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**Programme Summary Progress Report
(Second Quarter – 2016)
“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 (The Extension Period - 2016)”**

Basic Project Information

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 - Results-based reporting on the annual implementation of the 8th NSEDP and the localisation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the realisation of LDC graduation</p> <p>00078227 - Data collection and analysis through LaoInfo to support evidence-based reporting, planning and decision making in relation to the 8th NSEDP including SDGs</p> <p>00078226 - Greater partnerships and effective consultation through the implementation of the Round Table Process in supporting the annual NSEDP (2015-2016) and the SDGs in Lao PDR</p> <p>00078228 - Applied research on Human Development and economic issues relevant for achieving the 8th NSEDP objectives including SDGs</p>
Programme Duration	5 years (2011-2015) (the 2016 extension period)
Reporting Period	1 st April - 30 th June 2016
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)] Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Department of International Organisation)
Other UN/International collaborating agencies	UNEP Poverty Environment Initiative
Cost-sharing third parties	SDC and the Government of Luxembourg
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UNDAF and Country Programme Outcome 1:	By 2016, the Government of Lao PDR has effectively strengthened the means of implementation and reporting on the SDG-based 8 th NSEDP for more inclusive, equitable and sustainable development.

1. Programme Implementation Status and Key Results

Implementation Status Summary at Outcome level

❖ *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...*

Positive progress has been made in the second quarter of 2016 toward the achievement of the programme outcome (*the Government of Lao PDR has effectively strengthened the means of implementation and reporting on the SDG-based 8th NSEDP for more inclusive, equitable and sustainable development*). Key highlights of the progress include:

- Identifying strategic means of SDGs' implementation including addressing unfinished business of MDGs is the main priority for the Government, which is done within the framework of the 8th NSEDP. In particular, the Government acknowledges the imperative of greater partnership - an intensive engagement in support of implementation of all the goals and targets, bringing together Governments, civil society, the private sector, the United Nations system and other actors and mobilizing all available resources.
- On the policy dialogue front, with the success of the 12th High Level Round Table Meeting organized in Vientiane on 27th November 2015, the Government is highly committed to ensure there are proper follow up actions on key recommendations/discussion points. The Prime Minister's instruction for the follow up was issued requesting all ministries concerned and provincial authorities to mainstream the HL RTM outcomes into their action plans. In addition, the Government through the meeting of the National Steering Committee on the Round Table Process has declared that great efforts will be made to move forward thematic/issues based policy dialogue.
- The Government has also put great efforts to build a more diverse partnership, which can also expand the envelope of resources available for development by ensuring the proper monitoring and reporting on the implementation of The "*Vientiane Declaration on Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation*" formally adopted and signed during the last 12th High Level Round Table Meeting organized in Vientiane on 27th November 2015. The Government led by MPI has show a great commitment on how to utilize this Declaration to help to break the mold of the traditional donor-recipient approach through a revision of the Prime Minister Decree No. 75 on ODA management and a formulation of a development cooperation framework which will be in line of the partnership framework specified under the new Vientiane Declaration.
- Great efforts were also made during the reporting period on evidence based policy formulation and implementation. The Government is working with stakeholders to take a careful approach to ensure a high quality production of the 5th Human Development Report focusing on LDC graduation. On the statistic front, there has been great demand for capacity building activities at sub-national level (all provinces have been requesting for training sessions) on data collection and analysis

❖ *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.*

During the first half of 2016 in particular the second quarter, UNDP Country Office with support from the UN Resident Coordinator (UN RC) and the UNDP Supported Programme Units embedded in the Ministry have been playing an important role in term of oversight, policy advice and technical support.

UNDP Country Office

- During the reporting period, UNDP Country Office with support from the UN RCO had regular policy dialogues and monthly management meetings with MPI management team to ensure common understanding of and consensus made on various issues relating to the MPI programme such as, among others, the review and assessment of the MPI programme and the Round Table process, a preparation of the 8th NSEDP M&E framework, SDGs advocacy and outreach, follow up actions on the outcomes of the 12th HL RTM, preparation of the Vientiane Declaration Country Action Plan (VDCAP), preparation of the 2016 Round Table Implementation Meeting (RTIM) Roadmap, preparation of the 5th Human Development Report, and statistical capacity.
- UNDP Programme Officers and associates also had weekly follow up meetings with UNDP supported programme units embedded in the Ministry and relevant government officials to facilitate the progress of key programme activities, among others, as stated above.
- Both national and international consultants recruited by UNDP Country Office provide technical support to both UNDP and the Ministry to translate what discussed into actions. For what highlighted above, documents, reports, briefing notes, and other related technical elements are usually drafted by consultants and they are reviewed and revised by UNDP and the Ministries before finalisation.

