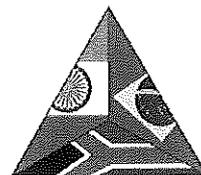


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**SUPPORT TO INTEGRATED IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE
IN 2 DISTRICTS IN BOLIKHAMXAY**

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT (QPR)

(Reporting period: January-February-March 2014)

Bolikhambay Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Office

May 2014

I. PROJECT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Project number and title:	00083482-Support to Integrated Irrigated Agriculture in 2 Districts in Bolikhamxay (SIRA)
Implementing Partners:	Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Office of Bolikhamxay Province, (PAFO)
Responsible Parties:	Provincial Department of Planning and Investment of MPI, Provincial Natural Resources and Environment Office (PNREO) of MONRE, Department of Irrigation of MAF, Department of Livestock and Fisheries of MAF, Department of Forest Resources Management of MONRE, Department of Forestry of MAF

Project Starting date		Project completion date	
Originally planned	Actual	Originally planned	Current estimate
June 2012	14 August 2012	June 2015	

Period covered by this report:	January-February-March 2014
Date of Mid-term Review: <i>(Indicate if planned or actual)</i>	to be determined

Total Project Budget	Original Budget (US\$)	Latest Signed Revision (US\$)
	1,323,000	1,323,000

Resources	Donor	Amount (US\$)
	IBSA Trust Fund	1,323,000

Quarterly Delivery rate	Total Planned Quarterly Project Budget for Q1, (US\$)	Total Actual Spent for this reported quarter, (US\$)
16%	US\$ 252,715.50	US\$ 41,160.69

II. PROJECT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS

EXPECTED PROJECT OUTPUTS AND INDICATORS INCLUDING ANNUAL TARGETS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	COMPLETED ACTIVITIES	EXPENDITURES (IN US\$)	PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING CP OUTPUTS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
<p>1. Watershed management plan for Nam Pou project is developed and implemented</p> <p>Target 1.1 (2014): Watershed Management plan developed and Watershed Management Committee in place</p> <p>Indicator 1.1: Watershed Management Plan developed and implemented and Watershed Management Committee in place</p> <p>Baseline 1.1: No existing watershed management plan</p> <p>Target 1.2 (2014): Community based forest management plans developed and corresponding committees in place</p> <p>Indicator 1.2: Village forest management plan developed and implemented with corresponding committees in place</p> <p>Baseline 1.2: No community based forest management</p> <p>Target 1.3 (2014): Forest management plans, including</p>	<p>1.1 Development of Watershed Management Plan based on participatory land use planning and formation of Watershed Management Committee</p>	<p>1.1.1 Outreach awareness raising and campaign on importance of natural resources as daily life support system and food base has been conducted.</p> <p>The sub activities including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Water resources and wisely use of water resources, including water and fish conservation. 2) Forest resources and wisely use of forest resources, including timbers, NTFPs and wildlife 	US\$ 19,986.59	<p>1.1.1 The methods used appropriate games, role play, posters, booklets, brochures and videos for primary school children and interested communities in all 5 target, including Phamouang, Banbor, Phadai, Phoneyeng and Phonsong, school children and interested villagers attended the events. The detailed activity report is prepared separately and available at the SIRA office.</p>	

