2. Together solving Garbage Problem <p>This activity was delayed and it is proposed to perform next year due to the training was conducted in late DEC, so it must take time to prepare.</p>	<p>Due to the unavailability of the HD resource people from UNDP regional center, the HD/HDI TOT was organized in mid Dec 2011, which was much later than the original. Therefore this activity has to be postponed to 2012.</p>
<p><u>Sub-output 1.2</u> Provincial and district level awareness enhanced and capacity for Human Development and MDG reporting among line department</p>	<p><u>Activity</u> a/ Conducted three workshops and training on the HD concept, and HD Reporting</p>	<p>Conducted 2 days training at Donchan Palace Hotel in Vientiane Capital. The main objectives of the training are: 1. Strengthen capacity in understanding</p>	<p>Only one training was organized due to the Programme's operation started late (from 3rd Quarter) and delay in staff</p>

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<p>staff and educational institutions in selected provinces strengthened in collaboration with planning activities (in component 1).</p>		<p>and applying human development concepts and measures for informing policy.</p> <p>2. Share experience and challenges in the preparation of HDRs and exchange lessons learned with regard to analysis, dissemination and advocacy of HDRs.</p> <p>Participants include stakeholders from the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), line-ministries and provinces, and from the National University of Laos. The total number of participants was approximately 30-35 people.</p>	<p>recruitment.</p>
<p>Output 1.3 Dissemination of 3rd and 4th NHDR continued and method of monitoring and assessing impact of NHDR developed</p>	<p>Activity a/ Disseminated the 3rd and 4th NHDR through various forms e.g policy seminars, public debates, etc.</p>	<p>The dissemination was done on 23rd December 2011 at the Faculty of Economics and Business Management, National University of Laos (NUOL). Lecturers and students from 4 faculties of NUOL; Faculties of Business and Business Management, Political Science, Social Science and Environmental Science respectively. It's a whole day seminar. The objectives of the dissemination are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduce participants/NUOL students 	<p>Lack of resource persons from Statistics</p>

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<p>Output 1.4 National/provincial dissemination strategy and advocacy tools developed and implemented</p>	<p>Activity a/ Create coordination plan to use HD concept and HDI training workshops, topic selection consultations, background report presentations and chapter draft discussions to raise awareness and broaden audience reception and discussion of report contents. b/ Produce Advocacy Tools (e.g advocacy video and CD-Rom including the NHDR/PHDR, Technical papers, video and Human Development Concepts (including PHDR and NHDR Launch)). c/ Coordinate the use of video for TV and radio programmes.</p>	<p>This activity is currently pending.</p> <p>Achieved. HD Pen, Bag and Calendars were produced and distributed to participants in all workshop, training, dissemination, conference.</p> <p>Initial discussion with the Lao National TV (LNTV) in preparing a short documentary on HD related issues was carried out. -The project team wrote three scripts in relation to the third and fourth NHDR and broadcasted them at the FM as well as broadcast them on FM 96 MHz and AM.</p>	<p>Due to time constraints as the advocacy tools taking more time than expected; especially, in terms of designing, inputting details, seeking for stores and so on.</p>

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	d/ Organised HD Media Award	<p>Successful launched of the first ever <i>Human Development Media Awards</i> initiative, this initiative aimed to be organised annually to increase awareness on human development among the national and local media. Sensitizing the media is instrumental for enhancing awareness and encouraging debates on human development across the country. Building partnerships with them helps to: increase reporting on human development, and disseminate messages of the national and global Human Development Reports (HDRs) to a wider audience.</p> <p>The Top Three Stories judged by representatives from the Lao Media, National Economics Research Institute (NERI) and UNDP, won the cash prizes up to 5,000,000 Kip, 3,000,000 Kip, 2,000,000 Kip respectively including certificates and trophy.</p>	
Output 2: Produced one high quality National Human Development Report (NHDR), and/or Provincial Human Development Reports			
Sub-output 2.2 Research support for NHDR established and NHDR produced	Activity a/ Through consultative process, select strategic human development theme/topic for applied policy research in	It has been agreed that the 5 th NHDR theme will be related to LDC graduation. The team already discussed and received	

