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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
the 7th NSEDP/MDGs

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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.
Donors:	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); and Government of Luxembourg.

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	January - December 2012
Date of Annual Programme Review	1 st February 2013

Summary of Budget and Expenditures for all programme components (January - December 2012)	
	Total (US \$)
Total budget	1,895,750.00
Total expenditure	1,724,824.15
Total balance to be forwarded	170,925.85

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.

The consolidated support programme consists of four mutually supportive components, including (i) support to consultative planning, implementation, monitoring, assessment and reporting on the NSEDP/MDGs; (ii) support to strengthening effective monitoring and evaluation of progress towards goals of NSEDP/MDGs via LaoInfo; (iii) support to strengthening the Round Table Process for the Achievement of NSEDP/MDGs; and (iv) support to advancing Human Development through policy-informing research on Human Development Issues, especially relevant for achieving NSEDP/MDGs.

Though all programme components aim at assisting the Government of Lao PDR achieve the valuable goals within NSEDP, each has differently specific objectives, outputs and activities, and responsible parties. The main objective of the first component, 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. The second component, 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. The third component that is executing by DIC aims at further strengthening the 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). The last component's main objective is 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 has been assisting the Government in achieving the following main outputs:

Component 1:

1. Poverty reduction and MDG priorities incorporated in annual plans and budgets, and prioritized in public investment programme (PIPs);
2. Macroeconomic analysis conducted on a regular basis to inform the Government on key macroeconomic issues that may have implications for the 7th NSEDP;
3. Capacity for local planning and implementation improved at the central and local levels;
4. Enhanced capacity of MPI and planners at the selected provinces/districts to monitor and report on the plan implementation and MDGs through an improved monitoring framework and tools;
5. Strengthened capacity of the MDG and LDC secretariats to coordinate, advocate and facilitate progress towards the MDGs and implementation of the LDC Action Plan.

Component 2:

6. An effective Common data base established to support evidence-based reporting, planning and decision making at the national and sub-national to help guide implementation of NSEDP/MDGs;
7. Increased stakeholder awareness and participation, improved advocacy and dissemination to ensure the best use of official statistics;
8. Improved networking and statistical cooperation at the national, regional and international levels.

Component 3:

9. Enhanced greater substantive dialogues and closer partnership with DPs, and effective resource mobilisation and management through the Round Table Process, including improving Sector Working Group Mechanism for facilitating effective implementation of NSEDP and VDCAP towards achieving the MDGs in Lao PDR;
10. 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;
11. Strengthened capacity of DIC and its Implementing Partners in effectively managing ODA related programmes and projects;
12. Provided quality assurance and support to national implementation management through audit, spot checks and HACT.

Component 4:

13. Further enhanced awareness of the concept of Human Development (HD), and capacity for MDG and Human Development reporting at national and sub-national levels;
14. Produced one high quality National Human Development Report (NHDR), and/or Provincial Human Development Reports;
15. Evidence-based research and analysis to support the implementation of the NSEDP/MDGs.

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.”.

The programme 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. Clearly, this more programmatic approach better conforms to the commitments of the Paris and Vientiane Declarations on Aid Effectiveness.

III. PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS

1. Contribution to the strategic goals

COUNTRY PROGRAMME / UNDAF OUTCOME: By 2015, more equitable and sustainable growth promoted for poor people in Lao PDR

Outcome indicators: % of annual government budget allocated to poverty reduction programmes; % of government revenue from FDI which are invested in health and education sectors per year

Related Strategic Plan focus areas: Poverty Reduction

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<i>Component 1 - Support to Consultative Planning, Implementing, Monitoring, Assessing and Reporting on the NSEDP/MDGs</i>		
<p><u>Output 1:</u> Poverty reduction and MDG priorities and programmes in the 7th Plan (2011-2015) are incorporated in annual plans, budgets and public investment programmes (PIPs)</p> <p><u>Baseline:</u> 1-1. Instruction to focus more on the MDGs and poverty reduction in the annual plan and provincial plans not available yet.</p> <p><u>Indicator:</u> 1-1. Availability of instruction to focus more on the MDGs</p>	<p><u>Output 1.1:</u> The 7th NSEDP is converted into annual plans and PIPs through a consultative manner that emphasizes poverty reduction/MDGs</p>	<p>Increased awareness of the government sectors through widely dissemination of the 7th five year NSEDP 2011-2015.</p> <p>Concerned sectors received printed 7th NSEDP upon request and the plan was disseminated to relevant stakeholders during the annual National Planning and Budgeting Meeting which held on 9-10 April 2012.</p> <p>Published and disseminated widely</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual NSEDP 2011-2012 implementation, - Annual NSEDP (2012-2013) priorities as well as PIPs in both English and Lao <p>NSEDP and PIP were printed and partially distributed to concerned sectors, especially the Lao version. Some advocacy tool was produced (200 NSEDP T-shirts).</p>

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<p><i>and poverty reduction in the annual plan and provincial plans</i></p> <p><u>Target 2012:</u></p> <p><i>1-1. Government instructions drafted to focus more on the MDGs and poverty reduction incorporated in the annual plan and provincial plans</i></p>		<p>The government instruction to guide formulation of annual plan 2012-2013 focusing on off-track MDGs and poverty reduction concerning issues was developed and disseminated to concerned parties.</p>	
		<p>Organized regular consultative meetings to monitor the implementation of NSEDP&PIP 2011-2012 and formulate NSEDP&PIP for 2012-2013 that focus on the incorporation of poverty reduction and MDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the central: conduct 1 time in Q1 - At local level: guiding formulation in 3 regions including northern part, central and southern part. - Concerned sectors at central level are invited to the meeting on instruction to prepare the NSEDP&PIP 2012-13 in Thalath and keep into account a focus on the incorporation of poverty reduction and MDGs - The meeting has provided an opportunity for the MPI to be informed on the progress, challenges and potential actions responding to those emerging issues - This meeting also open a chance to hear the demands from concerned sectors and the needs of the local in achieving the NSEDP VII. - DoP officials were trained about the concept of sustainable and inclusive development plan. 	
		<p>Conducted a consultation workshop to guide how to</p>	

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		<p>absolute summarize 2011-2012 plan and conduct consultation meeting for preparing the implementation (Oudomxay and Phongsaly in Q1 only).</p> <p>- Guidance on reporting of the NSEDP Implementation 2011-12 was provided by the MPI's Vice Minister in the Executive Council Meeting on Monitoring Implementation of the NSEDP 2011-12 in Houaphanh.</p> <p>- To ensure quality of report at local level, monitoring of Special Economic Zone (Savanh-Seno) implementation was conducted</p>	
		<p>Conducted consultation workshops to provide guidance for MDGs Annual Planning, monitoring and Implementation at the central level</p> <p>Through a series of mentioned consultative meetings, advice and comments were obtained from internal departments of MPI and concerned sectors; 1st semester of year 1 implementation on 7th NSEDP resulting improvement in both economic and social aspects, esp. poverty reduction and MDGs implementation.</p> <p>Thus, planning of the 2nd year implementation on 7th NSEDP has started and draft NSEDP 2012-2013 has been completed and present at the National Assembly.</p>	

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		<p>Conducted a review of sample of 2 provincial annual plans (Houaphanh and Saravane) to better understand how MDGs and poverty reduction priorities are reflected into provincial plans.</p> <p>Reviewing result suggests that the MDGs, poverty reduction and environment are included in the PSEDP of the two pilot provinces (Houaphanh and Saravane).</p> <p>However, there are still rooms for further integrate links between poverty and environment into the plan as well as M&E framework at provincial level to regularly monitor and report achievements on these issues.</p> <p>In this connection, two assessment reports have been drafted and shared with DoP and the draft proposal on green growth projects have been completed for future application. However, the proposals are still in need of improvement on resource estimation and updated data on project relevant information.</p>	
		<p>Developed manual on implementation of 3-builds (provincial, district and village levels) in planning and managing the NSEDP.</p> <p>At central level, pilot provinces and districts were informed and trained on planning and budgeting using 3-build instruction, which held in mid</p>	

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		<p>September 2012.</p> <p>Luangnamtha, Bokeo and Phongsaly provinces were informed on 3-build instruction by MPI Vice Minister and technical team from central government in October 2012.</p>	
	<p>Output 1.2: Targeted actions to address off-track MDGs and key environment issues incorporated in annual plans</p>	<p>Developed analysis and pilot demonstrations of targeted actions to address off track MDGs and to support inclusion into annual planning (Houaphanh and Saravan).</p> <p>The two pilot provinces (Houaphanh and Saravane) were informed and practiced planning process that demonstrated by DoP, NSEDP and PEI TA.</p> <p>The provinces also agreed to further integrate poverty and environment into their plan through the process of identifying the green growth projects.</p>	
		<p>Identified targeted actions to address off-track MDGs poverty environment issues and incorporate in the annual NSEDP in cooperation with PEI.</p> <p>The technical meeting was organized in Q1 with Education and Health sectors to address in detailed off track MDGs and to support inclusion into annual planning</p> <p>This activity is also carried out in connection with the activity above.</p>	

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		<p>Developed government instructions to address investment management for quality investment in the annual plan at the central and provincial levels.</p> <p>Concerned sectors invited to join the consultative meeting on instruction to prepare the NSEDP&PIP 2012-13, which include the direction on investment management for quality investment</p>	
		<p>Supported 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>This activity is merged with the action plan of the MPI Cabinet Office in organizing the workshop on introduction to decentralization for central & provincial government officials at MPI Conference Room, between 17-20/9/2012.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 160 participants were invited from all provinces and well aware of the concept of decentralization at three levels – <i>provincial level as strategic planner, district level as comprehensive support and village level as development unit.</i> - Both central and provincial officials were provided materials including the Decree on decentralization at three levels for their reference and guidance over actual implementation. 	

