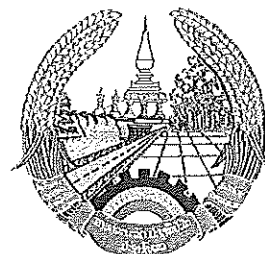




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FIRST QUARTERLY PROGRAMME REPORT

Realizing the MDGs in Lao PDR - Consolidated Programme of Support to MPI for the Achievement of the Valuable Goals of the 7th NSEDP 2011-2015

Basic Programme Information

(Basic information can be completed by UNDP before sharing the report with the partner)

**Programme Title: Realizing the MDGs in Lao PDR - Consolidated Programme of Support to MPI
for the Achievement of the Valuable Goals of the 7th NSEDP 2011-2015**

UNDP Award ID	00061662
UNDP Project IDs and Titles (Components 1-4)	<p>00078225 - Support to consultative planning, implementation, monitoring, assessing and reporting on the NSEDP/MDGs;</p> <p>00078226 - Support to strengthening the Round Table Process for achievement of NSEDP/MDGs;</p> <p>00078227 - Support to effective monitoring and evaluation of progress towards goals of NSEDP/MDGs via LaoInfo;</p> <p>00078228 - Support to advancing human development through policy informing research on human development issues especially relevant for achieving NSEDP/MDGs.</p>
Programme Duration	5 years (2011-2015)
Reporting Period	1 st January - 31 st March 2015
Implementing Partners National collaborating agencies	Ministry of Planning and Investment [Department of Planning (DOP), Lao Statistics Bureau (LSB), Department of International Cooperation (DIC), and National Economic Research Institute (NERI)]
Other UN/International collaborating agencies	UNEP Poverty Environment Initiative
Cost-sharing third parties	SDC and the Government of Luxembourg
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Outcome 1:

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By 2015, the Government of Lao PDR has effectively implemented the MDG-based NSEDP for more inclusive, equitable and sustainable development

1. Programme Implementation Status and Key Results

Implementation Status Summary at Outcome level *(This needs to be completed by project)*

❖ *What development condition has changed in the country under this outcome area with or without UNDP support (maximum 150 words) - if there is any during the reporting period. Outcome-level changes including changes in institutional capacity and performance, changes in capacities, attitudes, and behavior among individuals or groups, and changes in enabling conditions such as social, economic, political, governance conditions, policies, legislation, power relations, norms, etc...*

- Greater acceptance of the outcome approach for planning and better understanding of how the relevant sector can provide inputs for the draft plan
- The government planning process has been improved in an inclusive and participatory manner as it has greater involved not only the sectoral and local government but also the private sector and development partners into the 8th NSEDP preparation.
- Government received better access to information and experiences from various contexts on the development planning area. Knowledge sharing and expert advisory were provided and facilitated by various development partners, such as UNDP, ADB, World Bank, Swiss Development Cooperation to assist the government with substantive inputs and trigger discussion over the direction of Lao PDR's development
- Key government development planners has access to updated information on SDG through participation in the international consultations, which is very important inputs for the revision process of the 8th NSEDP.
- Improved timeliness of data population in the LaoInfo and increased awareness of the use of statistics
- Coordination mechanism among development stakeholders has been strengthened reflecting in an increased participation of wider stakeholders both from the Government agencies in line ministries (LMs) and development partners (DPs) including private sector and civil society organizations (CSOs) in the round table process particularly the RTP Retreat. This platform helps to further develop and strengthen the existing monitoring mechanism of implementing the 2013 HLRTM's and 2014 RTIM's recommendations, as well as the preparation for the 2015 HL RTM.
- The RTP-related platforms, including regular engagement and discussion significantly facilitates to have common understandings among Government LMs, DPs, private sector and CSOs on the country's development priorities and expected outcome-level goals, which are required continued supports from all development stakeholders, as well as their strong commitments to achieving the goals. In particular, the development priorities in the areas of macroeconomic management and growth, off-track MDGs, governance and effective development cooperation for better results.
- Therefore, through this strengthened coordination mechanism, it's proved that the Government institutional capacity and performance have been increasingly strengthened in terms of development coordination and effectiveness in the country.
- Completed the paper on LDC graduation and implementations to socioeconomic Development of Laos PDR-Lesson learnt from Post-LDCs "Maldives and Samoa" which will be guideline and lesson learn for Laos to effectively implement long-term development strategy and the 8th National Social-Economic Development Plan.
- Enhanced capacity of researchers through the process of conducting three research papers in order to support the 5thNHDR.

❖ *What was UNDP's specific contribution to these changes at this Outcome level during the reporting period? Please note that the contributions can be from the work that the project did prior to this year but the results take place this year.*

- Through provision of technical advices by international experts from UNCTAD and UNDP in the form of workshops, awareness of government from technical to high level positions on LDC graduation principles and processes has increased.
- Planning process has been improved in the broaden participation and consultation aspects through the circulation and consultations of the draft 8th NSEDP with the both public and private sectors as well as the Development Partners. Subsequently, the relationships between the government and private sectors have tightened.

- Provision of a more specific technical assistance has been initiated for greening the local development and investment planning by taking a step forward to recruit a poverty and environment integration national consultant for DOP.
- Key government development planners has access to updated information on SDG through participation in the international consultations, which is very important inputs for the revision process of the 8th NSEDP.
- Disseminated statistics law and literacy manual, helping users to better apply statistics in their work, including planning and monitoring the progress
- Published data analysis from Local Expenditure Consumption Survey V which provide more updated data especially related to poverty and social development status
- In regard to the changes in better coordination and development effectiveness among development stakeholders, there have been more focused and constructive discussions among development stakeholders through the RTP-related activities. For example, the successful RTP Retreat that results in constructive dialogues and consensus on appropriate approaches to effectively monitor the implementation and progress of the 2013 HLRTM and 2014 RTIM recommendations and preparation for the 2015 HL RTM, which will be followed up and contribute inputs by relevant parties/sectors.
- Other significant contributions are the finalization of annual foreign aid implementation report 2013-2014 from Aid Management Platform database, the development finance and aid assessment (DFAA) report, and a monitoring report of Vientiane Declaration on Aid Effectiveness Country Action Plan (VDCAP), which provided an overview of aid coordination and development effectiveness and partnerships progress at country level.
- In terms of regional and global levels, the project also provide technical and financial supports the Government to actively participate and contribute substantive discussions in in a number of meetings/workshops/conference related to global partnerships for effective development cooperation as the country's commitment and engagement in the process of better development effectiveness and coordination.
- Enabled national researchers to conduct studies related to LDC graduation which can help informing policy gaps in order to better prepare the country, as well as increased understanding of key research and planners on LDC and Sustainable Development Goals.
- Facilitated knowledge sharing workshop with neighboring countries (China and Vietnam) with the aim to promote also the south-south cooperation.