<p>Annual objectives, outputs, targets and indicators [According to project document and/or annual work plan]</p>	<p>Key activities completed during the reporting period</p>	<p>Results/Progress towards achieving outputs and targets achieved against indicators</p>	<p>Reasons if progress below target and response strategies [if applicable, explore underlying factors and reasons for gaps in output and target]</p>
<p>Indicator: 2.1. Availability of NHDR preparation works Targets: 1.1. Preparation work started</p>	<p>order to further advance the achievement of the valuable goals within NSEDP including MDGs and graduation from LDC status b/ Formulate detailed action plan and design outline of Report.</p>	<p>the draft concept note from the consultant. Further consultation and discussion detailed scope of the report will be carried in early 2012. Pending – awaiting for the concept note to be finalized first.</p>	
<p>Output 3: Evidence-based research and analysis to support the implementation of the NSEDP/MDGs.</p>			
<p>Sub - output 3.1 Undertake other selected targeted applied research on macro-economic, sector and cross-sector issues especially relevant to achieving valuable goals within NSEDP/MDGs</p>	<p>Activity a/ Provide technical inputs to macro-economic updates for the Government and facilitate dialogue on critical and emerging macroeconomic issues at the meetings including SWG meetings</p>	<p>Contributed by submitting research paper to the Planning Department and participate in all workshops organized.</p>	
<p>Sub- Output 3.2 Practical/applied research to support macroeconomic performance and advance effective implementation of NSEDP conducted and integrated into planning procedures within relevant MPI departments Indicator:</p>	<p>Activity a/ Produce High quality macroeconomic quarterly reports with practical results-oriented focus on achieving NSEDP/MDGs.</p>	<p>To successfully prepare the quarterly macroeconomic report, two surveys were conducted in Q3 and 4 of 2011. The surveys aim to: 1. Collect perceptions of households on their financial stance, consumption as well as opinion on performance of economy in each quarter 2. Collect perceptions of business operation on their performance,</p>	

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<p>Number of High quality macroeconomic research papers relevant to achievement of NSEDP/MDGs produced and circulated including for SWG meetings</p> <p>Target: 3. At least one high quality reports produced per year</p>	<p>b/ Organize monthly research dissemination meeting at MPI regularly.</p> <p>c/ Organize two Practical/Applied Research Network Workshops a year to</p>	<p>investment and overall assessment of the economy</p> <p>Expected Outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Part of the NHDR (internal document service specifically) 2. To produce report on consumer sentiment index and business background paper for NERI's Macro-economic report Q3 and Q4, 2011 3. Strengthening Short-term Macro-economic monitoring tools <p>This activity is to monitor macro-economic situation in order to support the implementation of the Seventh NSEDP</p> <p>Only one meeting on the issues of Macro-economic modelling and inflation had been organized due to urgent official assignment from MPI and political training at MPI and the annual Planning and Financial Conference took place during this quarter so that we could not organised other two meetings in the quarter.</p>	<p>Dissemination meeting on ASEAN Economic Community has already planned to organize in mid October.</p> <p>Two Research Networks were organized. The Preparation Meeting aim to</p>

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	support NSEDP/MDGs.	<p>determine the research topic to be served in the Fourth Academic Conference to support the implementation of the Seventh Social-Economic Development Plan (2011-2015) and to strengthen the capacity of the Research Network to be able to serve for the research work of the party and government effectively as well as be able to serve the society.</p> <p>At the end, the participants agreed to take LDC graduation topic. Results of the research, "Supporting the progress of Lao graduation from LDC status by 2020", were delivered in the 4th Meeting to the network member, researchers, scholars and policy makers from research institutes, Line Ministries.</p>	

2. Update on implementation of the Vientiane Declaration and its Action Plan

The deliberation of MPI Programme conforms to the Vientiane Declaration on Aid Effectiveness. The programme is a consolidation of projects supported by UNDP to the same implementing agency - Ministry of Planning and Investment. The consolidated programme aims to reduce overhead and administrative cost as well as increase a synergy of all initiatives under the MPI towards achieving the same goal. In addition, this programme is nationally implemented. Many of the programme activities involved building capacity of the Government to effectively contribute to achievement of national development objective including the MDG and LDC graduation.