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		<p>Prepared monthly, quarterly, mid-term and annual reports on 2011-12 NSEDP implementation</p> <p>Completed Annual NSEDP 2012-13 in collaboration with all concerned sectors, which includes reports on achievements/implementation of NSEDP 2011-12.</p>	
<p>Output 2: Macroeconomic analysis and management conducted to contribute to the macroeconomic achievements outlined in the NSEDP</p> <p>Baseline: 2-1. Quarterly reports on macroeconomic analysis produced 2-2. SWGs organized quarterly</p> <p>Indicators: 2-1. Availability of quality quarterly reports on macroeconomic analysis 2-2. Number of macroeconomic analysis and/or supporting documents provided to the SWG meetings and pre-consultation meetings</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Conducted monthly consultation meetings with key sectors in charge of macroeconomic management</p> <p>Consultation technical meeting with key sectors was organized to discuss on economic issues which held on 04/05/2012.</p> <p>Unofficial discussion was also carried out in addition to this meeting to ensure consistency in data and content of the report on macroeconomic issues.</p>	
		<p>Consultation meeting on the loan & grant with economic & social sector was organized which held on 14/6/2012.</p> <p>Information and data on progress of NSEDP implementation were gathered, especially on loans and grants. Key stakeholders from both economic and social sectors were actively participating in the meeting.</p>	
		<p>SWG meetings Were held regularly to discuss emerging issues related to Macro-economic analysis</p>	

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<p><i>of the RTMs/RTIMs</i></p> <p>Target 2012: 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</p>		<p>and preparation for the RTIM 2012</p> <p>Fruitful discussion was obtained at the meeting with the key emphasis on coordination between planning and budgeting, status of debt services and MDG progress.</p>	
		<p>Workshops on macroeconomic analysis and management in ensuring effective process of planning and implementation on NSEDP and PIP were held to discuss within the government agencies in charge of macroeconomics.</p> <p>This activity was conducted in connection with the Output 1.2</p>	
		<p>Conducted a Retreat on Macroeconomic Management among the planning officers within the Ministry of Planning and Investment to discuss the Integration of NSEDP Project into the government role on planning, lesson learnt from actual implementation of the Annual NSEDP 2011-2012.</p> <p>The meeting also discussed the needs in improving coordination system within DoP and other sectors and provinces</p>	
Output 3: Capacity for local planning and implementation	Output 3.1: Increased understanding on kumban planning experiences	The Participatory Planning Manual draft was revised to incorporate comments by development partners.	

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<p>improved at the central and local levels</p> <p><u>Baseline:</u> 3-1. Draft participatory planning manual finalized but not yet shared with Development Partners and not yet approved. 3-2. No evaluation of kumban experience conducted by MPI 3-3. Limited capacity building exercises on off-track MDGs, environment and gender issues, and human development concepts for local planning exercises</p>	<p>on the ground to further improve the process</p> <p>100 copies of Lao version and 100 copies of English version were published and for launching and dissemination in 2013.</p>	
<p><u>Indicators:</u> 3-1. Official approval and application of participatory planning manual during the local level planning process at the selected poorest districts 3-2. Availability of evaluation of kumban experience 3-3. Number of capacity building exercises on off-track MDGs, environment issues, human development concepts and gender issues</p>	<p>Organised a Taskforce meeting with DPs on Participatory Planning Manual on 11 October 2012</p> <p>Agreement made at the meeting with SDC, AusAID and World Bank on improvement of the draft PPM, details as followings: (i) gender based consultation at village level, (ii) at least 40% of participants in consultations are female, (iii) flexible analytical approach with inclusion of “problem tree”, (iv) facilitators in the consultations are from middle agencies (eg. PRF, DPI) and line sectors to take part as observers.</p>	
<p><u>Indicators:</u> 3-1. Official approval and application of participatory planning manual during the local level planning process at the selected poorest districts 3-2. Availability of evaluation of kumban experience 3-3. Number of capacity building exercises on off-track MDGs, environment issues, human development concepts and gender issues</p>	<p>The Launch of Participatory Planning Manual has been postponed to next year.</p> <p>However, the PPM has been implemented by some district governments, such as in Sing District, Khamkeuth, and Viengthong District through the Northern Upland Development Programme supported by GIZ.</p>	<p>This activity is postponed due to time constraint during as DoP was urgently requested in contributing inputs and documents for ASEP, ASEM, and RTIM 2012.</p> <p>Additionally, the PPM has just finalized in Q4 due to request from development partners (SDC, AusAID, World Bank) on improving the manual.</p>
	<p>Building capacity of local planners through Conducted training and dissemination workshop for provincial</p>	

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<p><u>Target 2012:</u> 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</p>		<p>officials on the government instruction regarding 3 Build (Sam Saang Policy) in the northern provinces and MDG monitoring</p> <p>Completed and on-going.</p> <p>Thongmai Village, Sing District (Luangnamtha Province), khamkeuth and Viengthong districts (Bolikhamsay) received instruction on 3-builds from provincial level to district & village levels.</p> <p>The activity will be extended to the central and the southern parts in the next quarter in order to complete the dissemination in all provinces by March 2013.</p>	
	<p><u>Output 3.2:</u> Capacity for local level planners enhanced to promote the use of participatory approaches, incorporate poverty-environment issues and off-track MDGs</p>	<p>The training on the Sam Saang Policy in relation to decentralisation planning process was organized at MPI with 160 participants invited from all provinces. However, the comprehensive trainings at local levels are required to disseminate the government instruction on decentralization (3 Build) and PPM as well as to ensure harmonization in planning and investment in all provinces.</p>	
		<p>Conduct pilot exercise to prioritize poverty and off-track MDGs in PIPs, local planning and budget in 2 pilot provinces (link to Activity 1.2.b)</p> <p>Completed and on-going.</p>	

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		<p>Two pilot districts of Viengsay (Huaphanh) and Laongarm (Saravane) identified pilot projects on green growth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Viengsay: Pig Farming and Biogas Project in Meuang Pua Village - Laongarm: Value Added Production using Solar Power Project (peanuts&bananas) in Kuaset Village <p>Draft Project Proposal was developed by the PEI TA and further improvement is needed through consultation meeting with the two pilot districts for further data collection and verification. The complete proposals are to be finalized by March 2013 in order to submit it to the government together with other PIPs.</p>	
<p>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 LaolInfo</p> <p>Baseline: 4-1. Key NSEDP monitoring indicators being finalised by LSB 4-2. LaolInfo partly populated</p>	<p>Output 4.1: Strengthen monitoring and reporting capacity of MPI and planners with the use of improved and updated data from LaolInfo</p>	<p>Feedbacks from 5 key sectors (Agriculture-Forestry, Education, Health, Infrastructure and Finance) were obtained and incorporated into the M&E Framework for 7th NSEDP.</p> <p>The short term consultant was hired to assist DoP to prepare an assessment report on the current M&E Framework for further improvement, and finalise the 4 sectors and 1 macro level framework by Q1 2013 and suggest the roll-out plan.</p>	
		<p>The meeting with LSB and UNDP programme team on M&E Framework was held to discuss the technical aspects of the M&E framework and the system.</p>	

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<p><i>but is not yet able to support the NSEDP monitoring</i></p> <p><u>Indicators:</u> 4-1. Availability of a set of approved 7th NSEDP monitoring indicators 4-2. Availability of 7th NSEDP annual progress report generated from LaoInfo every year</p> <p><u>Target 2012:</u> 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</p>	<p>However, further and regular consultation with LSB is still necessary to synchronize the planning and data collection timeframe in order to support NSEDP monitoring.</p>		
	<p>Workshop to disseminate 7th NSEDP M&E framework at within MPI, with line ministries and DPs was planned for 2012 but it was postponed to next year.</p> <p>However, Lao version of M&E was already distributed to line ministries for comments.</p>	<p>This activity was postponed due to delay in recruitment of NSEDP CTA and the current M&E framework is still being finalised.</p>	
	<p>Training to enhance capacity to monitor and report on annual and 7th NSEDP at the central level was Postponed to next year.</p>	<p>The training and dissemination will be conducted after finalization of the M&E indicators.</p>	
<p><u>Output 5:</u> 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)</p> <p><u>Baseline:</u> 5.1. 2008 Second MDG</p>	<p><u>Output 5.1:</u> Increased MDG advocacy and awareness of the LDC Plan of Action at provincial levels</p>	<p>Administrative and logistic support to the MDG Secretariat provided.</p> <p>The Lao version of the MDG Acceleration Framework was prepared and needed further dissemination and advocate activities</p> <p>The preparation for the 3rd MDG Progress Report was launched.</p>	

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<p><i>Progress Report available</i> 5.2. MDG advocacy materials not available for public</p> <p><u>Indicators:</u> 5.1. Availability of draft report on Brussels LDCs Plan of Action 5.2. Production of new MDG advocacy materials for public</p> <p><u>Target 2012:</u> 5.1. New LDC Plan of Action drafted 5.2. MDG advocacy materials produced and disseminated</p>			
Component 2 - Support to Effective Monitoring and Evaluation of Progress towards Goals of NSEDP/MDGs via LaoInfo			
<p><u>Output 1:</u> An effective Common data base established to support evidence-based reporting, planning and decision making at the national and sub-national to help guide implementation of NSEDP/MDGs.</p> <p><u>Baseline:</u> 1.1. Draft indicators developed to monitor and evaluate the</p>	<p><u>Output 1.1:</u> Shared database for MPI departments and other users upgraded and regularly updated with data needed to support effective implementation of NSEDP/MDGs</p>	<p>An advance training workshop was organized with the participation of LaoInfo web version 6.0 focal people from line ministries. The 5 days training was conducted from 26 to 30 March 2012. The workshop enabled the participants to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish a web version of a DevInfo/LaoInfo and di monitoring database; • manage a web database administration; migrate data and entry data online; • deploy DevInfo/LaoInfo Web application; host live site; setup a backup and maintenance plan. 	
		<p>The workshop to discuss metadata of NSEDP and NSE indicators was organised on 10 June 2012 at Mercure</p>	<p>This workshop is initiative step on developing the common LaoInfo database</p>