❖ *What are your programme components' key Output level results during the reporting period?*

Component 1 - Support to consultative planning, implementation, monitoring, assessing and reporting on the NSEDP/MDGs

- Increased greater understanding of the government at both technical and high levels on the LDC graduation criterion, assessment principles as well as lessons from eligible and graduated countries through comprehensive technical advices by UNCTAD and UNDP experts in the organized workshops.
- To ensure the consistency and realistic of the Draft 8th NSEDP with sectoral plans and current situation, the draft plan has been circulated for obtaining comments from the public-private sectors and development partners. Thus, the draft is in the process of incorporating those comments which including improved directions on business environment, the population dividend, SDG integration, link between planning and budgeting, improvement on the log-frame esp. M&E mechanism, green growth and climate change emphasis, etc .
- Circulated the guideline on the formulation of the sectoral 8th plan as well as the 7th plan review to the LMs and Provinces through the High Level Consultation Workshop on the Preparation of the 10th Party Congress, which was chaired by the Prime Minister on 4th Jan 2015. The key results include increase clarification on how to translate the new structured or outcome based national plan into their local plans and general guideline on the implementation arrangement.
- Increased access to updated information on SDG through actively participation by Lao delegation in the intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda in mid February and end of March. As result, SDCs integration in the 8th NSEDP as well as the Vision 2030 and Strategy 2025 will be discussed as the next step for preparation of the draft SDGs dissemination workshop at the national level.
- Organized a meeting of DOP, MOFA, NERI and UNDP on 13th Jan 2015 to prepare for the LDC workshop aiming at organizing a consultation workshop with LMs to increase awareness of the government on the LDC graduation process, principles and vision of Lao PDR. The meeting also layouts the technical consultation workshop to strengthen capacity for the key members of 8th NSEDP and Vision 2030 Formulation Secretariat in MPI.

Component 2 - Support to effective monitoring and evaluation of progress towards goals of NSEDP/MDGs via LaoInfo

- Better utilization of LaoInfo database to capture recent survey and census for production of key reports and statistics updates. For example, publication of statistical report which provided a status of national socio-economic development of the country, and the report on socio-economic trend of Lao PDR, the data of the report will be taken from LaoInfo database.
- Through dissemination, training and workshop, capacity of government officials, particularly system administrators and other users has been enhanced. This helps encourage greater utilization of the system for working and decision making process.
- Updated and published the MDG and National Socio-economic Database through LaoInfo offline and website.

Component 3 - Support to strengthening the Round Table Process for achievement of NSEDP/MDGs

- Through an Annual Review Meeting of the MPI Programme organized in February 2015, the progress/achievements and challenges of the RTP related activities implementation for 2014 and key priorities for 2015 were reviewed and discussed, and then the 2015 Annual Work Plan of RTP component was also approved by both MPI and UNDP senior management at the Programme Board Meeting.
- The RTP Retreat was successfully organized with the extended participants from government LMs, bilaterally and multilaterally donors, UN agencies, civil society organizations and private sectors. One of the key outputs from this activity is the constructive feedbacks and suggestions on the 2015 HL RTM Roadmap and the follow-up matrices of the 2013 HL RTM and 2014 RTIM for next steps of consultation and further inputs into the matrices to ensure quality of the documents.
- Regular internal consultation meetings of SWGs successfully held during February and March.
- Increased effective contribution to initiatives on development effectiveness at national, regional and global levels. This was achieved through a production of a monitoring report on the VDCAP and participation and sharing knowledge through a number of regional and global events on partnership for effective development cooperation. For example, in Brussels in January, New York in February, Manila of the Philippines and France in March 2015.
- Initiating and preparing to develop an Vientiane Declaration on Partnerships for Effective Development Cooperation 2016-2020 by revising the TOR of the VDCAP secretariat to work, monitor and report of this VDPEDC (2016-2020). This is to ensure support and commitment from both sides towards the achievement of national development objectives as stipulated in the 8th NSEDP (2016-2020). In this regard, the related communication and consultations among relevant LMs and DPs concerned have regularly been implemented throughout the preparation processes.
- Through active processes of Development Finance and Aid Assessment (DFAA) exercise, the validation workshop on DFAA was successfully organized with active engagements and contributions from LMs and DPs concerned on the draft DFAA report. From the constructive feedbacks and comments received, the report has been reviewed and improved by the team for 2nd round of circulation before finalization and publication in the next quarter.

Component 4- Support to advancing human development through policy informing research on human development issues especially relevant for achieving NSEDP/MDGs.

- It's in the process of preparing for the 5th NHDR production.
- Completion of a Paper on LDC graduation and implementation to socio-economic development of Lao PDR based on lessons learnt from Post-LDCs "Maldives and Samoa".

Implementation Progress Summary at Output level

(Provide details on key Output/Activity during the reporting period in below table. Please add Output/activities as per QWP/AWP. UNDP can pre-fill the table for the first 5 columns. Project needs to complete last 3 columns. Where implementation delays for an activity, please indicate alternative actions being suggested or taken, e.g. changes to activity dates, proposed meetings to discuss delays and so forth.)

OUTPUT: <i>In line with 2015 AWP/QWP</i>	INDICATOR <i>(Including Baseline and Target at the end of the project as per Project Document)</i>	MILESTONE (Target of the current reporting year)	STATUS OF TARGET <i>(Achieved, On Track or Off Track)</i>	PLANNED ACTIVITIES <i>List all activities to be undertaken during the period as stated in 2015 AWP/QWP</i>	ACTIVITY PROGRESS TO DATE <i>Give detailed explanation of the status. Provide justification if delayed and new schedule planned and provide response strategy if any</i>	RESULTS ACHIEVED <i>Describe concrete, key results (policy, publication, key event etc.) achieved so far, vis-à-vis the specific targets set in the QWP/AWP. Please provide data/evidence to support the results</i>	BENEFICIARY <i>Approximate number of beneficiaries reached by project activities (disaggregated by sex/age), etc.</i>
Component 1: Support to Consultative Planning, Implementation, Monitoring, Assessing and Reporting on the NSEDP/MDGs							
Output 1: Poverty reduction and MDG priorities and programmes in the 7th Plan (2011-2015) are incorporated in annual plans, budgets and public investment programmes (PIPs)							
Output 1.1: The 7th NSEDP is converted into annual plans and PIPs through a consultative manner that emphasizes poverty reduction/MDGs	Indicators: 1-1. Availability of the draft 8th NSEDP for relevant stakeholder's comments 1-2. The national workshop on LDC process is organised with participation	Target: 1-1. The draft 8th NSEDP incorporated comments and feedback given 1-2. Government has a better understanding of the LDC graduation criteria and know what policy to be prepared	On-track	1.1.1-a Assist and train DOP team on mainstreaming PE issues in the Final Review of the 7th NSEDP and 8th NSEDP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other	In collaboration with the World Bank, PE issues as well as Green Growth Concept has been discussed and key recommendations from the resource persons for greening the 8 th NSEDP has been provided through two days consultation dated 2 nd -3 rd April 2015.	83 participants from Line Ministries (40% are female)

¹ Please note that for GEF projects, GEF Outcomes are actually Outputs in UNDP context

	from concerned LMs				changes _____		
	<p>Baselines: 1-1. NSEDP instruction on formulation is produced annually 1-2. Draft 8th NSEDP is being prepared 1-3. Draft Manual for formulation of the NSEDP is being revised</p>		On-track	<p>1.1.1-c Finalize the draft outcome based 8th NSEDP and circulate for comments</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i></p> <p><i>Reason:</i> _____ <i>New Schedule:</i> _____ <i>Response Strategy:</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other changes</i> _____</p>	<p>5th draft NSEDP VIII 2016-2020 has been circulated to the sectors at central level and the DPs for comments on 25th Feb 2015.</p> <p>The preparing process involved both central and technical level government agencies which demonstrated in a number of consultations arranged through the high-level consultation workshops at local on preparation of the 10th Party Congress, which were led by the Prime Minister in Vientiane province, Luangprabang province and Champassack during Jan-Feb 2015.</p> <p>Meeting on Financing the 8th Plan was organized on 11/2/2015 at DOP with key concerned sector</p>	<p>- 52 DP organizations and all LMs</p> <p>- Central and Northern Government</p> <p>- 11 people of MPI and MOF (4 are female)</p> <p>- 40 people</p>
			On-track	1.1.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed</i>	Consultation workshop with	