The UNDP Supported Programme Units embedded in the Ministry

- Programme units embedded in the Ministry have been playing a vital and necessary role in making sure that activities agreed by both UNDP and the Ministry are actually progressing with proper outputs. Activities include financial management, programme management, follow up actions, facilitation, coordination and making sure common understanding of various activities by government counterparts.

• *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

- The 8th NSEDP was formally improved and endorsed by the National Assembly. A strategic plan for the 8th NSEDP dissemination has currently been in preparation. Initial consultations with relevant national stakeholder were carried out for preparation of an annual progress report of the 8th NSEDP (2016) and the next annual NSEDP (2017). The reporting will be done in accordance to the new Lao fiscal year ending December.
- The SDGs have been integrated into the NSEDP M&E Framework with 60% of NSEDP indicators now linked to the SDG indicators. Discussions over the integration of the SDGs

based NSEDP indicators into sector strategies have also been carried. At the same time, a draft proposal for national SDG indicators has documented. The proposal is being reviewed and comments and further recommendations on the national indicators will be provided during the third quarter.

- On the SDG costing, at the time of reporting, there has no formal agreement whether the exercise could go ahead. However, if agreed to carry out the exercise, it will be a challenging task for the programme to prepare all arrangements within the remaining time period. Therefore, it is recommended that this activity be discussed and agreed upon after the launch of the new five-year programme, which is under preparation.
- Through Macroeconomic Working Group, actions to implement key recommendations of the 12th HL RTIM recommendations “promote macroeconomic stability are a precondition for inclusive growth and sustainable development progress” are identified. On-going discussions have been happening on key theme for working group meeting. Most likely, a meeting of Macroeconomic Working Group will be organised in third quarter to discussion key issues to promote macroeconomic stability for the achievement of the 8th NSEDP goals and objectives.
- Efforts for strengthened capacity of the SDG-LDC Secretariats to coordinate, advocate and facilitate progress towards SDGs and implementation of the LDC Plan of Action were made through various seminars/workshops organized at national, regional and global levels. At the country level, workshops on SDGs were organized with line Ministries to create better understanding on SDGs. At the regional and global level, Lao PDR leading by MOFA and MPI attended regional workshop on SDGs in Indonesia and the review of the LDC plan of action in Turkey.
- Contribution to the MPI programme and the RTM review and assessment was made through participation in the review process and providing comments and suggestions for improving the quality of the review report.

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

- Workshop for the national and provincial government officials on LaoInfo database and the importance of using data for planning and decision making were carried out.

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

- Follow up actions for the implementation of the 12th HL RTIM 2015 outcomes have been identified through consultations with Sector Working Groups and other relevant stakeholders during the RTP retreat organised in April 2016 and subsequent ad-hoc meetings. In addition, regional workshops (Vientiane Province and Saravane) were organised to disseminate and discuss with local authorities on the implementation of the 12th HL RTIM outcomes and preparation for the upcoming RTIM.
- The National Steering Committee on the Round Table Process met for the first time in 2016 to discuss, endorse and approve the 2015 Round Table Implementation Meeting’s roadmap. It is now decided that the 2016 RTIM will be organised at the end of November in Vientiane Province. The meeting will focus on thematic themes which will be identified in the third quarter of 2016.