<p>improvement of slash-and-burn agriculture, implemented</p>	<p>1.2 Demarcation of village forests, establishment of village forest committees and development of village forest management plans</p>	<p>3) Importance of land and wisely use of land</p> <p>1.1.2 The Watershed Management Committee has been mobilized and established</p> <p>1.1.3 The Watershed Management Plan (WMP) and Village Forest Management Plans have been developed by communities in collaboration with district concern agencies through participatory / bottom up approach.</p> <p>1.1.4 Participatory Land Use planning activity has been completed in all 5 target villages: Phamouang, Phadai, Banbor, Phonyeng and Phonsong.</p> <p>1.2.1 The Nam Pou Watershed boundary has been clearly identified and mapped</p> <p>1.2.2 Based on Land Use Planning, each village forest type / categories within watershed area has been identified, mapped and demarcated.</p> <p>Extra capacity building and livelihood improvement activities</p>		<p>1.1.2 The WMC (the WMC consist of 8 people in each village) in all 5 target villages has been appointed by District Governor of Bolikhan district based on existing village structure with clear roles and responsibilities as per government guideline</p> <p>1.1.3 It has involved all relevant stakeholders throughout participatory approach and procedures.</p> <p>1.1.4 The process has been carried out by provincial and district team together with village authority and communities within the watershed.</p> <p>1.2.1 Using participatory consultation and discussion amongst concern local communities and local authority. 5 villages were selected as target communities within watershed area: (i) Phosong, (ii) Phoneyeng, (iii) Ban Bor, (iv) Phadai and (v) Phamouang.</p> <p>1.2.2 The activities were carried out with management rule and regulation in accordance with Forestry Law and with village participation.</p> <p>Waiting confirmation from Lao/021 regarding financial support.</p>	
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<p>2. Water supply in both season for irrigating command area of Nam Pou project in Bolikhan District and Namyang and Phondou projects in Viengthong District is available Target 2.1(2014): Feasibility for rehabilitation of irrigation infrastructure conducted, and in 2013 rehabilitation of irrigation infrastructure completed Indicator 2.1: 3,050 meter main canal of Nam Pou project, 1 weir of Namyang project and 1 weir of Phondou project is rehabilitated by 20134 Baseline 2.1: Poor irrigation infrastructures facilities available</p>	<p>2.1. Review and validation of design and costing of irrigation schemes</p> <p>2.2. Contract Awarding and Contract Management/ monitoring</p>	<p>2.1.1 The Bid process for the construction and rehabilitation of the 3 irrigation schemes was completed</p> <p>2.2.1 The granted companies have been already selected.</p> <p>Final processes are being carried out by UNDP Procurement and companies have been already informed.</p>	<p>US\$ 151.03</p>	<p>2.1.1 Bid process carried out and finalized</p> <p>2.2.1 Under review and approval of UNDP (non-objection-letter) and Standing by for signing contract.</p> <p>End of contract of LAO-ASIE consultancy for irrigation.</p> <p>Starting preparation for contract of new irrigation consultant</p>	<p>2.1.1 bid evaluation report preparation took longer times than planned because the quality of the draft report prepared and submitted by Lao-Asie consultant in December 2013 was not in line with the recommended standard government report template</p>
<p>3. Irrigation projects are co-managed by government authorities and Water Users' Association with women participation Target 3.1. 2014 WUA established, capacity of WUA developed in 2013, and in 2014 WUA able to co-manage irrigation projects in cooperation of provincial and district government authorities Indicator 3.1: WUA established by 2012 and functional by 2014 Baseline 3.1: No existing WUA</p>	<p>3.1 Institutional support (logistic, administrative, managerial) for WUA establishment and management from 2012 through 2015</p> <p>3.2 Capacity developing activities</p>	<p>3.2.1 Training regarding the knowledge of basic irrigation construction and financial management principals to water user group</p>	<p>US\$ 4,500.94</p>		
<p>4. Agriculture production increased and diversified in Nam Pou project in Bolikhan District and Namyang and Phondou projects in Viengthong District Target 4.1 (2014): Crop yield increased, two season cultivation in at least 25% of irrigated area (205 ha) with crops other than rice in dry season, and in 2014 two season cultivation in additional next 25% (410 ha) with crops other than rice in dry season Indicator 4.1: Two season cultivation with diverse cropping pattern in dry season, Crop yield increased by 2014 - rice 3.5 t/ha (wet season) 4.5 t/ha (dry season), Sweet corn 4.3 t/ha, Feed corn 5 t/ha, Soybean (2t/ha) Baseline 4.1: Single crop (rice) cultivation, Rice yield 3.41 ton/ha, no other crops cultivated</p>	<p>4.1 Training on improved agriculture method - efficient irrigation, diversified cropping method for farmers representing all households ensuring at least 33% women participation</p> <p>4.2 Seed (other than rice) provision for 25% of dry season cultivated land</p>	<p>4.1.1 Communities consultation meeting for improvement of agriculture production in the target villages</p> <p>4.2.1 Planned as part of activity for next Q3 2014</p>	<p>US\$ 1,251.09</p>	<p>After PAFO and DAFO conducted the official meeting with the village leaders and local people in order to identify and select a model for households regarding the increasing and diversification of production, using trainings on cultivation techniques at Ban Bor, Phondou, Namyang, Thape</p>	