			<p>Consultation with private sector, DPs on the draft 8th NSEDP</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i></p> <p><i>Reason:</i> _____ <i>New Schedule:</i> _____ <i>Response Strategy:</i> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other changes</i> _____</p>	<p>private sector on the Vision 2030, Socio-Economic Development Strategy 2016-2025, NSEDP VIII</p> <p>2016-2020 was organized on 6th April 2015, which resulted in updated information and data collection from the private sector point of view for improving the draft 8th NSEDP especially the need of improvement on the planned targets related to hi-end tourists attraction, ICT system extension to the provinces, promoting potential made in Laos products such as handmade textiles as Lao signature products, etc.</p> <p>Similar consultation was organized with the DPs dated 8th April 2015, which resulted in a number of comments on population dividend, shifting into non-resource sectors, integration of the green growth concept into the 8th NSEDP, etc.</p>	<p>from key ministries and private sector organizations (30% are female)</p> <p>-</p> <p>65 people from key ministries and DPs (35% are female)</p>
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			On-track	1.1.5 Organize a national workshop on LDC graduation for the government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i> <i>Reason:</i> _____ <i>New Schedule:</i> _____ <i>Response Strategy:</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other changes</i> _____	National Consultation Workshop on preparation for LDC graduation of Lao PDR was successfully organized on 11-12/3/2015, which resulted in increased awareness of both technical and high level government officials on the LDC graduation principles and process, realized related opportunities and challenges of LDC graduation and initial review of Laos' status thus far. The workshop also provided key recommendations for smoothing the transition of the Lao PDR toward the graduation which is seen very positive.	- 76 people from LMs (35% are female)
Output 2: Macroeconomic analysis and management conducted to contribute to the macroeconomic achievements outlined in the NSEDP							
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	Indicators: 2.1.1 At least one meeting with Macro SWG is conducted Baseline: 2.1.1 Data collection was used for the NSEDP Report	Target: 2.1.1. The discussion from SWG link to how to develop financing plan for 8th NSEDP (2016-20)	On-track	2.1.2 Regularly liaise with Macroeconomic SWG to prepare inputs for RTM forum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i> <i>Reason:</i> _____ <i>New Schedule:</i> _____ <i>Response Strategy:</i> _____	Preparation meeting between DOP, ADB and WB was carried out for the organization of Macroeconomic SWG Meeting.	6 people (3 female)

NSEDG and MDGs					<input type="checkbox"/> Other changes		
Output 3: Capacity for local planning and implementation improved at the central and local levels							
Output 3.1: Increased understanding on kumaban planning experiences on the ground to further improve the process	Indicators: 3.1.1 At least 3 provinces participated in the consultation workshops are able to mainstream PE in their annual plan 3.1.2 Availability of the list of green growth projects Baseline: 3.1.1-4 Availability of Participatory Planning Manual	Target: 3.1.1 PE aspects are incorporated in the provincial SEDP 3.1.2 Compilation of potential green growth projects for investment profile		3.1.1 Workshops with provinces to guide the Final Review of the 7th NSEDG and 8th NSEDG formulation with emphasis on PE mainstreaming at local level by using Participatory Planning Manual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ Other changes: _____	The guideline has been given to the LMs and Provinces on the formulation of the sectoral 8 th plan as well as the 7 th plan review through the High Level Consultation Workshop on the Preparation of the 10 th Party Congress, which was chaired by the Prime Minister on 4 th Jan 2015. The key results include increase clarification on how to translate the new structured or outcome based national plan into their local plans and general guideline on the implementation arrangement.	- 110 people from LMs and Provinces (30% female)
				3.1.2 Conduct an assessment on PE mainstreaming in the current annual plans of the targeted provinces	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: <u>Due to delay in the annual budget approval which delay the recruitment process of the</u>		

<p>Output 3.2: Capacity building for local level planners enhanced to promote the use of participatory approaches, incorporate poverty-environment issues and off-track MDGs</p>	<p>Indicators: 3-2-1. Number of government officials trained on green growth concepts at central and provincial levels 3-2-2. Availability of assessment reports on priority PIP and ODOP for pilot provinces 3-2-3. Availability of investment profile is available for pilot provinces</p>	<p>Targets: 1. At least 2 trainings conducted to increase awareness on green growth planning 2. Assessment reports on priority PIP and ODOP for pilot provinces produced 3. At least 2 investment profiles for pilot provinces produced</p>	<p>On-track</p>	<p>3.2.1 Liaise with local government to collect the public investment list and select the potential green growth projects to translate them into the investment profiles</p>	<p><u>PEI National Consultant who will be responsible for this activity</u> <u>New Schedule:</u> <u>Procurement Notice is posted through UNDP support service on their website early April</u> <u>Response Strategy:</u> <u>Coordinate with concerned unit for speedy recruitment</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes: <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed <u>Reason: Due to delay in the annual budget approval which delay the recruitment process of the PEI National Consultant who will be responsible for this activity</u> <u>New Schedule:</u> <u>Procurement Notice is posted through UNDP support service on their website early April</u> <u>Response Strategy:</u></p>		
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	<p>Baselines:</p> <p>3.2-1 Three trainings conducted in 2012 on green growth concept organized at provincial level</p> <p>3.2-2 Assessment reports on priority PIP and ODOP for pilot provinces not available</p> <p>3-2-3. No Investment profile for Oudomxay province yet.</p>				<p><u>Coordinate with concerned unit for speedy recruitment</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other changes:</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 LaoInfo</p>							
<p>Output 4.1: Strengthen monitoring and reporting capacity of MPI and planners with M&E Framework application</p>	<p>Indicators:</p> <p>4.1.1 Availability of a report on piloting the 7th NSEDP M&E framework application in Vientiane Province</p> <p>4.1.2 Availability of a set of PE indicators for inclusion into the 8th NSEDP</p> <p>4.1.3 Availability of Information Note on</p>	<p>Target:</p> <p>4.1.1 Understand the workability of the 7th M&E framework based on pilot experience</p> <p>4.1.2 8th NSEDP includes indicators and PE elements</p> <p>4.1.3 Showing result through Information Note on PE indicators and pilot programme on 7th M&E Framework is produced</p>	<p>On-track</p>	<p>Activity 4.1.1</p> <p>Programme support and operation</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i></p> <p><i>Reason:</i> _____</p> <p><i>New Schedule:</i> _____</p> <p><i>Response Strategy:</i> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other changes</i> _____</p>	<p>The project well managed the project operation following NIM policies.</p>	