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<p><i>implementation of NSEDP/MDGs</i></p> <p><i>1.2 Common official database established does not exist</i></p> <p><i>1.3 Lao Info data base established and contains some economic and social data</i></p> <p><u>Indicator:</u></p> <p><i>a. Availability of official indicators to support the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of NSEP/MDGs</i></p>		<p>held with participation of 11 ministries who are LaoInfo network. The workshop discussed the list of national socio economic indicators and its metadata that will be included into the common LaoInfo database and metadata handbook. In addition, the results of monitoring and evaluation of LaoInfo network at line ministries on implementing and producing indicators and the use of LaoInfo were shared and discussed during the workshop.</p>	<p>and metadata handbook in order to help the user particularly for the LaoInfo network to deeper understand on how to use data for planning and policy making thru LaoInfo database system and how to define indicator and its metadata.</p>
<p><i>b. Availability of a common official database to monitor and evaluation of the implementation of NSEP/MDGs</i></p>		<p>Organized a workshop to discuss on the designing layout and contain of handbook and the framework content of the common LaoInfo and metadata handbook in order to serve the need of the line ministries on determining core list indicators and its metadata.</p>	
<p><i>c. Number of Government institutions and sectors using data from LaoInfo for their plans and reports</i></p>		<p>Completed a DI Monitoring training for Line Ministries in April 2012 and web-based training in March.</p>	<p>DSG has assisted to establish and launch LaoInfo in June, but since December it was inaccessible and LSB team is trying to deal with this problem. It expects to be accessible in early February 2013.</p>
<p><u>Target 2012:</u></p> <p><i>1-1. Line Ministry reports systems is in line with Article 22 of the law on Statistics (2010)</i></p> <p><i>1-2. Common database (LaoInfo) on economic,</i></p>		<p>Completed a series of training for line ministries/LaoInfo focal points on DI monitoring module and adaptation. One was conducted on 4-6 April 2012 at the training lab. of LSB. 6 participants were invited from selected provinces such as Attapeu, Luangnamtha and Bolikhamsay and the other 10 participants are from 5 key line ministries who are LaoInfo networks such as, MOIC, MOF,</p>	

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<p><i>socio and environment data is operational (base on well-defined indicators) and available online.</i></p> <p>1-3. Quarterly and annual NSEDP monitoring reports based on agreed/selected indicators are produced in a timely-manner</p>		<p>MoPWT, MoLSW and DoP/MPI. The key concepts of the training were focused on designing and monitoring framework and indicators of 7th NSEDP.</p> <p>After the training, participants learnt to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiar with DevInfo/LaoInfo 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 LaoInfo; • Enable the local language adaptation both interface and result framework 	
		<p>Five-day training on developing metadata for national social-economic indicators with line ministries was organized on 6-10/8/2012 in Vientiane Province. There were 2 representatives from 11 line ministries who are LaoInfo network. After the training, participants understood how to do metadata for their indicators including indicating their obvious data sources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compile all metadata of indicator from 11 line ministries; • Develop the LaoInfo common database and metadata handbook and organize consultation workshop on the draft of this handbook with line ministries; • Printing out the LaoInfo common database and metadata handbook and

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				distribute to the Laoinfo network at line ministries and provinces.
			Advance training on DevInfo 6.0 including management and maintaining a Laoinfo web portal was organised on 3-7/9/2012 at LSB meeting room. There was 01 participant from Ministry of Agriculture, 4 LSB staff who are Laoinfo focal points. This training gave participants know and understand more about User module: Searching for data - Tables, Graphs and Maps; Gallery –Replication of gallery objects for other Indicators; Importing presentation objects created from other users; Using gallery tool for creating presentation objects.	
			DSG has conducted an IT and Capacity Need Assessment since Sep 2011, the draft report has been submitted, but the report doesn't mean the agreed objective and the quality of the report need significant improvement. Through number of feedbacks, the report is expected to be finalized in early 2013.	
			Workshop on Improving Statistical Utilization for MDG and NSEDP monitoring at local level in Savannakhet, Sekong, Thalath, and Bokeo. The objectives are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> investigate and explore the issue, gap, and challenges on production and utilization of statistical information for NSEDP and MDG monitoring and identify the local needs for 	

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		<p>development the national statistical system at local level;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> disseminate the statistical law, SD NSS, and sharing experience on producing village statistics for local planning and policy making throughout the Community Based Monitoring System project (CBMS); discuss in how to identify the provincial M&E framework. <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop report ; <p>The issues, gaps and challenges on data utilization for NSEDP and MDG monitoring including a concept of development M&E framework at provincial level were discussed and shared among local authorities.</p>	
<p>Output 2: Increased stakeholder awareness and participation, improved advocacy and dissemination to ensure the best use of official statistics;</p> <p>Baseline: 2-1. Lack of full effective use of statistics in the country 2-2. Limited access to training opportunities on statistics</p> <p>Indicators: 2-1. Availability of Statistical</p>	<p>Output 2.1: Capacity building support established for statistics users, planners and administrators</p>	<p>International consultant has been recruited to conduct user needs assessment among LMs and production of statistics literacy manual, through numbers of consultation with LSB and LMs, the consultant couldn't deliver the agreed output, i.e. statistical users' need and capacity assessment, as the results the statistical literacy manual couldn't be produced. The project has provided the consultant opportunities to produce the agreed outputs by providing advices on how to the assessment should be and extending the assignment timeframe. However, the consultant still did not deliver the outputs. Therefore, with the closed consultation with UNDP, the project proposed to terminate the consultant contract.</p>	<p>The project will explore different options on finding a new consultant to carry out this assignment.</p>

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<p><i>literacy training materials</i></p> <p><i>2-2 Percentage of trained core professional group who understand the importance of statistical data and are confident in using the statistical data for planning and reporting.</i></p> <p><i>2-3 Availability of advocacy and dissemination outreach plan</i></p> <p><u>Target 2011:</u></p> <p><i>2-1. All training materials produced, training cadre delegated from relevant units and first round TOTs conducted</i></p> <p><i>2-2 SWG, National Assembly and key line Ministry trainees at each level identified and first round of capacity building for each target group conducted</i></p>		<p>The discussion workshop on the formulation of TOR of common statistics dissemination team among 13 LMs was taken place on 25 May 2012. Concerned LMs have nominated representatives. The key discussion topics were related to the ToR common statistics dissemination team and provisional agreement among the team on who do what and the identify coordination methodology among the team.</p>	<p>LBS, on behalf of the leading sector of common statistics dissemination, will try to work out on the roles and agreement document with the endorsement of Vice Minister of LSB, Ministry of Planning and Investment and then distribute to concerned key LMs. The team agreed to work closely together in terms of the dissemination of common statistics data as a core value to become a systematize standard among LMs</p>
		<p>The discussion workshop to identify dissemination policy themes from line ministries was jointly organized together with the discussion workshop on Statistics Literacy Manual on 6/6/2012 at MPI conference room with full participation of 33 Common Statistics Dissemination team members from LMs. The meeting agreed on the action points</p>	

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			and timeframe for the preparation of Statistics Literacy Manual.	
			<p>A pilot test for ToT training on production of statistics literacy manual for two modules among LMs was completely implemented on 9-13/07/2012 at LSB meeting room. This activity aimed to collect Statistical Working Group feedback on the production of Statistical Literacy Manual and testing two sample modules.</p> <p>After the training, participants were able to understand more about the meanings of statistic literacy. LSB and the consultant were able to correct useful information for the development of statistics literacy.</p>	
			<p>Training on using Lao Standard Industrial Classification (LSIC) and Dissemination on agreements of National Statistics System was organized at Thalath, Vientiane Province on 24-28/9/2012. There were 45 participants (10 females) who were from provinces overall the country and some participants from 7 Ministries as such: Ministry of Education and Sports, Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Ministry of Energy. One participant from Bank of Lao PDR and One from National University of Laos. The training has improved participant understanding on using Lao Standard Industrial Classification (LSIC)</p>	

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			<p>and feedbacks from participants can to use to improve some sections of LSIC.</p> <p>The training was very successful, it has been recommended to organize similar training again in the future, particular on International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO) and Central Product Classification (CPC).</p>	
			<p>Discussion workshop on draft of data dissemination policy in LMs was organised to agree on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft of official statistics dissemination rule; • The draft content of official statistics dissemination rule. 	
			<p>Books of statistic law were printed out in September. The printed 7,200 books of statistic law include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Statistic Law Books (Lao version) = 6,700 books -Statistic Law Books (English version) = 500 books <p>These printed books were distributed and disseminated in the statistical network for 17 provinces.</p>	
Output 3: Improved networking and statistical cooperation at the national, regional and		Output 3.1: Enhanced capacity of LSB to coordinate work on statistics with line ministries and	LSB staff and management team have participated in a number of the exposure visits and trainings at regional and international level and have shared their experience and knowledge with their colleagues. For	