- A first meeting of Chairs and Co-Chairs of Sector Working Groups plus other stakeholders such as international and national chambers of commerce, INGOs and NPAs and ASEAN countries was organised to brief on the preparation of the 2016 RTIM and findings of the RTP review and assessment and the Development Finance and Aid Assessment (DFAA). The meeting also discussed possible themes for this year RTIM. A follow up discussion will be organised in third quarter of 2016 to make consensus on what could be the key theme for 2016 RTIM.
- The first draft of the Vientiane Declaration Country Action Plan (VDCAP) was available for comments and suggestions by various stakeholders. The Government also met internally to discuss and consult about recent comments from both national and international stakeholders. Baselines of the VDCAP are taken from the second global survey on partnership for effective development cooperation which was submitted to the global team for further analysis. It is expected that the VDCAP Secretariat consisting of representatives from the Government and DPs will meet in third quarter to come up with the next draft VDCAP.
- Internal government meetings were organised during the reporting period to consult on a revision of the Prime Minister Decree 75 on ODA management and the development of development cooperation strategy. Once there are initial drafts available, the Government expects to share the documents with wider stakeholders for further comments and recommendations.
- Under guidance of DIC/MPI management, the MPI programme and the RTP review and assessment was successfully concluded where the review report has been shared with all stakeholders for further comments if any.

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

- A latest version of the 5th Human Development Report is available for final comments.
- Contribution to the development macroeconomic report by carried out field visit to gather information on relevant areas.
- Seminars to build capacities of national counterparts on research related matters were organized.

Implementation Progress Summary at Output level

OUTPUTS, INDICATORS and/or TARGETS	STATUS	2016 QUARTERLY PLANNED ACTIVITIES	ACTIVITY PROGRESS TO DATE, RESULTS & ANY FOLLOW UP ACTIONS
Component 1 (Results-based reporting on the annual implementation of the 8th NSEDP and the localisation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the realisation of LDC graduation)			
Output 1.1 - Poverty reduction and MDGs/SDGs priorities and programmes that outlined in the 8 th NSEDP are incorporated in an annual NSEDP and public investment programmes (PIPs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target 1 - High quality report on the effective implementation of the Annual NSEDP and PIP (2015-2016) • Target 2 - Formulation of the Annual NSEDP and PIP (2016-2017) which incorporating MDG and SDG priorities and programmes outlined in the 8th NSEDP • Target 3 - SDG costing exercise – an implication for the 8th NSEDP implementation 	<p>On-track</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise workshops for dissemination and publication of the 8th NSEDP (2016-2020) at the national, sectoral and provincial levels • Organise technical consultations on a formulation of annual NSEP and PIP (2017) and prepare annual NSEDP progress report (2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National workshop was organized to brief national and sectoral counterparts on the SDGs • Discussions for organizing similar workshops at provincial level (more requests from provinces) have been on-going and they could be organized jointly with other components in order to create more synergies and reduce transaction costs. • Two internal government meetings were organized to discuss and consult on preparation of the annual NSEDP progress report (2016) and the annual NSEDP (2017). Once firming up, consultations with sectoral and provincial stakeholders will be organized in third quarter
Output 1.2 - Carrying out a regular macroeconomic analysis and management as a contribution to the macroeconomic achievements outlined in the NSEDP through Macroeconomic Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target 4 - Regular effective meetings of Macroeconomic Working Group and follow up 	<p>On-track</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise a series of consultations/ meetings by Macroeconomic Working Group to discuss macroeconomic matters for the achievement of 8th NSEDP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement on whether this exercise is needed has not been made. A discussion with relevant stakeholders (Line ministries, UNDP, and key stakeholders) will be organised in third quarter if costing exercise is needed. • Chairs and Co-Chairs of Macroeconomic Working Group participated in the RTP retreat to review the functionality and operationalization of Sector Working Groups • Also, the Working Group worked with other stakeholders to come up with follow up actions for the implementation of the 12th HL RTM outcomes