	<p>PE indicators and pilot programme on 7th M&E Framework</p> <p>Baseline: 4.1.1 Pilot activity on M&E Framework application at provincial level is needed 4.1.2 PE indicators for 7th NSEDP 4.1.3 Limited advocacy materials on PE mainstreaming</p>						
<p>Output 5: Strengthened capacity of the MDG and LDC Secretariats to coordinate, advocate and facilitate progress towards the MDGs and implementation of the LDC Plan of Action (MOFA).</p>							
<p>Output 5.1 Increased MDG advocacy and awareness of the LDC Plan of Action at provincial levels</p>	<p>Indicators: 5.1. At least one dissemination on SDG and MDG discussions is organised 5.2. Lao delegates participating in the discussions on SDGs finalisation</p> <p>Baselines: 5.1.Third MDG</p>	<p>Targets: 5.1. Increased local understanding on SDGs and country alignment 5.2. Lao PDR interests are reflected in the final set of SDGs</p>	<p>On-track</p>	<p>5.1.1 Programme support and operation for MDG Secretariat</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i></p> <p><i>Reason:</i> _____ <i>New Schedule:</i> _____ <i>Response Strategy:</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other changes</i> _____</p>	<p>MOFA well managed the project operation following NIM policies through guideline from NSEDP Project.</p>	
				<p>5.1.2 Contribute inputs to</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i></p>	<p>Lao delegation from MOFA and MPI actively participated in the</p>	<p>- 4 people from MPI</p>

	report produced 5.2. SDGs is under discussion but will be finalised by Sep 2015 5.3. MDG ending timeline is 2015		the intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i> <i>Reason:</i> _____ <i>New Schedule:</i> _____ <i>Response Strategy:</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other changes</i> _____	negotiation sessions in mid February and end of March. As result, SDGs integration in the 8 th NSEDP as well as the Vision 2030 and Strategy 2025 will be discussed as the next step for preparation of the draft SDGs dissemination workshop at the national level.	and MOFA (1 female)
		On-track	5.1.3 In country consultation on the SDG discussions for MDG focal points	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i> <i>Reason:</i> _____ <i>New Schedule:</i> _____ <i>Response Strategy:</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other changes</i> _____	Preparation meeting has been carried out on 13 th Jan 2015 between DOP, MOFA, NERJ and UNDP to prepare for the LDC workshop aiming at increasing awareness of the government on the LDC graduation process, principles and vision of Lao PDR. The meeting also layout the technical consultation workshop to strengthen capacity for the key members of 8th NSEDP and Vision 2030 Formulation Secretariat in MPI.	- 10 people (6 people are female)
Component 2: Support to Effective Monitoring and Evaluation of Progress towards Goals of NSEDP/MDGs via LaoInfo						
Output1 An effective Common data base established to	1.2 LaoInfo database system with new update	1.2 At least 40 government staffs were oriented access to	Activity 2.1c: Preparation and Printing of Main	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i>	There are new data update especially the LaoInfo database and will have the	the high ranking government officers and

<p>support evidence-based reporting, planning and decision making at the national and sub national to help guide implementation of NSEDP/MDGs.</p>	<p>are available</p>	<p>Laoinfo database system</p>	<p>Statistics Booklet</p>	<p><i>Reason: The Data base it not completed. The draft is still be reviewed before printing</i> <i>New Schedule:</i> _____ <i>Response Strategy:</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes</p>	<p>new tools for example: di monitoring tools and di profile, it's a tools to help monitor the plan such as the Lao's NSEDP/MDGs via Laoinfo</p>	<p>general users to the national Laoinfo database system in order to increase the data accessibility and utilization for effectiveness monitoring and planning</p>
<p>Output2 Increased stakeholder awareness and participation, improved advocacy and dissemination to ensure the best use of official statistics.</p>	<p>On Track</p>	<p>Provide Statistical Literacy Guide for Users indicators to government users</p>	<p>2.1.a Preparation and Printing of Statistical Literacy Guide for Users Booklet</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed <i>Reason: The Data base it not completed. The draft is still be reviewed before printing</i> <i>New Schedule:</i> <u> Q2 </u> <i>Response Strategy:</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes</p>	<p>.</p>	
<p>Output3 Improved networking and statistical cooperation at the National, Regional and International assure the</p>	<p>Activity Result 3.1 Improved domestic, regional and international statistical cooperation.</p>	<p>Operation and Management</p>	<p>Activity 3.1 Operation and Management</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed <i>Reason:</i> _____ <i>New Schedule:</i> _____</p>	<p>Project running cost</p>	

networking integration.				<p>Response Strategy:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other changes</p>		
Component 3: Support to Strengthening the Round Table Process for Achievement of NSEDP/MDGs						
Output 1: Enriched greater substantive dialogues and closer partnership with Development Partners, and effective resource mobilization and management through the effective 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>Output 1.1: Effective meetings and consultations organized to increase common understanding on national development priorities and mobilize support to NSEDP implementation, and increased quality, practical focus and coherence of documentation for RTIMs/RTMs and pre-consultation meetings.</p>	<p>1.1.1.1 Availability of the 12th HL RTM 2015 Roadmap.</p>	<p>1.1.1.1 Roadmap highlighting theme, focused areas, objectives and tentative agenda/outputs including milestones and timeline for the 12th HL RTM 2015 is consulted, finalized and endorsed.</p>	<p>Achieved</p>	<p>Activity 1.1.1 Finalise a draft Roadmap for the 12th HL-RTM 2015</p>	<p>The Roadmap has been prepared by the RTP Secretariat and consulted with wider development stakeholders, including government, private development partners, sector and CSOs through regular communications and the RTP Retreat. This shows inclusive and consultative processes of better development cooperation and effectiveness.</p>	<p>The Government agencies in line ministries (LMs) and Development Partners (DPs), especially those who are chairs and co-chairs of Sector Working Groups (SWGs) including their secretariats.</p>
			<p>Achieved</p>	<p>Activity 1.1.2 Conduct the RTP Retreat to discuss and finalise the roadmap for the 12th HLRTM 2015</p>	<p>The RTP Retreat was organised on 17th March 2015 at the Landmark Mekong Riverside Hotel in Vientiane</p> <p>As a result of the Retreat, both</p>	<p>The participation of more than 100 representatives. Government LMs, DPs, private sector and CSOs</p>

					Government agencies in line ministries concerned and DPs have common understanding on approach to monitor the implementation and progress of the 2013 HLRMTM and 2014 RTIM recommendation through follow-up matrices, as well as agree on the roadmap of the 2015 HLRMTM (including timeline, agenda, etc).	Government agencies in line ministries and local authorities and development partners, including CSOs, INGOs and private sectors.	
				<p>Activity 1.1.3 Consult and provide inputs for an Executive Summary of the 8th NSEDP (2016-2020)</p> <p>On-Track</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>DIC/MPI as a Head of the National RTP Secretariat has consulted and provided inputs for and/or comments on various drafts of the 8th NSEDP through a number of internal government meetings as well as meeting with DPs conducted by DOP/MPI.</p>	Government agencies in line ministries and local authorities and development partners, including CSOs, INGOs and private sectors.
				<p>Activity 1.1.4 Organise the RTP National Steering Committee (NSC) meeting to endorse the roadmap and receive guidance on the preparation of the 12th HLRMTM 2015.</p> <p>Off-Track</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: <u>The delay was due to the unforeseen activities/other government's official engagement and unavailability of the</u></p>	<p>The NSC meeting has been postponed to take place in April 2015.</p>	Government and DPs

	1.2. Availability of the RTP review exercise plan.	1.1.2 A review of the experience, lessons learnt and the way forward for the Round Table Process in Lao PDR is discussed and consulted.	On-Track	<p>Activity 1.1.5 Bilaterally discuss the preparation for RTP review exercise</p>	<p><i>meeting chair.</i> <u>New Schedule: 3rd week of April</u> <i>Response Strategy: The project will ensure greater realistic work plan for the coming quarters.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes</p>		
						<p>Although a review of the round table process in Lao PDR has been agreed and included in the 2015 project work plan that was endorsed by the programme board, it has been further discussed and proposed by UNDP during a DIC/MPI and UNDP Senior Management meeting and also the project monthly meeting that there will be an internal reflection meeting on the RTP implementation in Lao PDR including SWG mechanism organized instead of carrying out an independent review of the process from outside independent evaluator. The reason for this is because the year 2015 will be the end of</p>	<p>Government agencies in line ministries and local authorities and development partners, including CSOs, INGOs and private sectors.</p>