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<p>international levels.</p> <p><u>Baseline:</u> 3-1 Attendance of LSB staff at regional and international meetings 3-2 Draft donor coordinator TOR</p> <p><u>Indicators:</u> 3-1 workshop reports indicating how the Lao participants have benefited from the workshop 3-2 Availability of donor coordination mechanism and technical working groups</p> <p><u>Target 2012:</u> 3-1 Three technical working groups (production, dissemination and capacity building) established and functioned 3-2 LSB staffs participate in international and regional meetings, conferences and trainings.</p>	<p>development partners.</p>	<p>example: Study-visit in Cambodia and Thailand on Data sharing and Dissemination, Establishing and Maintenance of Central Data Repository of the NIS& NSO, 6-15 November 2012 Participants have learnt good experiences and best practice on data sharing, data disseminating, establishing and maintenance of central data repository from the two countries which can be apply for the Lao PDR. One LSB staff attended the forty-third session of the United Nations Statistical Commission and related special events, UNHQ, New York, 24 February – 2 March 2012.</p> <p>Lessons learnt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission is very crucial event that provided opportunity to all participants to share and learn experiences on statistical practices of the countries; • It helps to strengthen the statistical network not only among the countries in the same region and between the countries from each corner of the global, but also among the donor countries/organizations/development partners and recipient countries; • The statistical work will be improved and more recognized by the societies. 	
		<p>The budget for regular operation and management for the project includes paying project staff's salary, fuel, telephone bill, water, newspapers, internet</p>	

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		charge and etc.	
Component 3 - Support to Strengthening the Round Table Process for Achievement of NSEDP/MDGs			
<p>Output 1 Enhanced greater substantive dialogues and closer partnership with DPs, and effective resource mobilisation and management through the Round Table Process, including improving Sector Working Group Mechanism for facilitating effective implementation of NSEDP and VDCAP towards achieving the MDGs in Lao PDR</p> <p>Targets: 1.1. Roadmap and theme for RTIM/RTM is prepared annually. 1.2. At least one provincial development issues are included in the list of RTIM/RTM pre-consultation. 1.3. Results-oriented RTIMs focused on most important issues and recommended actions needed to advance effective implementation of</p>	<p>Output 1.1 Effective meetings and consultations organised to increase common understanding on national development priorities and mobilise necessary support to NSEDP implementation, and increased quality, practical focus and coherence of documentation for RTIMs/HLRTMs and pre-consultation meetings</p>	<p>In terms of preparations for the RTIM 2012, DIC in collaboration with UNDP had developed the 2012 RTIM Roadmap which included the focused areas and milestone. This was sent to all LMs and DPs concerned for information and further comments in advance, and then followed by a number of meetings to further enrich the draft document.</p> <p>Apart from this, template for SWG progress report was prepared and sent to all SWGs for guidance and further preparation of the 2012 RTIM. This template was created to help SWGs prepare and submit their progress report to DIC to be used as inputs to the main background document of RTIM 2012.</p>	<p>Some SWGs were not able to submit their report timely causing a difficulty in the preparation for the background document. In order to avoid this delay in the future, additional guidance and oversight from DIC to the newly established SWGs will be planned next year.</p>
		<p>The RTP Retreat was conducted on 12th January 2012 to discuss the 2012 RTIM Roadmap especially reviewing the follow-up actions to implement the recommendations from 2011 RTIM, ensuring clear responsibilities are assigned to both Government agencies and development partners concerned in order to follow-up and identify how to implement the action points, as well as indicators to measure the progress by November 2012</p>	
			<p>The final Roadmap of RTIM 2012 and some of significant issues were raised and discussed at the</p>

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<p><i>NSEDP/MDGs organised.</i></p> <p><i>1.4. At least one high quality analytical documents which support RTP produced and delivered in a timely manner.</i></p> <p><u>Indicators:</u></p> <p><i>1.1. Theme, consultation topics and roadmap are drafted, consulted and prepared at least by Q1 2012.</i></p> <p><i>1.2. Number of provincial development issues included in the pre-consultation topics for RTIM/RTM.</i></p> <p><i>1.3. Existence of the RTIM/RTM and related meetings that are organised according to the meeting framework and agreed theme.</i></p> <p><i>1.4. Analytical background document for RTIM/RTM is available and delivered one month prior to the meeting.</i></p>	<p>RTP National Steering Committee (NSC) Meeting which was held on 29th March 2012. Key issues discussed at the meeting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Involvement the MLSW and LSB/MPI as a member of Macroeconomics SWG, as well as the National Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (NCRDPE) as member of Agriculture and Rural Development SWG; and (c) also agreed to have SWG Co-Chairs rotated every three years. (ii) Promote greater and more meaningful participation of civil society organization and private sector. DIC is required to coordinate with the LNCCI and MOHA for further consideration. (iii) Consider the future trend of development financing, including climate change finance and how Lao PDR is prepared for especially in terms of government mechanism to manage such fund. It was discussed how the Climate change funding mechanism should be part of the RTP discussion and management mechanism in order not to create a parallel system. 	
	<p>Organized a Local Round Table Consultation Meeting on the implementation of the Northern Provinces' Provincial Socio-Economic Development Plan towards achieving the MDGs especially those are off-track in Xieng Khouang province in May 2012 with the</p>	

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			<p>participation of more than 150 representatives from Government agencies, line Ministries and northern provincial authorities as well as representatives from Development Partners, including non-resident DPs, international organizations, INGOs and NPAs.</p> <p>The objective of this consultation was to generate a concrete pool of lessons learnt and recommendations from local leaders and relevant stakeholders to further accelerate the development of the region. The meeting also addressed current development coordination mechanisms and communication channels between stakeholders, and across different layers of institutional establishments such as central and local authorities.</p> <p>Notably, the consultation meeting was held with successful results/outcomes as expected as it allowed all participants, especially those from central level and other neighboring provinces and development partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A better understanding of regional (provincial) development issues including strengths and challenges as well as the needs from localities; (ii) Strengthened coordination within provincial stakeholders as well as between the provincial authorities and central government and donors especially on ODA supports; (iii) Better appreciation and understanding on the needs at the provincial level to address 	

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			the off-track MDGs.	
			The Joint Missions for resource mobilization to Hanoi and Bangkok were postponed from the first and second quarters to take place in the last quarter of the year.	Due to the unavailability of the full team during the planned mission period, only one mission to Bangkok was conducted.
			The Background Document was prepared based on inputs from SWGs progress report and through consultations with relevant parties both at the Government and DPs. The Document was finalized and shared with participants prior to the RTIM.	
			<p>The 2012 Round Table Implementation Meeting (RTIM), chaired by the Minister of Planning and Investment and co-chaired by the UN RC/UNDP RR, was organised on 23rd November 2012 at Don Chan Palace Hotel in Vientiane, Lao PDR.</p> <p>The report of the meeting was produced and uploaded to the RTP Website.</p>	The process of finalizing the report has taken longer than expected due to poor communication between all invested parties.
<p>Targets: By Q4 2012: 1.2.1. At least two meetings and dialogue per SWG per year are focused on their sectoral issues which contribute to NSEDP annual formulation and</p>		<p>Output 1.2 DIC capacities strengthened to more effectively guide, support and facilitate the work of Sector Working Groups, ensuring more effective SWGs to better respond to the Government's</p>	<p>DIC/MPI developed a Generic ToR of SWG as a template to guide the understanding the SWG contribution to the planning and MDG achievement. SWGs were requested to appoint their SWG Secretariats and confirm the structure/composition. Nevertheless, not all 10 SWGs were submitting timely and not all were in accordance with the requirement.</p>	<p>The delay in submission and consistency among SWGs inputs were due to the limited capacity of the SWG focal points or secretary in responding to the request from DIC who is the facilitator of all SWGs. Therefore, it is essential that DIC plans for a dedicated training for SWG secretariat in order to address this capacity issue.</p>

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<p><i>implementation.</i> 1.2.2. SWG benchmarks to measure their progress developed.</p> <p><u>Indicators:</u> 1.2.1. Number of SWG meetings focus on their sectoral issues which contribute to NSEDP annual formulation and implementation. 1.2.2. Clear guidance that includes benchmarks and review mechanism for SWGs are available.</p>	<p>needs in implementing the 7th NSEDP and VDCAP towards achieving the MDGs</p>	<p>DIC focal persons from relevant divisions had regularly coordinated and attended a series of SWG meetings leading up to the 2012 RTIM, in order to ensure issues discussed in such meetings were in line with the selected RTIM theme and focused areas. However, it is important that the focal points reported back to the DIC management on the key issues arose from each meeting they have attended.</p>	
		<p>SWG Secretariats should regularly meet to discuss and define a guideline and action plans to strengthen the role and effectiveness of SWGs to better respond to the government's needs for achieving NSEDP/MDG goals; as well as update on progress of their plan implementation, including the VDCAP related actions, and share view and ideas on how to effectively implement the plans. However, there were only two meetings of SWG secretariat were conducted (1) discuss the preparation for the RTIM, and (2) inform the presentation guideline and preparation for the exhibition.</p>	<p>It is recommended that SWG Secretariat should have been meeting on a regular basis to update and share progress and challenges of sector plan implementation, exchange view and idea on how to implement their relevant planned activities smoothly and effectively.</p>
		<p>SWG Chairs and Co-chairs meet quarterly to exchange ideas and discuss specific agenda items. For instance, to discuss the roadmap of 2012 Round Table Implementation Meeting (RTIM), including updates on progress of the preparation for the local round table consultation, and other key activities leading to the RTIM such as finalization of the SWG</p>	