- **Ownership:** The programme aims at building up the capability of government staff to be able to understand, lead and implement their respective activities in difference levels. For instance, DIC is the lead agency for coordinating and facilitating the work of the VDCAP Secretariat in monitoring and measuring the progress of the implementation of the VDCAP. One of the key activities is also to support DIC to fulfil this function. Similarly, under Component 1, the programme is to assist DoP/MPI in formulating and disseminating the 7th five years National Socio-Economic Development Plans for 2011-2015 (7th NSEDP) included Annual NSEDP.
- **Alignment:** The programme is in line with the national development objective. This programme is to provide results-based support to help the Government of Lao PDR achieve the valuable goals of the 7th National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSEDP 2011-2015), especially more inclusive and equitable growth, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and substantial progress towards graduation from Least Developed Country (LDC) status by 2020.
- **Harmonization and Simplification:** At an operational level, the programme financial report has been used a common FACE form, ICE form as well as IPOA settlement in order to keep track and record of the any transactions which occurred as quarterly basis. In addition, through the Round Table Process component, an assessment of the use of Country System is planned to be conducted in 2012 and the result of this study will provide an indication of transitioning to fully apply the national procedure.
- **Managing for the Results:** The design and implementation of the Programme has always been consulted on a participatory manner. The programme board consists of both key representatives from the Government and UNDP and Luxembourg.
- **Mutual accountability:** The implementation of the programme activities was monitored closely for ensuring accountability against the government and UNDP rules and regulations. The programme management complies with the obligation to deliver on the commitments in accordance with the agreed rules and standards (proper use of resources) and to report fairly and accurately on performance results (report on achievement of results). UNDP is also accountable for providing sufficient support to ensure a successful implementation of the planned activity.

4. Update on partnerships

Partnerships with other development partners

The programme has continued to strengthen collaboration and synergies with other initiatives within MPI, supported by other development partners. For instance, EC technical assistance, Australian volunteer support to strengthen aid effectiveness, JICA's PCAP programme, GIZ local planning work as well as WB initiative in support of costing and prioritization and the Poverty Reduction Fund while seeking to build on lessons learned from Luxembourg's experience in implementing kumban plans to strengthen the planning process. Recently, the government of Luxembourg has provided a support to the implementation of the MPI programme by providing third party contribution through UNDP.

Partnerships with line ministries

Though implementing at MPI, the programme's activities regularly involved consultation with line ministries. For instance, under component 2 – training were conducted among LaoInfo network in 8 key line ministries such as, MPI, MoES, MAF, MoLSW, MoTI, MoH, MoF MPWT as well as selected provinces such as, Borkeo, Phongsaly, Champasack, Vientiane Province, and Sekongpartners to develop M&E framework for the 7th NSEDP. Component 1 successfully worked with engaged with the provincial DPI in Xieng Khouang and Houaphanh to address off-track MDGs and the poverty-environment issues at the provincial level. Through the Round Table mechanism especially via Sector Working Groups, partnerships are being strengthened between the GoL and Development Partners to mobilize resources, ensure better utilization of these resources and push forward the development process. Building these partnerships is a collegial responsibility of all government agencies and their international partners.

Partnership with different UN agencies:

UNDP, UNICEF and UNFPA have been jointly funding support in conducting LSIS (component 2).

4. Update on gender mainstreaming

Under component 1, in the preparation of annual plans, DoP/MPI encouraged the participation of poor and other vulnerable groups (particularly women) and identified their needs using the draft participatory planning manual, which provided a special focus to addressing the equal participation of men and women as well as people from different ethnic groups. The project also involved the Lao Women's Union in the review of the Participatory Planning Manual to provide input from a gender perspective. MDGs have become central to planning and national priorities in the 7th NSEDP. This suggests that gender is becoming widely mainstreamed and all activities within the project are analysed and executed in a gender-sensitive and/or gender responsive manner.

Under component 2, Number of males and females are equally represented in all project training, workshop. In additional that try to ensure that data and indicators that project are going on are sex aggregated.

Component 3, The Gender is mainstreamed into the work of individual groups and considered as a cross cutting issue in their ToR. The project has supported DIC in facilitating and coordinating with all 8 SWGs to mainstream Gender into the work of SWGs.