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<p>Output 1.3 - Substantially improved monitoring, assessment and reporting framework and enhanced capacity of MPI and selected provinces to monitor and report on plan implementation and public investment programmes through the application of the 8th NSEDP M&E framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target 5 - Finalisation of the 8th NSEDP M&E framework 	On-track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare the 8th NSEDP M&E Framework including SDG and LDC integration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical and executive meetings of the Working Group will then be organized in third quarter of 2016 when thematic areas and priorities for discussions at the Working Group meetings are identified • Currently, the SDGs have been integrated into the 8th NSEDP M&E Framework / with 60% of NSEDP indicators now linked to the SDG indicators. Then, they will need to integrate into sector strategies.
<p>Output 1.4 - Strengthened capacity of the SDG-LDC Secretariats to coordinate, advocate and facilitate progress towards SDGs and implementation of the LDC Plan of Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target 6 - Roadmap/strategic action plan for Lao PDR to implement and report on SDGs/LDC 	On-track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify SDG national indicators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A current draft proposal for national SDG indicators expects is currently available for review and comments. An internal government meeting will then be organized to discuss about the proposal.
<p>Output 1.5 - A contribution to a review of the Programme and a formulation of the next five year UNDP supported programme in this area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target 7 - Analytical review paper on an evolution of the national planning process and what would be priorities for future support 	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide inputs for the MPI and RTP review and Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inputs for the review were shared with DIC/MPI • For the next step, DOP/MPI will also be part of the team for a formulation of the next five year UNDP supported programme

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Component 2 (Data collection and analysis through Lao Info to support evidence-based reporting, planning and decision making in relation to the 8th NSEDP, including SDGs)			
<p>Output 2.1 - An Effective common data base maintained to support evidence – based reporting, planning and decision making at the national and sub national to help guide implementation of the NSEDP, off track MGDs and SDGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target 1 - Increase in number of LaoInfo users for statistical analysis • Target 2 - Application gives access to information anytime and anywhere by mobile phone or Android and IOS • Target 3 - Database developed with exchange application • Target 4 - Capacity development database workshops 	<p>On hold</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to funding, carry out provincial workshops for the use of LaoInfo and create application as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With no budget allocation, these activities were not carried out under the reporting period.
<p>Output 2.2 - Increased stakeholder awareness and participation, improved advocacy and dissemination to ensure the best use of official statistics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target 5 - Dissemination official statistics to users especially government officials to have better understanding and the importance of using data for planning and decision making • Target 6 - Effective operation and management 	<p>On-track</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise a series of workshops for national and provincial government officials on LaoInfo and the importance of using data for planning and decision making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two workshops for the national and provincial government officials on LaoInfo and the importance of using data for planning and decision making were carried out
<p>Output 2.3 - A contribution to a review of the Programme and a formulation of the next five year UNDP supported programme in this area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target 7 - Analytical review paper on lessons learnt over statistical work and what would be priorities for future support 	<p>Completed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide inputs for the MPI and RTP review and Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inputs for the review were shared with DIC/MPI • For the next step, the component will be part of the team for a formulation of the next five year UNDP supported programme

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Component 3 (Greater partnerships and effective consultation through the implementation of the Round Table Process in supporting the annual NSEDP (2015-2016) and the SDGs in Lao PDR)			
<p>Output 3.1 - Greater substantive dialogues and closer partnership realised with Development Partners & other stakeholders, and effective resource mobilisation and management achieved through an effective Round Table Process, including improving the Sector Working Group mechanism for facilitating effective implementation of NSEDP and VDCAP towards achieving the SDGs and off-track MDG targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target 1 - An effective follow up and implementation of the 12th HL RTIM 2015 - both at the national and provincial levels through greater participatory consultation and closer partnership • Target 2 - Alignment of the implementation of the national effective development cooperation framework (VD II) with the monitoring framework of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation • Target 3 - Procedures and a guideline for an effective linkage between the RTP and the SWG mechanism. 	<p>On-track</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise a series of consultations and dissemination meetings at national and provincial levels on the follow up of the 12th HL RTIM outcomes • Carry out various preparation activities for the organization of the 2016 RTIM in particular a meeting of the National Steering Committee on the Round Table Process, the RTP retreat and other related meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two meetings at provincial level were organized during the reporting period (Saravane and Vientiane province) to disseminate the outcomes of the 12th HL RTIM and discussion follow up actions including preparation for 2016 RTIM • The RTP retreat was organized at the beginning of the second quarter to discuss the follow up of the 12th HL RTIM outcomes, functionality and operationality of the SWG mechanism and concepts/ideas/framework for the 2016 RTIM • A meeting of the National Steering Committee on the Round Table Process was also organized at the end of the second quarter. Overall, the National Steering Committee endorsed the 2016 RTIM Roadmap and Concept as presented by DIC/MPI. Key points are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Focus of the 2016 RTIM will be on key priority areas within the 8th NSEDP framework as per the Prime Minister's instruction to implement the 12th HL RTIM outcomes. Further consultations are needed to decide on key priorities. 2. Pre-consultations are needed to ensure key issues are well identified in advance as the RTIM is only one day meeting. 3. Sector Work Groups need to be further strengthened in term of its structure and mandate to advance the national development agenda (UXO and Illicit Drug Control for instance) 4. It is important to ensure that sectoral progresses are well captured and reported. 5. The RTIM will be organised at the end of November. Exact date to be confirmed. Vientiane Province (two hours from the