<p>Output 1.2: DIC capacities strengthened to more effectively guide, support and facilitate the work of Sector Working Groups to better respond to the Government's needs in implementing the 7th NSEDP and VDCAP towards achieving the MDGs</p>	<p>1.2.1 Publication of SWG review exercise is timely and recommendation and action points are properly monitored and implemented</p>	<p>1.2.1 A review of the SWG mechanism to be carried out by DIC together with each SWG Secretariat</p>	<p>Partially On-Track</p>	<p>Activity 1.2.1 Conduct a review meeting of the SWG mechanism</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other changes: <u>According to the results of DIC and UNDP Senior Management Meeting, like activity 1.1.5 relating to the RTP Review, there will be a meeting organised to reflect on achievements and challenges/limitation of SWG implementation, as well as identify and discuss ways forward, instead of conducting a</u></p>	<p>the MPI programme and there will be the evaluation of MPI programme that consists of the RTP component. So, this change has already been reflected in the roadmap of the 12th HLRTM 2015 which will be reported to the Government at the NSC meeting for guidance.</p>	<p>Government agencies in line ministries and local authorities and development partners, including CSOs, INGOs and private sectors.</p>
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			On-Track	<p>Activity 1.2.2 Prepare and circulate to all SWGs a Guidance Note on the 12th HL-RTM 2015 preparation including advising on areas/issues to be focused/discussed at their SWG meetings</p>	<p><u>SWG review. This reflection will be done some time in Q2.</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	<p>An initial draft of guideline on the preparation for the 12th HLRTM 2015 has been prepared by the RTP secretariat, which subjects to further revision based on guidance/outcomes of the NSC meeting. This expects to be finalized and shared with SWGs and other relevant parties end of April or early May 2015 for information and further preparation.</p>	SWGs and concerned parties
<p>1.2.2 SWG meetings involve active participation of other stakeholders such provincial representatives, private sector and CSOs</p> <p>1.2.3 The focus of SWGs' discussion is on sectoral issues contributing to the</p>	<p>1.2.2 SWG meetings are organised with participation of wider stakeholders, and issues discussed contributed to the national plan implementation and formulation.</p>	On-Track	<p>Activity 1.2.3 Coordinate and attend SWG meetings to ensure issues relating to the preparation for the 12th HL RTM 2015 are consulted, to facilitate the expansion of SWG activities to provincial level and to encourage active participation of private sector and</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	<p>During the reporting period, DIC relevant focal persons had coordinated and attended the following SWG meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSWG Agriculture Meeting 21st Jan • SSWG Uplands workshop on Food and Nutrition meeting 25-26 March • SWG-ARD Meeting on 31st March • Governance Thematic WG Meeting in March 	DIC/MPL, SWGs	

	implementation of the 7th NSEDP including MDGs and the formulation of the 8th NSEDP		On-Track	<p>CSOs</p> <p>Activity 1.2.4 Coordinate and work with SWG secretariats to revise SWG TORs reflecting their current structures, as well as create SWG calendar of events.</p> <p>Activity 1.2.6 Update list of SWGs and their Secretariats.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RTP Secretariat has closely coordinated with all 10 SWGs by sending an email message out to request for SWG update on their key activities planned for 2015, Calendar of Events, Updated Contact list, and revised ToR; and then send to the RTP Secretariat for information and further follow-up. Thus far, only ARD-SWG has submitted all the documents required to our RTP Secretariat while Health SWG submitted only updated contact list. 	SWGs
			On-Track	<p>Activity 1.2.5 Create a proper filling system for SWG reports and activities</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	<p>The RTP Secretariat has already initiated the process. However, this still needs further systematic improvement.</p>	RTP Secretariat
Output 1.3: Progressively measurable	1.3.1 The national VDCAP monitoring report and the global	1.3.1 Availability of updated VDCAP monitoring framework	Off-Track	<p>Activity 1.3.1 Finalize the VDCAP Progress Report</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed	<p>The report has not yet been finalized in the first quarter of 2015. This expects to be</p>	LMs and DPs concerned

<p>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>survey on the global partnership for effective development cooperation are finalized and carried out, respectively.</p> <p>1.3.2 Dissemination of the VDCAP monitoring report and VDCAP workshops in different parts of the country</p>	<p>and annual progress report.</p> <p>1.3.2 Quality reports/inputs from Government Line Ministries and SWGs on the VDCAP implementation.</p>	<p>(2013-2014) ensuring all additional inputs are incorporated.</p> <p>Activity 1.3.2 Launch of the VDCAP Monitoring Exercise including updating the VDCAP monitoring framework as appropriate.</p>	<p><i>Reason: <u>The delay in the finalisation process is due to the fact that only 11 development partners, including government agencies have submitted their progress report or inputs for the Annual VDCAP Progress Report 2013-2014. So, the report still needs more inputs from DPs and Government agencies.</u></i></p> <p><i>New Schedule: <u>Q2 Response Strategy: The RTP Secretariat is in the process of closely coordinating and gathering inputs for the report through sending a guideline on the preparation of 2015 HLRTM to all SWGs and also planning to visit and advise each SWG on RTP expectations and their required inputs.</u></i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other changes</p>	<p>available in the Q2.</p>	<p>including private sector and CSOS</p>
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	<p>1.3.3 Being part of regional and global movement for ensuring effective development cooperation in light of the roll out of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</p>	<p>1.3.3 Active engagement and participation of the Government in the regional and global movement on the partnership for effective development cooperation.</p>	<p>On-Track</p>	<p>Activity 1.3.3 Prepare for the global survey on the partnership for effective development cooperation</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>In order to prepare for the global survey on the partnership for effective development cooperation, the Lao PDR delegates have attended and participated in a series of global meetings (refer to Activity 1.3.4) to discuss and prepare for the survey. In this regard, actual roll out of this survey will be in Q2.</p>	<p>LMs and DPs concerned including private sector and CSOS</p>
			<p>Achieved</p>	<p>Activity 1.3.4 Attend and participate in (1) the GPEDC Planning Workshop in Brussels on 21-22 January 2015 and (2) the ECOSOC substantive session on "how to ensure coherence in the funding of operational activities of the UN System for effective realization of the post-2015 development agenda" on 23-25 February 2015 in New York.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>In line with global and regional development cooperation effectiveness agendas and ensuring their reflection and effective implementation at country level, the Lao PDR delegations had participated in the following conferences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) Planning Workshop in Brussels on 21-22 January 2015</i> • <i>the ECOSOC substantive session on "how to ensure coherence in the funding</i> 	<p>LMs and DPs concerned including private sector and CSOS</p>