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		structure, and VDCAP revision.	
		SWG mailing list and event calendar for sharing information and coordination have not yet been systematically set up and updated as planned.	Information about SWGs is not consistently shared with DIC and making it is difficult to regularly update the calendar. However, DIC is revamping the website and will show the event calendar of all Round Table relevant meetings.
<p>Targets:</p> <p>1.3.1. The VDCAP is updated and new action plans from Busan HLF-4 and related aid effectiveness agenda are integrated into it.</p> <p>1.3.2. VDCAP implementation progress is updated quarterly through SWG Chair and Co-Chair Meeting.</p> <p>1.3.3. A study on current use of National Systems is prepared.</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <p>1.3.1. Availability of the updated version of VDCAP which integrated new aid effectiveness commitments.</p> <p>1.3.2. Availability of VDCAP monitoring system and tools.</p> <p>1.3.3. Availability of the</p>	<p>Output 1.3</p> <p>Progressively measurable implementation of VDCAP, promoting and strengthening capacities of the Government to increase effective implementation of aid effectiveness agenda at national, regional and global levels</p>	<p>In line with the expiry of the current Vientiane Declaration on Aid Effectiveness Action Plan (VDCAP) timeframe, the VDCAP secretariat has revised the VDCAP to update the status and incorporate new commitments from Busan HLF on Aid Effectiveness.</p> <p>This process started in June 2012 with an implementation review of the VDCAP 2008-2011. Following this review the VDCAP Secretariat led a number of meetings to start the revision process::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A meeting of VDCAP Secretariat on 3 February 2012 to update status of VDCAP implementation based on 2011 PD Survey Results, Sectoral Progress Reports submitted and 2011 RTIM report; and also discuss the ToRs and VDCAP revision preparations; (ii) A meeting with SWG Secretariats to launch the VDCAP revision process and share the first draft of the revised VDCAP 2012-2015 was held in August 2012 	<p>The VDCAP revision process represents a complex and timely process as it involves a number of stakeholders. Previous revisions took over one year. The prospect of finalising the VDCAP in Q1 2013 shows Government's commitment to the aid effectiveness agenda.</p>

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<i>assessment study on the status of using Country System in Lao PDR.</i>		<p>(iii) A meeting of VDCAP Secretariat on 10 October 2012 to discuss and agree on the work plan and timeline of VDCAP revision;</p> <p>(iv) A validation workshop on 13 November 2012 to discuss the revised VDCAP prior to the Round Table Implementation Meeting scheduled for 23 November 2012.</p> <p>Useful comments from Development Partners have been received and DIC is in the process of integrating those in the revised draft, and expected to be finalised by Q1 2013.</p>	
		<p>Conducted a study on the use of country systems as to identify the barriers and opportunities to increase the embracement of these national systems by development partners and relevant stakeholders. In this connection, a half day Consultative Workshop on the Use of Country Systems and VDCAP Revision was conducted on 21 September 2012 to strengthen effective implementation of the Vientiane Declaration's principles; especially the meeting briefly updated and discussed key findings of a study on the Use of Country Systems and also validated the revised VDCAP to ensure greater aid and development effectiveness in Lao PDR.</p>	
Output 2 Enhanced reliability, accessibility and transparency of ODA related data,	Output 2.1 The Aid Management Platform (ODA Database) is in place and fully operational as	The ODA database/AMP system that was established within DIC in 2010 has been regularly functioned and populated data.	

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<p>information and results through the established ODA database management system and related quality ODA analytical reports/documents</p> <p><u>Targets:</u></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>2.1.2. After a study visit, DIC has a better understanding of key strategy and technical capacity required for achieving the AMP implementation.</i></p> <p><i>2.1.3. AMP System Manuals are developed and disseminated.</i></p> <p><i>2.1.4. Data Management Plan which indicates clear roles and responsibilities of the core Ministries over AMP is completed.</i></p>	<p>a tool to effectively analyse and plan ODA needs</p>	<p>In 2012, DIC/MPI identified and trained 33 Data Focal Agents (DP/DFAs) from 33 Development Partner organisations and agencies active in the Lao PDR. DP/DFAs provide regular information on DP funded activities in support of the successful implementation of the 7th NSEDP via quarterly on-line updates directly into the system. To further facilitate the role of DFAs, the DIC/MPI established an AMP Help Desk in the Aid Effectiveness Division of the Department for International Cooperation, Ministry of Planning and Investment.</p> <p>Currently, more than 471 ODA projects were populated into the system by about 33 donors, especially related to activities including project and programme descriptions, total commitment amounts, funding plans and disbursements based on the Lao FY, location, MDG alignment, sector, type of assistance, individual contributions from other organizations, implementing agencies, and other key information for each activity.</p>	<p>The rest (20 donors) will be trained on how to use and enter their ODA related data into the system early 2013 to ensure all donors are familiar with the system. However, there are a few gaps/incomplete information and required more inputs from DPs and Line ministries.</p> <p>Implementation challenges include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software management occasionally slowing down the data entry process • DP resistance to provide timely and accurate information in the AMP on-line database...
		<p>A study visit to Nepal to exchange lessons learned on AMP implementation and management has been postponed to be conducted in 2013.</p>	<p>Provided the concept of the Study Visit needs to reflect on the current context of AMP in Lao PDR and due to unavailability of AMP team of Nepal, the visit was postponed.</p>
		<p>Only the Data Entry and Report Generation Manuals have been developed by Development Gateway for DIC relevant administrators and operators as well as</p>	<p>There was a change within the Development Gateway AMP team in charge of Lao PDR and was not properly handed</p>

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		DFAs.	over on the pending tasks, therefore causing delay in the delivery.
		<p>A number of training on AMP implementation and management were conducted for DIC AMP Users and appointed DFAs in May, July and September 2012 to ensure greater understanding of AMP usage and management by DFAs particularly related to information/data entry.</p> <p>Apart from this, two participants from DIC participated in the Regional Workshop on AMP Best Practice was taken place on 24-26 January 2012 in Dakar, Senegal.</p>	
		<p>The Technical Meeting was organized on 29 February 2012 to brainstorm and discuss issues related to the ODA management and coordination particularly related to roles and responsibilities of key Ministries responsible for aid management and coordination, including MoFA, MPI, MoF and other line ministries concerned</p> <p>The meeting results were reported to the Minister of Planning and Investment for guidance and organizing a further high-level meeting to endorse the concerted system as well as roles and responsibilities of responsible agencies to ensure sustainable use of the system throughout the country.</p>	
		The Sustainability Paper including Data Management	The late finalization was due to some

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			Plan has been drafted and currently being discussed.	activities were not in accordance with the actual needs of the DIC and some proposed activity fees needs revision.
			The draft Foreign Aid Implementation Report (FAIR 2011/2012) was prepared and shared during 2012 RTIM (23/11/2012).	The draft FAIR was produced ni time for the RTIM 2012. The challenge of finalising the FAIR prior to the RTIM 2012 was due to very late data entries in the system by a number of DPs. Lack of up to date information severely compromises the quality of the FAIR. DIC was able to gather all the necessary data by the second week of November. Notwithstanding such challenges, DIC was able to produce a draft FAIR by the RTIM 2012.
		Output 2.2 Regular communication and publication of quality related ODA analytical reports/documents	The content and structure of RTM Website has been revised by the TTIT Company hired by the project. However, the new outlook has not yet been ready.	The process of clearing the contents and approval of the final outlook has caused a delay. It is recommended that the RTM Website needs to be updated regularly to ensure that up-to-date information is properly uploaded to the site for further information and reference. DIC has to clearly assign a responsible person and clear approval process with regards to the RTM website management.
			The RTP Booklet (English version) has been published and distributed at the RTIM 2012 and after that this has been translated into Lao language.	

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		A Quarterly ODA Newsletter was produced for just Q1 & Q2.	The DIC communication person was resigned and there was a gap during the transition.
<p>Output 3 Strengthened capacity of DIC and its Implementing Partners in effectively managing ODA related programmes and projects</p> <p>Targets: 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.</p> <p>Indicators: 3.1.1. Availability of CDF TOR; 3.1.2. Availability of DIC pool of trainers/experts team; 3.1.3. Availability of trainings menu for DIC in managing ODA; 3.1.4. Government officials and NIM project staff capacity</p>	<p>Output 3.1 DIC has increased capacity and resources to identify key capacity gaps and address them through establishing a capacity development facility</p>	A Terms of Reference (ToR) of Capacity Development Facility (CDF) establishment was developed for discussions. An appropriate option of operation for Lao PDR will still need to be explored and adopted accordingly.	
		An Orientation Training on CDF establishment for DIC staff was conducted by the Capacity Development Programme Specialist from UNDP RPRC on 7 August 2012. The key objective of the training was to provide an overview of the CDF, especially related to its concept, purpose and specific components; think about an opportunity, way forward and next steps of establishing a CDF in Lao PDR.	The proposal for establishing the CDF was quite broad and therefore it is required another round of exploration and discussion before the decision can be made.
		DIC in collaboration with UNDP has developed the NIM guidelines (SOP) and training curriculums, and these are in the process of finalisation.	Delay in finalising and rolling out the NIM guidelines (SOP) resulted in a postponement of all activities related to training and workshops for DIC and IPs relevant staff.