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	On-track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and draft Vientiane Declaration Country Action Plan through a consultative process 	<p>Vientiane Capital) will be the host.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. DIC/MPI will work out how to balance between panel discussion and policy dialogue to ensure actual actions are identified for the implementation of the 8th NSEDP 7. Expectations and objectives of the RTP need further clarification. It is important to balance among various objectives from resource mobilisation, to policy dialogue, information exchange and knowledge sharing (Government's perspective is that RTP is still a platform for resource mobilisation from 2016-2020) 8. All other recommendations from the RTP review and assessment are welcomed and there should be a mechanism in place to properly follow up and put them in practice 9. The revision of the PM Decree No. 75 needs further consultations within the Government line ministries, local authorities and development partners. National conference will be needed to consultation with all relevant national stakeholders before sharing the draft with partners. 10. It is important that development cooperation strategies are better aligned with the Government strategy. Therefore, line ministries will work closely with partners to ensure better alignment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VDCAP Zero draft is available for all stakeholders to comment and provide further suggestions. An internal government meeting was also organized to go through the comments and provided further suggestions for a revision of the zero draft • The draft will be revised in the third quarter taking into consideration of comments received from the national and

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	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalise the second global survey on partnership for effectiveness development cooperation 	<p>international stakeholder. Then, the first draft will be available for further comments. A Lao version will also be available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lao country report as a contribution to the second global survey on partnership for effective development cooperation was finalized with inputs validated by national stakeholders who submitted their responses based on the Government's request. Draft global report will then be available for further comments in the third quarter of 2016.
	Partially on-track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise a series of meetings with Sector Working Groups' Secretariats to discuss the 2016 RTIM preparation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings with SWG Secretariats were done on an ad-hoc basis. Proper scheduling, effective briefings and well prepared materials are necessary to ensure that all Secretariats have right information about the RTP and 2016 RTIM preparation. Also, discussion with the Secretariats needs to include representatives from co-chairs as well. Then what discuss needs to be reported to both chairs and co-chairs of SWGs in order to ensure common understanding of all stakeholders involved.
	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise a quarterly meeting of chairs and co-chairs of SWGs and other relevant stakeholders such as private sector, INGOs/NPAs and South-South partners in particular ASEAN countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After the RTP retreat, the first meeting of chairs and co-chairs of SWGs was organized in June 2016 to discuss about the preparation for 2016 RTIM, the findings of the RTP review and assessment and result of the DFAA. The VDCAP zero draft was also shared with all stakeholders during this meeting. A key follow up action is to agree with stakeholder on thematic focus of the 2016 RTIM.
Output 3.2 - Availability of transparent ODA related data, information and results through the established database	Partially on track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of key reports on ODA and other development sources such 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data on AMP has not been regularly updated and entered by data focal points. This has impacted on the progress of the FAIR