	<p><i>of operational activities of the UN System for effective realization of the post-2015 development agenda' on 23-25 February 2015 in New York</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>An Informal Working Meeting on refining Indicator 1 (use of country results frameworks) of the GPEDC Monitoring Framework on 26-27 February 2015 in France</i> • <i>A Regional Consultation Workshop on Strengthening Coherence between the Effectiveness Development Cooperation and Financing for Development Agendas in Asia-Pacific on 26-27 March 2015 in the Philippines</i> • <i>the 7th Edition of the Global Forum on Development (GFD) reflecting "Post-2015</i> 						
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	(DFAA study) is finalized and disseminated.		DFAA report	Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	Vientiane with the participation of both Government agencies and development partners including bilateral and multilateral agencies to share and receive feedbacks on the draft DFAA report. During the workshop, participants provided general comments on the draft especially related to source and quality of data and consistency of language used in different chapters of the report. Since many participants have not yet gone through the report in details, participants are allowed to provide further detailed comments on the draft report and send to DIC accordingly in addition to the comments provided in this workshop for the team to review and revise the report. The DFAA report has not yet been finalized and disseminated as planned because there is a plan to have another round of	DIC/MPI, Line ministries and DPs
			Activity 1.3.6 Finalise and disseminate the Development Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: <i>The delay in</i>	On Track	

			<p>and Aid Assessment (DFAA) Study</p>	<p><u>finalisation process is due to further comments/inputs from both Government agencies and DPs are still required to ensure the quality of the report.</u> <u>New Schedule: This report is expected to be finalized during May.</u> <u>Response Strategy: DIC and UNDP have agreed to have regular communication, follow-up and discussions on the revised report, as well as the workplan & timeline for this finalization and dissemination.</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>circulation the revised report to the participants and relevant stakeholders for additional comments before finalizing the report by May. This is to ensure the quality and accuracy of the data and analysis in the report. After finalization, UNDP and DIC have discussed on the next steps of preparing for the editing, designing, printing/publishing and disseminating the report during the next quarter.</p>	
<p>1.3.5 A launch of at least two studies on effective development cooperation for better results (one of them will be a development of the</p>		<p>On Track</p>	<p>Activity 1.3.7 Carry out an exercise to develop a national framework/guideline for the application of the PBAs in Lao PDR</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	<p>DIC/MPI in collaboration with NUPD has revised a ToR for this PBAs study, and already selected a Consultant to carry out the study which is expected to start from May and complete in July.</p>	<p>LMs and DPs</p>

	PBAs national framework and another one to be confirmed)						
Output2: 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							
Output 2.1: The Aid Management Platform (ODA Database) is in place and fully operational as a tool to effectively analyse and plan ODA requirements	2.1.1 Number/percentage of ODA related programmes/projects data and information entered into the system.	2.1.1. An Integrated Management System for Development Projects (IMSDP) building on lessons learnt and achievements so far on the AMP implementation is developed.	Off-Track	Activity 2.1.1 Develop a Concept Note for an Integrated Management System for Development Projects (IMSDP) building on the AMP sustainability plan including the potential collaboration with DECIDE Into	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other changes: <u>Although there was an initiative to develop an IMSDP to help LMs manage ODA implementation more effectively, and this was already included in the 2015 project work plan which was approved by the programme board during the board meeting held early February DIC</u>	Development of an IMSDP was cancelled given the time constraint and resource limitation. In this connection, there is a need for DIC/project to find out other appropriate alternatives/options instead of developing this IMSDP. Therefore, in 2015, DIC will improve the current AMP by upgrading to version 2.8 to help line ministries manage their ODA implementation.	LMs and DPs

	2.1.2 Number of meetings, trainings and workshops on AMP and the development of IMSDP conducted		On Track	Activity 2.1.2 Conduct a multi-stakeholder workshop on the future plan of Aid Management Platform	<p><u>and UNDP have consequently discussed and agreed in a project monthly meeting that there will be no IMSDP developed given the limitation of both timing and resources. Therefore, the project management team in consultation with UNDP will find other appropriate options/alternatives. Meanwhile, it is agreed to improve the current AMP to assist line ministries in managing and monitoring ODA implementation and enhance its delivery's effectiveness.</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>A Multi-Stakeholder Workshop on the future plan of Aid Management Platform was organised on 24th February 2015 at DIC Conference Room. During the workshop, representatives from line ministries and development partners concerned have agreed</p>	LMs and DPs
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	2.1.3 Availability of high quality foreign aid reports.	2.1.2. An annual FAIR 2013-14 is finalized as well as a semi-annual FAIR (both in Lao and English) published.	Off Track		<p>Activity 2.1.3 Finalize the annual FAIR 2013-14 and produce the semi-annual FAIR 2014-15, using the AMP</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: <u>The delay in preparing and financing the ODA reports is due to the fact that many DFAs have not yet entered their organisations' ODA related data and information into the AMP system even though a number of training/workshops provided, field visits to</u></p>	<p>that only a semi-annual FAIR 2014-2015 will be prepared and shared at this year HLR TM while the annual FAIR 2014-2015 will be prepared and finalized in March 2016 and used in 2016 RTIM.</p> <p>In this connection, DIC is in the process of downloading data from the AMP system and will prepare a consolidated report for AED review.</p>	LMs and DPs
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<p>Output 2.2: Regular communication and publication of quality related ODA analytical reports/documents</p>	<p>2.2.1 RTM Website is updated at least every 2 weeks</p>	<p>2.1.1. An updated Donor Profile is produced.</p>	<p>Off Track</p>	<p>Activity 2.2.1 Finalize and disseminate the Donor Profile 2015</p>	<p><u>DPs were organised and a reminding letter was sent to all DPs requesting for update their data in the system.</u> <u>New Schedule: These reports expect to be finalized in May.</u> <u>Response Strategy: AMP team will closely follow up and work with DFAs on data entry to ensure all data and information are entered into the system on a timely basis.</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>Although the latest updated DP Profile was shared with all DPs for update during the fourth quarter of 2014. However, only a few DPs responded. Therefore, the profile has not yet been finalized and in this regard the RTP secretariat was advised to send a reminding email to all DPs requesting for further update.</p>	<p>L,Ms and DPs, Public</p>
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				<p>Manual</p>	<p><u>the delay in recruitment process of a National Consultant especially finalizing a contract takes quite long time.</u> <u>New Schedule: End of April</u> <u>Response Strategy: To facilitate greater communication and coordination among others, the RTP Secretariat will develop these RTP communication strategy and organizational manual and share with DIC and UNDP for comments by the end of April. However, it was proposed by DIC that it will be very useful for DIC in communicating and coordinating with various stakeholders if a Communication Specialist is recruited to assist in this area.</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>		
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			On Track	Activity 2.2.5 Update emailing lists of all stakeholders relating to different RTP areas such as Chairs/Co-Chairs of SWGs, SWG Secretariats, VDCAP Secretariat, DFAs, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	The emailing lists have been updated regularly but still not systematic.	RTP Secretariat
Output 3: Strengthened capacities of DIC and its IPs in effectively managing ODA related programmes and projects							
Output 3.1: DIC has increased capacity and resources to identify key capacity gaps and address them through establishing a capacity development facility	3.1.1. Number of project management issues and problems reduced through the Audit Follow up.	3.1.1. Government officials and NIM project personnel capacity is enhanced through trainings.	Achieved	Activity 3.1.1 Jointly organise a kick-off meeting on HACT Micro Assessment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	DIC had attended a kick-off meeting on HACT Micro Assessment which was jointly organised by concerned UN agencies in January. The debriefing is expected to be done in Q2.	DIC/MPI, UNDP, all Implementing Partners (IPs)
			Achieved	Activity 3.1.2 Conduct an Audit Kick-off meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	An audit kick off meeting was conducted on 26 February to recap the findings of joint DIC-UNDP Spot Check and inform the audit plan for FY2014.	DIC/MPI, IPs, UNDP
	3.1.2. Annual	3.1.2. Coordination and	Achieved	Activity 3.1.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed	Help to strengthen greater	MPI relevant