<p>5. Improved Fisheries in Nam Pou reservoir through establishment of fisheries co-management Target 5.1 (2014): Fisheries management subcommittee (FMsC) under the WMC established and capacity developed, fisheries co-management developed, and in 2015 fisheries co-management implemented Indicator 5.1: Fisheries co-management established Baseline 5.1: No fisheries in Nam Pou reservoir</p>	<p>5.1 Formation and capacity building of FMsC 5.2 Development Fisheries Co-Management plan 5.3 Implementation of fisheries co-management plan</p>		US\$ 7,487.57	<p>5.1.1 The fishery capacity building for fishery co-management sub-committee was conducted and the related report was approved in 19.02.2014. 5.2.1 The fishery co-management Plan was developed and finalized in February, 2014 with job training to provincial, district and village facilitators in fisheries principles and methodologies (Fishery Report #4 / 19.02.2014). 5.3.1 After capacity building on fishery and study tour to Savanakhet (Report 2) the community is going to carry out the management plan in partnership with PAFO Fishery Department. Fishery Consultant end of Contract (Q4.2013).</p>	
<p>6. Technical and managerial capacity of provincial and district level government staff enhanced Target 6.1 (2012): Capacity assessment Indicator 6.1: One technical report assessing the technical and managerial capability of implementing partner available at the end of 1st quarter of the project Baseline 6.1: No report Target 6.2(2013): Project team capable to manage all aspects of the project implementation Indicator 6.2: Project management team trained following the assessment of institutional capacity in first quarter of project implementation Baseline 6.2: Higher officials trained by previous donor supported projects in DOI</p>	<p>6.1: Assessment report 6.2: Staff training and updating on Project Cycle Management</p>	<p>Assessment of the target villages. Planned to Q2 2014.</p>	US\$ 0	<p>6.1.1 The project staffs and counterparts have conducted assessments in the target villages Three different reports on capacity improvement needs were produced with recommendations within the final reports of: -Land Use Planning -Fishery -Watershed Management</p>	
<p>7. Project management Target 7.3 (2014): Project office, vehicles procurement, team establishment, effective office management and coordination Indicator 7.3: Minimum number of risk and issues recorded in risk and issue logs Baseline 7.3: Initial risk log, issue log and communication and monitoring plan elaborated, and list of Project Board member and nominated PM, number of recruited project support staff, project Office established and operational Target 7.4(2014??): Regular project monitoring and in 2013 to 2015 as the same as 2012 Indicator 7.4: Quarterly/annual work plan, reports on quarterly/annual project progress, midterm review,</p>		<p>7.3.1 New Accountant hiring process carried out. 7.3.2 The SIRA APM (Assistant Project Manager) officially resigned from his post (due to personal reasons) in February 2014. 7.3.3 The irrigation specialist (external consultant) - LAO-ASIE had no extension for their contract 7.3.4 End of contract of SIRA UNDP Program Analyst (Mr. Khampheng Mounmouanxam).</p>	US\$ 7,783.47	<p>7.3.1 New accountant (Ms. Khaikhan Kounnavongjis working onboard since March, 2014. 7.3.2 No new APM has been yet hired and the project is taking steps to the preparation for hiring a new APM. 7.3.3 The project is taking actions for contract a new irrigation consultant. 7.3.4 Starting preparation</p>	

<p>monitoring and evaluation including field visit reports, revised quarterly work plans after midterm review is available in timely manner Baseline 7.4: No monitoring report prepared Target 7.5(2014): Project external monitoring Indicator 7.5: Sound financial and technical project management reflected in project external evaluation report Baseline 7.5: No external monitoring report Target 7.6(2014): Sound financial management indicated in regular financial report Indicator 7.6: Audit reports/spot checks with no high risk observation and minimum medium/low risk observation Baseline 7.6: All implementing agencies have experience working with externally funded projects Target 7.7 (2014): Criteria setting and defining, and in 2015 recommendation of irrigation policy components of government of Lao PDR Indicator 7.7: One report on policy comments defining recommendations from project lesson learnt, and availability of field visit reports Baseline 7.7: No reports prepared yet</p>		<p>7.4.1 Monthly meetings for January, February and March were held as usual with participation of UNDP. 7.6.1 Spot check completed in 2013.</p>		<p>for contract of new Program Analyst 7.4.1 All reports are up-to-date. PAFO and UNDP have communicated regularly to exchange ideas on programmatic and managerial issues encountered. UNDP has participated regularly in the project monthly meeting/quarterly meetings. 7.6.1 All recommendations were followed accordingly.</p>	
<p>Total:</p>			<p>US\$ 41,160.69</p>		

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