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<p>management system of development financing and related quality analytical reports/document on development finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target 4 - A plan for the development of the national development project management system (NDPMS) based on lessons learnt and experience from the Aid Management Platform – AMP operationalization and other related analytical reports 		<p>as Foreign Aid Implementation Report (FAIR), Development Finance and Aid Assessment (DFAA) and other necessary reports as needed</p>	<p>production. Despite the delay of the data entry, it is expected that the report will be completed in the third quarter of 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For DFAA, UNDP Regional Office provided all necessary support for the finalization. The final report was shared with stakeholders during the meeting of chairs and co-chairs of SWGs. It has also be available through the UNDP website. The formal launching and discussions on follow up actions will be carried out in the third quarter of 2016.
<p>Output 3.3 Strengthened capacities of DIC and its implementing partners (IPs) in effectively managing ODA related programmes and projects and provision of quality assurance and support through audit and spot check</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target 5 Training sessions with DIC and its implementing partners (IPs) in effectively managing ODA related programmes and projects Target 6 A revised PM Decree 75 and development cooperation strategy Target 6 Provision of quality assurance and support through audit and spot check 	<p>Partially on-track</p> <p>Not on track</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise internal government meetings to discuss preparation for a revision of the PM Decree 75 and development cooperation strategy Organise quarterly meeting with IPs on UNDP supported projects and programmes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 meetings were held during the reporting period to discuss the revision of the PM Decree 75 and the formulation of the development cooperation strategy. Firmed consensus on contents and structures of these documents is being sought. Hopefully, by the third quarter of 2016, consensus could be made and then draft documents could be shared with wider stakeholders for further recommendations and feedbacks. No meeting with IPs organized during the reporting period.
<p>Output 3.4 A contribution to a review of the Programme and a formulation of the next five year UNDP supported programme in this area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target 7 Analytical review paper on the Round Table Process and its future direction 	<p>On-track</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conclude the MPI and RTP review mission and provide the review team comments for a finalization of the review report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The review and assessment mission was concluded in June 2016. Technical inputs were provided to the review team during the course of the review. The draft report has been shared with all stakeholders for comments. It is expected that the report will be finalized during the third quarter of 2016. The next step is that DIC/MPI will take lead in consultation with UNDP to formulate the next five year programme.

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Component 4 (Applied research on Human Development and economic issues relevant for achieving the 8th NSEDP objectives, including SDGs)			
Output 4.1 - Production and dissemination of the 5 th National Human Development Report – the report provides policy recommendations for the 8 th NSEDP implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target 1 - Availability of the 5th NHDR 	On-track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compile comments from project board and revise the draft 5th NHDR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A final revision of the 5th NHDR has been revised based on recent comments. Peer review will also be carried out to enrich the quality of the report. It is expected that the report will be finalized in the third quarter of 2016 through the meeting of the Board. • For the final publication, proofreading and layout for both Lao and English versions will be done.
Output 4.2 - A series of research papers on HD issues and the impact of external economic situation on the Lao economy and their dissemination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target 2 - Small research paper on current Macroeconomic 	On-track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise consultations and field visits for development research papers on some key topics as needed • Organise internal government seminars to build capacities of national counterparts on research related matters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A field visit to Savannakhet Province was carried out during the reporting period to gather information on “actual income transfer from export in Laos. A summary of findings has been incorporated into the macroeconomic report prepared by MPI. • Two seminars were organized – one on the national transfer account (NTA) (28 April 2016) and another on impact analysis of the national budget on macroeconomics (31 May 2016)
Output 4.3 - A contribution to an evaluation of the Programme in Lao PDR and a formulation of the net five year UNDP supported programme in this area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target 3 - Analytical review paper on lessons learnt over the NHDR preparation and its future direction 	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide inputs and contribution to the MPI and RTP review and assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inputs for the review were shared with DIC/MPI • For the next step, the component will be part of the team for a formulation of the next five year UNDP supported programme

2. Financial Management

Financial Information Summary

Reporting Period: April to June 2016

Output	Activities	Source of Funding	Budget for 2016	Activity Budget (USD) (Q2)	Expenditure of the current reporting period (USD) (Q2)	Accumulated Expenditure by the current reporting period (USD) (Q1-Q4)	Delivery Rate of the current reporting period (%) (Q2)	Accumulated Delivery Rate by the current reporting period (%) (Q1-Q4)
Component 1: Results-based reporting on the implementation of the 8th NSEDP and the localization of the SDGs for the realization of LDC graduation (NSEDP)								
Output 1.1: The 8th NSEDP is converted into annual plans and PIPs through a consultative manner that emphasizes poverty reduction/SDGs	1.1.1-a Central meetings on dissemination and publication of the 8 th NSEDP (2016-2020) in with LMs (60 ppl, venue: MPF) (Joint activity with DIC component)	TRAC	4,000	7,784	6,878	9,924	88.4%	248.1%
	1.1.1-b Local meetings on dissemination and publication of the 8 th NSEDP (2016-2020) (Central and Southern Regions; 5 central officers, Total: 20 days) (Joint activity with DIC							