	<p>programme review meeting and quarterly programme component meetings are organised with proper documentation.</p>	<p>management of MPI programme components are strengthened through regular meetings.</p>		<p>Organise a Quarterly Meeting of MPI Programme Components</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i> <i>Reason:</i> _____ <i>New Schedule:</i> _____ <i>Response Strategy:</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other changes</i> _____</p>	<p>coordination among all MPI components as well as to ensure effective delivery results, a quarterly meeting of MPI programme components was held on 2 February to discuss and prepare for the Programme ARM and Board Meeting. This should be organized on a regular basis.</p>	<p>departments and DPs concerned</p>
			<p>Achieved</p>	<p>Activity 3.1.4 Conduct a Joint Annual Review Meeting of the MPI programme, and followed by Programme Board Meeting</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i> <i>Reason:</i> _____ <i>New Schedule:</i> _____ <i>Response Strategy:</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other changes</i> _____</p>	<p>The 2014 Annual Review Meeting of the MPI Programme was jointly organised on 4th February to review the programme implementation progress/achievements, challenges and lessons learnt in 2014; and identify 2015 key priorities to be implemented by the programme, as well as its financial requirements. The ARM was followed by Programme Board Meeting to approve 2015 MPI Programme Annual Work Plan (based on presentations and discussions in the ARM) and also seek advice on major issues related to</p>	<p>MPI relevant departments and DPs concerned</p>

								RTP communication strategy and organizational manual, etc.	
Output4: Provided quality assurance and support to national implementation management through audit and spot checks									
	4.1. Availability of annual 2014 Audit Reports.	4.1. Annual 2014 Audit conducted and Report prepared.	4.1. Achieved	Activity 4.1 Facilitate UNDP and Auditor on the preparation for the Audit Exercise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i> <i>Reason:</i> _____ <i>New Schedule:</i> _____ <i>Response Strategy:</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other changes</i> _____	An annual 2014 audit of 17 projects was carried out by an Independent Audit Firm (NEXIA based in Vietnam) from 2-13 March 2015. Although summary of key audit findings have been prepared and shared with DIC and UNDP for information, final reports have not yet been shared with audited projects.	Implementing Partners		
Component 4: Support to Advancing Human Development through Policy-Informing Research on Human Development Issues especially relevant for achieving the NSED/MDGs									
Output2	Research Support for NHDR established and the 5th NHDR Produced	2.1.1) Availability of the final concept note that agreed by both NERI and UNDP; and can be used as a proposal for third party resource mobilization	2.1.2) Availability of at least two more research papers or Technical	Off Track	Activity 2.1 - Drafting concept note of 5 th HD report - 2 Consultation workshops to update NHDR Concept Note	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i> <i>Reason: it took longer time to get agreement of the topic/concept note for the 5th NHDR, as well as limitation financial resources for producing the 5th NHDR</i> <i>New Schedule: 2015</i> <i>Response Strategy: further consultations with UNDP</i>	Preliminary draft of concept note is completed by UNDP, but there are a lot of rooms to improve.	Government MPI NERI UNDP	

	Background Papers to support the production of the 5th NHDR				<p>for further plan of resource mobilization and concept for the 5th NHDR and inviting the International expert on this subject to provides the guideline.</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____		
2.2) Availability of at least three research papers (or IBPs) that support to the production of the 5th NHDR.	At least three research papers (or IBPs) are undertaken supported to the production of the 5th NHDR.	On track	- Undertaking data analysis .		- Some preliminary results are found.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NERI - Govt. LMs - General public - UNDP 	
Output3 Practical /Applied Research to Advance Effective Implementation of NSEDP Conducted and Integrated into Planning Implementation	Availability of Quarterly Macro-Economic Updates for NERU's Quarterly Macroeconomic Report	Quarterly Macro-Economic Updates Produced	On track	Activity 3.1 Producing High Quality Macroeconomic Quality Reports with Practical Results-Oriented	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____	<p>Completing two surveys for quarterly macroeconomic report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consumer Sentiment Index survey (CSI). 2. Business Tendency Index (BTI) <p>The Macroeconomic Quarterly reports result sharing conference</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Govt. LMs -General public -NERI -MPI

<p>Procedures within Relevant MPI Departments</p>			<p>Focus on Achieving NSEDP/MDGs</p>	<p>_____ <i>Response Strategy:</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other changes</i> _____</p>	<p>was organized quarterly with cooperation from Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LNCCI). Participants were from relevant ministries, LNCCI and private business sectors. The aim is to share the research results to both the government and business sectors for reference in policy making and business settings. - CSI and BTI went very successfully and caught full interest of both the government and business sectors. The meeting will continue to be organized quarterly.</p>	
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2. Financial Management

Financial Information Summary

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Reporting Period: January to March 2015

Output	Activities	Source of Funding	Budget for 2015	Activity Budget (USD) (Q1)	Expenditure of the current reporting period (USD) (Q1)	Accumulated Expenditure by the current reporting period (USD) (Q1-Q4)	Delivery Rate of the current reporting period (%) (Q1)	Accumulated Delivery Rate by the current reporting period (%) (Q1-Q4)
Component 1: Support to Consultative Planning, Implementation, Monitoring, Assessing and Reporting on the NSEDP/MDGs								
Output 1.1:	1.1.1-a	TRAC	57,926	54,086	39,106	39,106	72.3%	67.5%
The 7th NSEDP is converted into annual plans and PIPs through a consultative manner that emphasizes poverty reduction/MDGs	Assist and train DOP team on mainstreaming PE issues in the Final Review of the 7th NSEDP and 8th NSEDP	SDC	20,900	1,400	-	-	0%	0%
	1.1.1-c							
	Finalize the draft outcome based 8th NSEDP and circulate for comments							

advocacy and awareness of the LDC Plan of Action at provincial levels	operation for MDG Secretariat								
	5.1.2								
	Contribute inputs to the intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda								
	5.1.3								
	In country consultation on the SDG discussions for MDG focal points								
	Total for comp 1	311,000	104,623	94,727	94,727	94,727	90.5%	30.5%	
Component 2: Support to Effective Monitoring and Evaluation of Progress towards Goals of NSED/MDGs via LaoInfo									
Output 1	Preparation and Printing of Main Statistics Booklet	UNDP	80,125	37,280	37,280	37,280	100%	47%	
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 NSED/MDGs.		TRAC							
Output: 2	Preparation and Printing of Statistical Literacy	UNDP	5,209	0	0	0	0%	0%	
Increased stakeholder		TRAC							

Guide for Users Booklet

awareness and participation, improved advocacy and dissemination to ensure the best use of official statistics

Output 3.1 Operation and management 1,243 25% 1,243 14%

Improved domestic, regional and international statistical cooperation

UNDP
TRAC

4,926

1,243

1,243

25%

14%

Total for comp 2

42,206

38,523

38,523

91.27%

40.98%

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

Output 1

Enriched greater substantive dialogues and closer partnership with Development Partners, and effective resource mobilization and management through the effective Round Table Process, including improving Sector Working Group mechanism for

04000

21,600.00

14,330.08

14,330.08

66%

9%

Output 2

1.1.2 Organization of the RTP Retreat
1.3.4. Participated in a series of global forums on partnership for effectiveness development cooperation

30000

26,500.00

8,665.90

8,665.90

33%

4%

Provided quality assurance and support to national implementation management through audit and spot checks	Facilitate UNDP and Auditor on the preparation for the Audit Exercise	30000	0	0	0	0	68,952.86	68,952.86	11%
Total for comp 3			650,000.00	127,306.00	68,952.86	68,952.86			54%