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<i>is enhanced through trainings.</i>			
<p>Output 4 Provided quality assurance and support to national implementation management through audit, spot checks and HACT</p> <p>Indicators: 1. Availability of Annual NIM audit report. 2. Regular spot check is conducted.</p> <p>Targets: 1. Annual 2011 NIM audit report prepared. 2. Regular spot check is conducted.</p> <p>Baselines: 1. 2010 NIM audit reports. 2. The 6th round spot check was conducted in Q3 2011.</p>	<p>4.1 NIM Audit</p>	<p>2011 NIM Audit field works were performed by Ernst & Young in March 2012 with proper audit reports. Follow-up action plans were prepared and updated regularly to ensure action points were properly implemented.</p>	
		<p>2011 Audit debriefing has been postponed to be conducted together with the NIM (SOP) training which was initially expected to be done in September 2012, but this has been again postponed to take place on 30-31 January 2013.</p>	<p>The reason is that the NIM guideline (SOP) is still in the process of finalisation.</p>
	<p>4.2 Spot checks</p>	<p>Spot checks were not carried out by the team for 2012.</p>	
	<p>4.3 HACT</p>	<p>HACT Macro Finance Assessment was conducted with report that has already been translated into Lao language.</p>	
<p>Component 4 - Support to Advancing Human Development Through Policy-Informing Applied Research on Human Development Issues, especially relevant for Achieving NSEDP/MDGs</p>			
<p>Output 1: Further enhanced awareness of the concept of Human Development (HD), and</p>	<p>Output 1.1 National Level awareness and capacity building for Human Development reporting and</p>	<p>Conducted Capacity Need Assessment for NUoL and MPI Training Center Prior to the Introduction of HD Modules to the Two Organizations</p>	

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<p>capacity for MDG and Human Development reporting at national and sub-national levels;</p> <p><u>Indicators:</u> 1.1.1) Availability of Assessment Report; 1.1.2) Availability of First Local HD Journal.</p> <p><u>Targets:</u> 1.1.1) Finalized Assessment Report; 1.1.2) First Local HD Journal Published and Distributed.</p> <p><u>Baselines:</u> Draft Concept Note of HD/HDI Modules was prepared with close consultation with NUOL.</p>	<p>MDGs among the ministry staff and educational institutions</p>	<p>-It was agreed that instead of bringing in TA Support on developing HD Module directly, the project team and UNDP agreed to have capacity need assessment for NUoL and MPI Training Center on HD Module first, then move to the development of HD Module; UNDPAPRC agreed to extend their support in this assignment</p> <p>-The UNDP APRC Mission was organized and completed during 4th -7th December, 2012. Relevant stakeholders and high level officials in MPI were consulted, e.g Dr Bounthavy Sisouphanthong – the Honorable Vice-Minister of MPI; the Honorable Vice-Dean, Head and Deputy Head of Economics Department, NUoL; the Director and Staff of MPI Training Center.</p> <p>The mission was very successful. The UNDP APRC provided a very insight assessment report and concrete recommendations for NERI and UNDP to move this initiative forward.</p> <p>The key important step at this stage is to get formal agreement from NUoL and MPI training center on delivering the HD course at the two institutes. At the same time the project team has to mobilize resources to move this activity forward.</p>	
		<p>Translate the HD Support and Training Materials into Lao</p>	

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			Lao HD booklet, which provides information of HD, HDI, HDR/RHDR/NHDR, was prepared to be used as a supplement training materials/tools to enhance fundamental knowledge on HD concept among students, government officials and the public.	
			<p>Organized Presentation by Trainees to Their Peers and Colleagues on HD Concept</p> <p>Three TOT Workshops on HD, NSEDP integration, MDGs and LDC graduation in 2020 of the Lao P.D.R were organized as follows:</p> <p><u>1st TOT</u>: at the Lao People’s Revolutionary Youth Union (LPRYU) on 29th – 30th May, 2012. <u>2nd TOT</u>: at the National Academy of Politics and Public Administration (NAPPA) on 27-28 September, 2012. <u>3rd TOT</u>: at the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism (MoICT) on 24-25th December, 2012. .</p> <p>After the training, it’s evidenced participants gained better idea/knowledge about the HD concept and measures, MDGs and LDC graduation of the Lao P.D.R in 2020</p> <p>Followings are some feedbacks derived from one yea implementation. The NHDR project is recommended to 1.)Establish the training committee as well as clearly state the trainers’ required degree of expertize and qualifications 2.) Create the main objective and sub-objectives for each host institution where TOT workshop is conducted 3.) Organize further trainings with Lao experts/teachers on HD. This is because they might be better in incorporating</p>	

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			<p>the Lao cases with the concept. 4.) Plan ahead on how many TOT workshop to be organized annually, where and when specifically 5.)Organize the workshop for monitoring and evaluating the progress of TOT HD training and disseminating semi-annually 6.) Decide which HD development area that is crucial to be focused on 7.) Compose the NHDR brochure (1st NHDR) combining the key messages of HD to be distributed to students and the public.</p>	
			<p>Semi-Annual Production of Local HD Journal & Violence Report Publication</p> <p>As an HD advocacy tools as well as an approach of collecting Human Development related issues in Lao PDR from local scholars, and practitioners aiming at contributing to 5th NHDR production. Some messages, statistics and/or outcomes of research/articles will be used as reference of 5th NHDR if applicable. That's whythe previously HD Journal which named "Development Reviews" was initiated and produced. 1st Development Review (Issue 1): Published in Q2 (1,000 units). Dr. Leeber Leebouapao – Director of NERI and the National Project Director (NPD) is the Advisor for the Development Reviews. The journal composed of three parts: Economic Development, Social Development and Sustainable Development. For the first issue, there are 2 articles in Economic Development - 1.) Logistic Transportation Development: A must for Land-Locked Lao P.D.R 2.) Securities market in Lao P.D.R: Challenges for Security</p>	

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		<p>Market Development of Its First Stage; one article in the Social Development - Achieving Millennium Development Goal 2: Determinants of Primary School Enrollment in Lao P.D.R; and one article in the Sustainable Development - Economic Valuation of Land Use: The Upland Agricultural Production in Oudomxay Province.</p> <p>The team is aiming to invite and persuade other related institutions/ministries to be involved in the writing process. The Annex of the journal also updates the statistics on LDC Graduation.</p> <p>2nd Development Review (Issue 2): Articles in the 2nd Issue are in the process of editing and planning to publish in Q1 of 2013.</p>	
<p>Indicators: 1.2.1 Percentages of Training Participants Understand and Be Able to Apply HD Concept in Their Work. Proportion of Female Participants in HD Trainings.</p> <p>Targets: 1.2.1 At Least 70% of Training Participants Understand and Be Able to Apply HD Concept in Their Work. At Least 40% of Every HD Trainings is Females</p>	<p>Output 1.2 Provincial and district level awareness enhanced and capacity for Human Development and MDG reporting among line department staff and educational institutions in selected provinces strengthened in collaboration with planning activities (in component 1)</p>	<p>Conduct Three Workshops/Trainings on the HD Concept, and HD Reporting at the Provincial Level. The Training Will Focus on Integration of HD Concept Into Planning Process (ie. Luang Prabang, Borkeo and Attapue Province). It is proposed to join with DOP and LSB from MPI and DIO from MOFA in Carrying Out this Activity.</p> <p>Four workshops were organized in four provinces as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 19th June, 2012: one day Dissemination Workshop on the 3rd and 4th NDHR at Souphanouvong University in Louangprabang. 2. 09-10th August, 2012: In partnership with DOP, 	

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		<p>on the integration of environment and poverty to the local NSEDP workshop in Saravanh Province.</p> <p>3. 20-21st September, 2012: Workshop on Human Development, NSEDP and LDC graduation in 2020, Attapue Province.</p> <p>26-27th November, 2012: in Borkeo Province. The purpose of the workshop was to enhance knowledge on Human Development, MDGs and LDC graduation, NSEDP integration and other topics relating to NSEDP implementation to academic officials from planning division and other related sectors including students and teachers at district and provincial level. The workshop was carried out by researchers and academic officials from NERI, LSB and DOP from Ministry of Planning and Investment, UNDP and MOFA was also invited to deliver key messages in LDC graduation and MDGs achievements. It's evidenced that participants gained better understanding on the aforementioned concepts after the workshops.</p>	
	<p>Output 1.4 National/provincial dissemination strategy and advocacy tools developed and implemented</p>	<p>Translate the HD Advocacy and Material Into Ethnic Languages as Appropriate to Target Provinces (Khmu, Homong)</p> <p>The project team signed the contract with the National Television of Laos in September, 2012 on the production of the HD Documentary. The first draft production of the HD Documentary was shared to</p>	<p>The script previously made was not clear enough for the production to run as planned. The project team revised the script and is now editorial process.</p>

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			<p>NERI. After watching the Documentary and discussed among the team, the project team came up with feedbacks and comments, the HD Documentary is under editorial process.</p> <p>The HD Video is expected to be completed and broadcasted in Q1, 2013 and the video clip will be available in four languages; namely, Lao, Khmu and Homong with English Subtitle.</p>	
			<p>Produce Advocacy Materials (Human Development Documentary for TV and Radio Programmes, NHDR Brochure, 2013 NHDR Calendar, T-Shirt, Pen, LDC Books, Bag...etc)</p> <p>Production of HD necessary dissemination materials: Notebook 1,000 Units Pen1,300 Units Bag 400 Units 2013 Calendar 1,000 Units LDC Brochure 4,000 Units Development Journals 1,000 Units Network Books (on LDC) 1,000 Units</p>	
			<p>Organize Human Development Drawing Contest</p> <p>The purpose of the drawing contest is to provide students in Lao P.D.R with a unique way to express their opinions on (Human) Development, through the theme on "Sustainable Development, a Better Future for All". Schools/university at central and provincial, e.g Luang Prabang, Savannakhet and Champasak</p>	