Currently, gender mainstreaming is being realized and integrated into practice which demonstrated through the updating of VDCAP. Some targets and actions stipulated in the VDCAP have primarily focused on how gender is effectively mainstreamed into work at all sector levels.

Component 4 will include gender perspective into all activities. For instance, to propose to include gender as one of the chapter in the HD module.

5. Update on audit recommendations

N/A

6. List main challenges and issues (if any) faced during reporting period

Though implementing on a programme basis, each component faced different and specific issues described below:

Component 1:

- **Absence of Senior Technical Advisor.** Many activities were postponed due to the absence of a senior technical advisor, who was supposed to be on board at the beginning of the project. The component largely depends on the substantial and technical inputs from the STA, and s/he needs to be urgently recruited. However, considering the time requirement for the recruitment process, it is expected that the project will not be able to have technical assistance from the STA in the early Q1 2012.
- **Absence of Coordinator.** Administrative work was not conducted smoothly due to the absence of a component coordinator. The project has advertised and conducted competitive recruitment processes twice, but hasn't found an appropriate candidate for the post. The component needs to urgently conduct a 3rd round of the recruitment and employ a project coordinator in Q4.
- **Engagement with pilot province(s).** The pilot province needs to be selected as soon as possible to support the activities at the provincial level and link its outputs/outcomes to those at the national level.
- **Translation challenges.** In undertaking the translation and publication of the 7th NSEDP, annual plan and PIP, the project underestimated the time it would take for quality translations and printing which delayed the process. As quality of translation has not been satisfactory in the past, the project should ensure hiring a quality translation company and proof-read with appropriate staff members.

Component 2:

- Due to the multiple functions of project staff reflects to the implementation of some activities and some are delayed.
- NSEDP M&E framework is not yet finalized as some component activities and deliverable jobs are closely link with DOP, especially NSEDP indicators.

- LSB is a long-time implement partner of UNDP project, but some of staff who is involving in this component mostly is juniors and quite new to UNDP & NIM system. It may take sometimes for the team to learn about the rules, regulations and systems.

Component 3:

- **Inter/intra-government coordination and maintenance a strong involvement of all stakeholders:** A full collaboration of all government institutions with the DIC/MPI and also the Line Ministries is essential to achieve the objectives and outcomes attached to this RTP component. Over the past years, the collaboration and partnership with all stakeholders particularly the line Ministries and local levels have been improved through the process of updating the VDCAP and the preparation of each RTIM/RTM. Therefore, this momentum needs to be sustained in a proper manner and the efforts need to be scaled.
- **Capacity Development:** The integration of the component activities into work of relevant divisions within DIC has been put in place and become the key thing to ensure sustainability and capacity building. More efforts are also foreseen in the near future to cope with the requirements according by DIC mandate in general including in particular all the tasks related to the aid coordination, ODA management as well as conduct of the round table process. Coordinated approach for the capacity development will need to be enhanced in order to ensure, in the spirit of the Vientiane Declaration, the full implementation of aid effectiveness agenda in Lao PDR.
- **Division of labour and partnership building:** The revised ODA Decree No. 75 has clarified the roles and responsibilities of the national stakeholders (particularly MOFA, MPI, and MOF) for the ODA management in Lao PDR. In this regards, the DIC within MPI has obtained the trust and confidence of both the national institutions and the development partners as it has been illustrated during the preparation of round table meetings, the conduct of bilateral discussions with donors, daily relationship with ministries in particular on the review and update of the VDCAP, etc. Another important issue to be noted here is the development of the Foreign Aid Report which will need to be ultimately done by utilizing the new ODA database. It is crucial to ensure the stable operation of the AMP and to use the system to help government perform accurate and efficient data analysis and not just producing an illustrative data report.

Component 4:

- The recruitment of project staff took longer time than expected;
- Some of planned activities were behind the schedule, due to short of staff in the early stage of project implementation; some activities need inputs from former implementing agency; for example, DOS, so it is crucial for the project team to reschedule for more suitable time.
- It took more time than expected to acquire laptops and printer which are the most crucial tools to implement the project. This causes major problems for low delivery of output.
- Using government car may not be very convenient for project/component's activities. There are many cases where the project team need government car for work purposes but it's not provided at the right time. When doing the work for just 15 minutes, it takes a half day to travel in the car since the car is also used by government officers where it goes to many places which take time. Finally, taxi services could solve the problems but still it is not flexible enough due to waiting time. Also, taxi is very expensive when there are many activities in the work plan to be done and therefore need more taxi services. Also, for the next year, there are some new

activities to be conducted in provinces; hiring car may not be convenient for project implementation and also costly.