Component 4: Support to Advancing Human Development through Policy-Informing Research on Human Development Issues especially relevant for achieving the NSEDP/MDGs

Output 1: Further Enhanced Awareness of the Concept of Human Development (HD), and Capacity for MDG and Human Development	1.1a Conduct an assessment of existing HD Module Teaching at University of Laos, and identify necessary expansion plan	UNDP	9,300	-	-	-	68,952.86	68,952.86	11%
Reporting at National and Sub-National levels	1.1b Produce HD Advocacy Materials, incl update the LDC brochure	TRAC							0%
Output 2.1: Research Support for NHDR established and commissioned	1.1c Develop Human Development Journal (Production and publication of Local HD related Journals/reports)	UNDP	36,200	7,050	713.75	713.75	713.75	10.12%	1.97%
	2.1.a. Preparing producing NHDR report	UNDP							
	2.1b Conduct 2 more research papers to support of the 5th NHDR	TRAC							

2.1.c Disseminate preliminary and final results of technical background Papers on LDC criteria conducted in late 2014 and Publication of report		UNDP	54,500	20,758	11,967.16	11,967.16	57.57%	21.92%
Output 3.1: Practical /Applied Research to Advance Effective Implementation of NSEDP Conducted and Integrated into Planning Implementation Procedures within Relevant MPI Departments		TRAC						
3.1.a Produce High Quality Macroeconomic Quality Reports with Practical Results-Oriented Focus on Achieving NSEDP/MDGs and organized Semi-Annual Result-Sharing Conference								
3.1.b. Analyze impacts of external economic environment to Lao economy and organize monthly research dissemination meeting at MPI regularly								
3.1.d. Operation and management								
Total for comp 4			100,000	27,808	12,680.91	12,680.91	45.60%	12.68%
Grand Total for the programme			1,155,000	301,943	214,883.77	214,883.77	71.17%	18.60%

3. Programme Management and Oversight

(This section should be completed by programme in coordination with UNDP)

- **Monitoring and Evaluation**

(Indicate how progress monitoring and acquisition of data from project interventions are being captured and utilized.)

During the reporting period, the implementation of programme activities has been monitored through the following activities:

- At the programme level, a Joint Annual Programme Review Meeting together with Programme Board Meeting was held to review the programme implementation progress/achievements made, challenges encountered and lessons learnt in 2014; and identify 2015 key priorities to be undertaken by the programme, as well as its financial requirements. In addition, the Quarterly Programme Component Meeting was organized once in Feb 2015 to prepare for the programme annual review meeting (ARM) including programme board meeting, as well as review progress and challenges of the 2013 programme implementation, and discuss key 2014 priorities including budget requirements for successful implementation of project activities. Besides, the meeting also aimed to strengthen coordination and reporting mechanisms among the programme components.
- At the project/component level, the project weekly technical meetings between dept relevant divisions and UNDP PO/PA were conducted to follow-up and discuss in details the progress and challenges of the project implementation before reporting to the project manager and Assistant Resident Representative for consideration and guidance. In addition, the project monthly meetings between UNDP DRR/ARR/POs/PAs and each project management team were regularly organized to also follow-up, review the implementation progress and agree on actions to be undertaken in order to address issues encountering the project. Moreover, a day-to-day communication and coordination between programme components and UNDP via both email and telephone, as well as some adhoc meetings between the DIC and UNDP held to discuss and address some issues have also been in place.
- Apart from this, in order to ensure effective and efficient implementation of programme component activities, an annual NIM audit was performed by the independent auditors, and in this regard an audit follow-up actions plan was also created by each project to follow-up progress of audit recommendations implementation.

- **Risk management**

(Actual/ anticipated operational, political and environmental risks)

During the first quarter of 2015, the programme faced a number of the programme and operations related risks as follows:

- The programme faced the delay in approving and transferring Q1 advance from UNDP to the project account resulting from the delay in approving the programme/project annual work plan and budget 2015. This obviously affected the implementation of the programme activities.
- Lacking of technical persons or project support staff has also been an issue causing the delay in implementing some of the programme/component activities that could resulted in a low programme delivery rate. This includes monitoring and reporting related activities.

- **Communication and advocacy**

Apart from a day-to-day communication, weekly and monthly meetings between the programme component management teams and UNDP relevant programme officers have been in place as mentioned in the first bullet point above, according to the programme document and 2015/Q1 work plan, the programme components have developed and used a number of communication and publication materials including organizing training/workshops to communicate with all project stakeholders including both government agencies in line ministries and provincial authorities and development partners. For instance, a dissemination workshop on the 7th NSEDP M&E Framework, an introductory workshop on outcome based planning

adoption into the 8th NSEDP preparation and the workshop on off-track MDGs with emphasis on the MDG9 for line Ministries and provincial authorities. In addition, a main statistics booklet and statistical report were produced using LaoInfo Database System and published to support effective implementation of NSEDP/MDGs. Furthermore, a roadmap of the 2015 HLRTM, the follow-up matrix of the 2013 HLRTM and 2014 RTIM recommendations and a Guidance Note for the 2015 HLRTM preparation were prepared, discussed and consulted with all development stakeholders. Apart from this, DFAA report, VDCAP review report and quarterly macroeconomic report including relevant brochures and calendars have also been drafted and in the process of consultations.

In terms of reporting and analysis, quarterly project work plan, progress report, monthly and weekly minutes, financial reports (project monthly expenditure report, FACE form, CDRs) and RBM logs (issues, risk, lesson learned, and communication and monitoring plan) were prepared and shared with UNDP for information and follow-up.

4. Management Responses and Recommendations

(To be completed by project in coordination with UNDP)

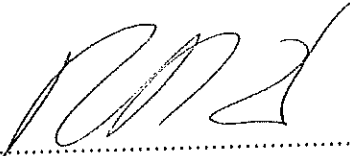
In Q1 of 2015, the programme components were audited by external auditors (NEXIA) in March 2015 and expect to receive 2014 NIM Audit Reports from auditors in May 2014. The programme components will create an audit follow-up action plan once final report is submitted to the project by auditors.

5. Annex/s

(Example of annexes attached to the report are at a minimum as the following, more annexes can be added as appropriate)

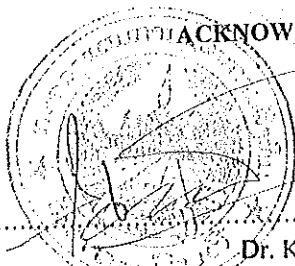
- ❖ Combined Delivery Report (provided by UNDP & validated by UNDP & IP)
- ❖ Budget Analytical Review of the quarter (optional)
- ❖ Quarterly Work Plan for the following quarter
- ❖ Project Monitoring and Communication Plan (if there is any revision to the annual plan)
- ❖ Project Risk Log for the following quarter (as per Annex 15 - Project Risk Log of the NIM-SOPs)
- ❖ Project Issue Log for the following quarter (as per Annex 16 - Project Issue Log of the NIM-SOPs)
- ❖ Project Lesson Learned Log for the following quarter (as per Annex 17 - Project Lesson Learned Log of the NIM-SOPs)
- ❖ List if there is any detailed project information (financial details, activity report, maps, brochures, M&E report, field visit reports, etc).

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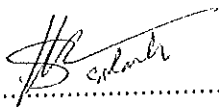


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