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		<p>were called through different channels, e.g invitation and newspaper, to participating in this activity. There were 94 students from high schools, colleges and universities submitting their works. Students were asked to submitting their drawings with description related to the theme. Panels are composed of UNDP and NERI board. The judges selected the top 12 entries out of the total of 94 entries, according to the quality and originality of the script and drawings. The 12 entries were published on NHDR project's calendar (2013). From these 12 finalists, the judges will select at last three winning entries. Trophy, Certificates and Financial Supports were awarded all winners. All 94 entries were exhibited at the Drawing Awards.</p>	
<p>Output 2: Produced one high quality National Human Development Report (NHDR), and/or Provincial Human Development Reports;</p> <p>Indicators: 2.1.1) Availability of 5th NHDR Theme, Advisory Board (AB) and Technical Working Groups (TWGs).</p> <p>Targets: 2.1.1 The 5th NHDR Theme is</p>	<p>Output 2.1 Research Support for NHDR Established and NHDR Produced</p>	<p>Finalized Scope/Outline of the 5th NHDR and Formulate a Detailed Action Plan of the Report Production</p> <p>The Consultative Workshop on the 5th NHDR Concept Note was organized on 19th November, 2012. The workshop was chaired by H.E Dr. Bouthavy Sisouphanthong, Vice Minister of Planning and Investment; Co-chaired by H.E Mr. Minh Pham, UNDP Resident Representative, Lao P.D.R. and participated by presentation from LMs, research institutes and DPs. The objective of the workshop was to seeks participants comments and feedback on 5th NHDR Concept Note (outline and production timeframe) and Possible TBPs.</p>	

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<p><i>Finalized, Advisory Board and Technical Working Group are Established.</i></p> <p><u>Baseline:</u> <i>Four NHDRs Produced and Disseminated.</i></p>		<p>Generally, the workshop agreed on the series of NHDRs up to 2020. Three NHDRs have been planned to produce; 5th NHDR (2014), 6th NHDR (2016/17) and 7th NHDR (2019/2020) in order to support LDC graduation process of Lao P.D.R.</p> <p>The meeting agreed on the focus of the 5th NHDR which will be on sustaining achievement of MDGs and make further gains where progress has been lagging. The participants also provided meaning comments on the TBPs.</p>	
		<p>Consultative Workshop on the Forming of NAB, TWG and 5th NHDR Projection Plan</p> <p>The tentative list of National Advisory Board (NAB) and Technical Working Group (TWG) members have been prepared and sought H.E Dr. Bounthavy Sisouphanthong's advices. It's on the process of contacting the NAB and TWGs members. The aforementioned team is expected to be completely formed in Q1, 2013.</p>	
		<p>High Level Conference LDC Graduation in May (Resource Persons from UNCTAD, , UNDESA and UNDP)</p> <p>Government has increased its understanding about the LDC graduation criteria, process and its implication through the participation in the first national workshop on LDC graduation in May. This has been evidenced through the substantive inputs</p>	

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		<p>that the government has incorporated into the revision of Vision 2020 in the LDC graduation aspect. In addition to that, based on the results of the national workshop, the government, through the leadership of the Ministry of Planning and Investment, has agreed to use the next National Human Development Report to be a platform to monitor LDC graduation process and to engage in associated national consultation and policy dialogues that emphasize on the equity and sustainability aspects of graduation.</p>	
		<p>TA Support on LDC Graduation and 5th NHDR</p> <p>-To provide strategic and policy advice and support to the UNDP and the Government of Lao PDR in mainstreaming and incorporating key concerns related to LDC graduation into key policy documents namely 7th NSEDP mid-term review, MDGs progress report, background document for the 2020 Round Table Implementation Meeting (RTIM) and NHDR production Plan; Terence David Jones was selected as Senior Advisor on LDC Graduation. First Draft of the 5th NHDR Concept Note with proposed TBPs, production time frame and the proposed themes for the next NHDR were shared and discussed (See 2.2a).</p> <p>- High quality technical support on LDC graduation and 5th NHDR preparation has been provided to NERI/the project. TA has provided significant contributions on the area related to LDC graduation and NHDR production.</p>	

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		In addition to that the project/NERI has also been benefited from the research on the Calculation of LDC Graduation Indicators and the Linkages between LDC Graduation and MDGs Indicators by an UNDP Intern.	
<p>Output 3: Evidence-based research and analysis to support the implementation of the NSEDP/MDGs.</p> <p>Indicators: 3.1.1) Availability of Quarterly Macro-Economic Updates for the Government; 3.1.2) Availability of Research Topic for Research Network.</p> <p>Targets: 3.1.1) Quarterly Macro-Economic Updates Produced; 3.1.2) Research on NSEDP/MDGs/LDC Graduation Related Issues Produced by Research Network.</p> <p>Baselines: - Quarterly Macro-Economic Reports Produced; - A Research on Lao P.D.R</p>	<p>Output 3.1 Practical/applied research to support macroeconomic performance and advance effective implementation of NSEDP conducted and integrated into planning implementation procedures within relevant MPI departments</p>	<p>Produce High Quality Macroeconomic Quarterly Reports With Practical Results-Oriented Focus on Achieving NSEDP/MDGs</p> <p>Successfully prepare the quarterly macro-economic report; four surveys are conducted in Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4, 2012. The surveys aim to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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, investment and overall assessment of the economy. <p>Expected Outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.)To produce report on consumer sentiment index and business sentiment index as technical background paper for NERI’s macro-economic reportQ1, Q2, Q3 & Q4 of fiscal 2011/2012; 2.) Strengthening Short-Term macro-economic 	

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<p><i>Vision 2020 on LDC Graduation Prepared.</i></p>	<p>monitoring tools.</p> <p>The surveys and monitoring tools help provide information, analysis and short term forecasts in Macro-economic Quarterly Report to the Government as well as governors of provinces in Lao P.D.R and especially policy makers in planning related agencies, this is to assist the formulation and re-adjustment of policy over time in order to support the implementation of the seventh NSEFP in particular.</p>	
	<p>Organize Monthly Research Dissemination Meeting at MP Regularly</p> <p>Five meetings were organized as follows: The first meeting was organized on <u>29th February, 2012</u> on the Evaluation of Economic Value in Connection to Land Use and Land Transformation; particularly, Rubber Plantation in Nor Mor District, Oudomxay Province The second meeting was organized on <u>25th May, 2012</u> on the Development of Viengkham and Thar Sa Ard Village, Parkading District (Lak Xao), Borlokhaxay Province. The third meeting was organized on <u>07th August, 2012</u> on the Labor Market Survey Project in the Lao P.D.R. The fourth meeting was organized on <u>6th September, 2012</u> on Making Economic Integration Work for Rural Poor Through Contract Farming Practices: Case Study in Savannakhet and Luang Numtha Province. The fifth</p>	

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		<p>meeting was organized on 22nd November, 2012 on the impact of population structure on FDI The main aim of the meetings are to disseminate the academic research results to MPI staffs particularly Department of Planning in order to support the implementation of the 7th NSEDP. All researches presented at the meeting will also serve as research materials for the 5th NHDR production.</p>	
		<p>Organize two Practical/Applied Research Network Workshops a Year to Support NSEDP/MDGs</p> <p>Two Practical/Applied Research Network Workshops were organized with collaborations with Lao Research Institutes and Line Ministries on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Modernization and Industrialization in the Lao PDR: the strategy to support the NSEDP and LDC graduation of the country. The studies show progress particularly in some key sectors including Agriculture, Mining and Hydropower. • Toward achieving MDGs in Lao P.D.R – Progress and Challenges : the main objective of the workshop was to deliver the research finding on off-track and seriously off-track MDGs and the district development in rural areas of Laos according to the Three Build Policy as a substantive information for all researchers. <p>Theme for the 7th Lao Research Network was</p>	

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		<p>proposed but not yet being selected. The project would organize another consultative workshop on the theme selection prior to June, 2013.</p> <p>The outcome of research under research network not only to support NSEDP at macro level but some researchers are also specify on particular sectors or region. They will also serve as result materials for 5th NHDR production.</p>	

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

- The programme objective is to support the achievement of the 7th NSEDP and all activities are aimed at aligning the priorities of the Government;
- Participatory Planning Manual has been updated and finalised by inter-ministerial taskforce on to support implementation of Vientiane Declaration on Aid Effectiveness to promote the inclusive and participatory planning approach;
- The revision of the VDCAP to incorporate update baselines and new commitments arose from the Busan High Level forum on Aid Effectiveness;
- This project supported the use of common reporting system which is the FACE form, ICE form and IPOA to keep track of record and follow-up daily transactions occurred during the project implementation;
- The implementation of the activities was monitored closely between the Government and UNDP through a regularly reporting and meeting;
- However, the collaboration among components is still required an improvement.

3. Update on partnerships

- In terms of planning, the component worked in close collaboration with its strategic partners (both government and non-government) for development cooperation and strove to strengthen and build on those partnerships which included developing further relationships with key development partners;
- The work on M&E framework requires the LSB team to work closely with line Ministries and other partners. For example on the development of NSEDP monitoring framework, the project team/DoS tried to involve all the related organizations, LMs and DPs in the process. Furthermore, the LaolInfo team has received from different UN agencies, LaolInfo has advocated for a joint work plan from UNICEF, UNFPA and UNDP;
- In addition to the Contribution from Luxembourg to the MPI programme, Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) also provided a funding support through the joint activities of the PEI programme;
- The 5th NHDR production will require the component 4 to work closely with the existing research network as well as line department of MPI, as well as NAPPA, LPRYU and MoIC, and partnership with university and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the work related to MDG and LDC graduation.

4. Update on gender mainstreaming

- In the preparation annual plans, the programme 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 in planning process. 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;
- Gender equality is strongly taken into account in implementing pilot projects on green growth planning in Houaphanh and Saravane, especially in the village consultation on prioritizing needs of male and female;
- The programme also promoted a sex disaggregated data;
- At the SWGs, Gender is to be 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;
- Gender issues will be included in the NHDR Documentary. For instance, women are encouraged to attend schools and continue their higher education in college and university despite their family's financial difficulty and problems.

5. Update on audit recommendations

- All components have followed up the recommendations raised by last year audit through reporting to the UNDP Programme Officer during their monthly meeting and consequently updated the matrix.