- NERI is new IP of NHDR component, this year the project team has been on the learning process to understand and gets used to NIM procedures. In addition to that project team has learnt and requested assistance from DOS, the former IP of NHDR project, on their experience from the former NHDR project. Due to there is only one member of former NHDR project remain in DoS, the new NHDR project team sometime face difficulty collecting the information and lesson learnt from the past NHDR project phase. While DoS focuses on its own Work Plan so that the Work Plan is needed to re-schedule several times in order to meet suitable time for both agencies.

IV. ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE OUTCOME AND/OR OUTPUTS

Component 1:

- Assisted the Government officials in attending the workshops related to the 7th NSEDP and the MDGs.
- Conducted field visits to the provinces to support the formulation and the implementation of the annual plan of the 7th NSEDP.
- Supported the preparation of organizing the Round Table Implementation Meeting with development partners.

Component 2:

The team attended the NIM training in Luang Prabang and a brief NIM training in UN house and RBM-gender mainstreaming at Lao Plaza hotel. These three activities are not in the quarterly work plan, but it would significantly help staff to capture a better understanding on NIM requirements and appropriately implementing the project.

Component 3:

- Assisted the Government officials in attending the workshops and pre-consultation leading to High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan, Korea.

Component 4:

- The Launch of Global Human Development Report 2011 is an additional activity that is not prescribed in the Work Plan. This report is launched together with the Human Development Media Award 2011 in output 1 which is aimed to further enhanced awareness of the concept of Human Development (HD), and capacity for MDG and Human Development reporting at the National and sub-national levels. In addition to that, the launch aimed to raise public awareness on the issue of sustainability and equity.
- The team also completed translating the executive summary of the HDR 2011 into Lao and distributed to participants on the event.
- The team conducted a meeting with DOS to share information and past experiences in making the previous NHDR and processes. It was a very productive meeting since some documents are provided to facilitate the current work/activity.

V. FUTURE WORK PLAN

1. What are the priority actions planned for the following year to overcome constraints, build on achievements and partnership, and use of the lessons learned during the previous year?

- DIC, DOP, LSB and NERI to work together to select the pilot provinces and propose to the Board for approval.
- UNDP especially POs/PAs continue to provide advice on NIM guideline project management and identify areas where the staff needs further training, in particular with newly established component like NERI and LSB.
- To avoid funding gaps, all components are ensure they plan more strategically on activities and resource mobilization, and identify potential contributors to support the programme.

2. List major adjustments in the strategies, targets or key outcomes and outputs planned.

Component 1: N/A

Component 2: N/A

Component 3:

With the above changes, the component management team with close consultation with the MPI Deputy Minister, have reorganized the component outputs to better synchronize and streamline the flow of those output and their supported activities so that they are more effectively measured and implemented. The restructure of this component is resulted in 4 outputs:

- 1) *Enhance greater substantive dialogues and closer partnership with development partners, effective mobilisation and management through the Round Table Process, include improving Sector Working Groups mechanism for facilitating effective implementation of NSEDP and VDCAP towards achieving the MDG 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) *Increased supports to address critical needs of SWGs and national implementing agencies for achieving the goals of NSEDP and MDGs; and*
- 4) *Strengthened capacities of DIC and its Implementing Partners in effectively managing ODA related programme and projects.*

Component 4:

Adding new activities and outputs on LDC Graduation which will reflect in 2012 Annual Workplan.

- Organise LDC Conferences in the coming year
- Conduct LDC orientation training
- Ad Hoc LDC Support Activities
- Technical Workshop for government officials on LDC (resource persons from UNCTAD, ESCAP, UNDESA and UNDP will be invited)

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3. Estimated total budget required for the following year:

US\$ 1,827,620.00

Programme Components	Amount in US\$
Component 1	274,320.00
Component 2	355,500.00
Component 3	762,100.00
Component 4	223,000.00

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