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

Component 1:

- **Delay in recruitment of Chief Technical Advisor from Q1 to Q3.** 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 project largely depends on the substantial and technical inputs from the CTA, and s/he needs to be urgently recruited. However, considering the time requirement for the recruitment process, it is expected that the project will be able to have technical assistance from the CTA only in the latter half of the year 2012.
- **Translation challenges.** Quality of translation of the selected company has not been

satisfactory, due to translator is not experienced in economic technical terminology which result in need of further edit and delay in the plan publishing.

- **Time constraint.** There are several activities happened in this year such as ASEP, ASEM, ASEAN University Games, initiation of piloting 3-build implementation, etc. This results in time crash for the activities implementation.
- **Budget constraint.** There are a number of activities that not been able to implement due to lack of budget shortage to allocate in them. This will be even more critical for implementation of the activities in 2013 as it is the mid-term review period for the NSED VII.

Component 2:

- The LSB faced difficulty dealing with the **Statistically Literacy Manual**. The consultant didn't deliver the agreed output as agreed. This caused a number of problems in carrying out the planned activity. This kind of situation continued in quarter 4, so the component had to make a decision to request UNDP to terminate his contract.
- **Number of professional staffs are inadequate** and effective collaboration and follow up in a systematic manner
- **Finalisation of the M&E Framework and Di Monitoring** have been transferred to DOP's responsibility, and remained pending.

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.
- **Capacity Development:** 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.
- **Facilitation the work of Sector Working Group:** A core group within DIC has been established to monitor and facilitate the work of SWGs. However, capacity building and mandate of the group have not yet been clear to all group members. Also, a strong support from Development Partner's co-chair to strengthen capacity of SWG secretariat as well as a strong partnership building will need to be made among the core group within DIC and SWG Secretariats. Hence, this is an area that needs a lot of attention in term of coordination and facilitation skills as the work of SWGs is critical for the success of the Round Table Process in Lao PDR and also the implementation of Vientiane Declaration and its Country Action Plan.
- **Project management and Delivery**
More efforts are needed to coordinate all inputs from all divisions within DIC for the implementation of all activities. Therefore, planning and reporting capacities are very much needed in order to ensure the acceleration of the progress of the implementation of all activities under the close guidance by DIC management with technical supports from key project staff. The overall performance of project implementation and delivery has been demonstrated as a very successful model; however the financial requirement for the coming year is more challenges, especially after the global financial crisis. The trend of aid provided

by traditional donors is declining. This has significant impact on funding and which the UNDP will need to mobilize more resources and could potentially approach emerging donors.

Component 4:

- The **establishment of the National Advisory Boards (NAB) and Technical Working Groups (TWGs)** require significant of time ;
- **HD Documentary Production and Broadcasting with translation to ethnic languages** (Khmu and Hmong) is needed significant revised on the script of the draft which was shared by National Television of Laos, who is the partner in this video production.
- Some planned activities were behind the schedule especially at the beginning of the year (Q1) due to **changes of office location** (from Sivilay Village, Xaythany District to the Headquarter of Ministry of Planning and Investment at Sithan Nua Village).

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

Component 1:

- 3-build activity was integrated into the project's activities, which contribute into a capacity building for the provincial government in planning.

Component 2:

- N/A

Component 3:

- Support the implementation of the 3-build policy with the aspect of ODA management

Component 4:

- The joint workshop with DOP on the integration of environment and poverty to the Local NSEDP, Saravane Province, 09-10th August, 2012. The project has also invited MOFA to deliver presentation on LDC graduation of the Lao P.D.R in 2020.
- Consultative workshop on 6th Lao Research Network's Theme/Topic to support NSEDP VII (2011-2015) at Lao Plaza Hotel on 17th July, 2012. It's mutually agreed that the topic for the VI Research Network Conference will be the combination of Support the MDGs and Three Builds Policy.
- On 01st October, 2012 the consultative workshop on monitoring and evaluating the progress of the use and dissemination of HD concept after the training on HD in the past one year (2011) was organized. The main objectives of the workshop are to discuss about the main difficulties and challenges experienced during 1 year TOT implementation and making plan for future solutions.
- On 08th November, 2012 the Academic/Technical Workshop on the Calculation of LDC Graduation Indicators and the Linkages between LDC Graduation and MDGs Indicators were organized to strengthen the knowledge for NERI's government officials and representative TOTs from related institutions/ministries.
- Based on the feedbacks gathered from organizing workshops and trainings, the project team was recommended to produce and publish the NHDR Brochure providing basic knowledge on

HDR and NHDR including the basic definitions and context.

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?

Component 1:

- Support development of new government instruction on NSEDP formulation, implementation and reporting; which is a version that harmonizes instructions of all sectors in one with the aims to create consistency in the mentioned processes.
- Publish and disseminate widely Annual NSEDP (2013-2014) (English and Lao); PIPs (2013-2014); and Mid-Term Review (Lao & English)
- Conduct monitoring and evaluation meetings on NSEDP & PIP 2012-13 and MDG progress at provincial level; and through this, it is also aiming at providing guidance for Annual Planning, monitoring and Implementation at the provincial level
- Organize regular consultation meetings to monitor the implementation of NSEDP&PIP 2012-2013 and formulate NSEDP&PIP for 2013-2014 that focus on the incorporation of poverty reduction and MDGs at central level. In parallel to this, it is also planned to conduct a consultation workshop to guide how to report implementation of NSEDP 2012-2013 plan.
- Conduct consultation workshop in Houaphanh and Saravane to finalize green growth project proposals for two pilot districts and integrate the project into the provincial PIP 2013-2014
- Prepare the Mid-Term Review of 7th NSEDP through various discussions and meetings with sector working groups and line sectors. Hence, the final draft of MTR will be produced by end of March and finalize in April for presenting to the NA in the next step
- Develop National Manual on Formulation of the National Socio-Economic Development Plan of Lao PDR
- The Finalisation of the Participatory Planning Manual and launch.

Component 2:

- Develop metadata of key NSDEP indicators
- Develop DI Monitoring tool and dashboard to 7th NSEDP, MDGs and HD monitoring framework
- Capacity and IT needs assessment of LSB and LMs on the use of LaoInfo as the common data base to monitor the implementation of the 7th NSEDP
- Workshop on Improving Local Statistical Utilization for NSEDP monitoring and raising awareness to achieve MDG goals
- Seeking an International Consultant for statistical literacy manual
- Conduct User Needs Assessment among LMs and Production of Statistics Literacy Manual
- Final translation and printing of Dissemination Policy
- Participate the regional workshop/meeting/lab-training for the LSB focal point

Component 3:

- Prepare the roadmap and related guidelines on HL 2013 RTM preparation;
- Organise RTP Retreat and National Steering Committee Meeting;
- Organise the Round Table Provincial Consultation Meeting;
- Mobilise supports to the implementation of the 7th NSEDP;
- Organise the 11th HL RTM 2013;
- Support the implementation of 3-build policy in the area of aid management;
- Ensure that ToR and structure of all ten SWGs are properly prepared;
- Organise SWG Secretariats, and Chairs and Co-Chairs Meetings;
- Finalise and endorse the final VDCAP;
- Finalise the Sustainability Plan including Data Management Plan for AMP System;
- Produce AMP system management and implementation related manuals and training materials;
- Conduct a number of training/workshops on AMP implementation for DIC AMP users and donor focal agents;
- Conduct a study visit to Nepal;
- Produce ODA management related reports and other RTP promotional materials and production of TV, newspaper articles;
- Continue exploring an appropriate option of CDF establishment for Lao PDR;
- Finalise the NIM Guidelines (SOP), including training calendar and curriculums as well as create a list of resource persons;
- Conduct a Joint Annual Review Meeting of the MPI programme;
- Hold the DIC Retreat
- Perform 2012 Annual Audit and followed by spot checks

Component 4:

- Setting up the National Advisory Board (NAB) for the 5th NDHR;
- Recruiting the 5th NHDR lead advisor and co-author;
- Forming up the Technical Working Group (TWGs);
- Completing the production of Four Technical Background Papers (TBPs);
- Drafting first draft of the 5th NHDR.
- Recruiting the project driver;
- Creating NERI's website with once page for updating NHDR Project's activities;
- Completing HD Documentary;
- Organizing the VII Research Network Conference;
- A HD/HDI Modules developed for National University of Laos and Training Modules for Government Officials;
- HD/HDI Modules piloted at NUoL and MPI training center ;
- Translate the HD Support and Training Materials into Lao;
- Regular Production of Development Reviews (HD Journal);
- At Least 1 trainings/workshops to be organized on HD concept, data needs and HDI Calculations at Provincial Level if possible;

In addition to the above planned actions and outputs. The team is also looking for possibility to conduct capacity assessment for NERI. As the production of the 5th NHDR will be the first time that NERI has taken leadership of the NHDR process (having supported the Lao Statistics Bureau in that role in the past), and so it is important to assess NERI capacity to undertake all stages of the process

and to provide necessary support where gaps in experience are found. The preparation of the 5th NHDR would provide an excellent practical experience and therefore to the extent possible on the job training should be organized along the more formal training. The NHDR involves preparing several technical background papers which provide on the job training opportunities for young staff working with experienced authors.

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

N/A for components 1, 2 & 4

Component 3:

In line with the outcomes of Busan HLF4 on Aid Effectiveness, there has been a shift from Aid Effectiveness discourse to cooperation for development effectiveness and which further elaborate as a further broadening the scope and issues for consultation within the Round Table Process.

3. Estimated total budget required for the following year:

US\$ 1,794,500.00

Programme Components	Amount in US\$
Component 1	537,500.00
Component 2	150,000.00
Component 3	807,000.00
Component 4	300,000.00

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