component)									
1.1.3	Technical consultation on formulation of Annual 2016-17 and PIP 2016-17								
2.1.1	TRAC Regularly consultations with LMs on Macroeconomic management: - Technical Macro Working Group Meetings - Executive Macro Working Group Meetings								
3.1.4	TRAC Conduct a workshop to guide SDG mainstreaming into provincial plans (merged with activity 1.1.1-b)	6,070	3,270	1,373	4,467	42.00%	73.60%		
4.1.1	TRAC Finalise M&E Handbook	131,930	37,324	36,003	66,364	96.5%	50.3%		
4.1.2	Launching and disseminating M&E Framework and its handbook (merged with activity 1.1.1-a)								
4.1.4	Programme support and operation								
Output 2.1: The result from the analysis and reports are incorporated into annual plans through a consultative manner which emphasizes on macro level management to achieve NSEDP and MDGs									
Output 3.1: SDGs mainstreaming into the development plans are achieved at both central and provincial levels									
Output 4: M&E Framework is applied at both central and local levels									

Output 5.1 Increased MDG/SDG advocacy and awareness of the LDC Plan of Action at provincial levels	5.1.1 Programme support and operation for MDG Secretariat	8,000	8,000	4,997	10,011	42.5%	125.1%
	5.1.2 SDGs National Focal Points Workshop						
	5.1.7 Workshops on SDGs and LDC graduation for provincial authorities						
	5.1.8 Attending the mid-term review conference on the implementation of IPOA						
	Total for Component 1	150,000	76,378	49,251	90,766	64.5%	60.5%
Component 2: Support to Effective Monitoring and Evaluation of Progress towards Goals of NSEDP/MDGs via LaoInfo							
Output 2.1 An effective Common data base maintained to support evidence-based reporting, planning and decision making at the national and sub national to help guide implementation of the NSEDP, off track MDGs and SDGs.	2.1.4 Conduct Training and orientation on use and administration LaoInfo database system for Government staff both central and provincial level	13,285	12,937	13,257.46	13,665.46	102%	103%
Output 2.2 Increased stakeholder awareness and	2.2.1 Organise an orientation workshop to disseminate	7,015	0	3,000	3,000	0%	43%
	Total for Component 2	13,285	12,937	13,257.46	13,665.46	102%	103%

participation, improved advocacy and dissemination to ensure the best use of official statistics.	official statistics to high ranking government officers and general users to the national LaoInfo database system in order to increase the data accessibility and utilization for effectiveness monitoring and planning.								
2.2.2 Effective operation and management support		16,700	1,250	4,425.30	5,675.30		354%		34%
	TRAC	37,000	14,187	20,682.76	22,340.76		146%		60%
Total for Component 2									
Component 3: Greater Partnerships through the Implementation of the Round Table Process in supporting the annual NSEDP (2015-2016) and the SDGs in Lao PDR									
Output 3.1: Greater substantive dialogues and closer partnership with Development Partners, and effective resource mobilization and management achieved through the effective Round Table Process, including improving the Sector Working Group mechanism for facilitating effective implementation of NSEDP and VDCAP towards achieving the SDGs and off-track MDG targets.		04000	196,450.00	91,291.54	172,377.34		104%		88%
	3.1.2 & 3.1.5 Organisation of the regional dissemination workshop in Saravane for the southern provinces and in Vientiane province for the central provinces.								
	3.1.3 Organisation of the 2016 Retreat on the Round Table Process including SWG reflection exercise	30000							
	3.1.4 Organisation of the National RTP Steering Committee Meeting								
	3.1.14								

the MPI programme and a formulation of the next five-year UNDP supported programme in this area.	including the RTP review																		
Total for component 3		250,000.00	115,450.00	115,598.92	199,609.72	100%	80%												
Component 4: Applied research on Human Development and economic issues relevant for achieving the 8th NSEDP objectives, including SDGs, NSEDP/MDGs																			
Output 4.2:	4.2.1.	TRAC																	
One High-Quality National Human Development Report, or/and Provincial Human Development Reports Produced	Prepare a writing paper of the 5th NHDR, conduct a research paper to capture research gap of the 5th NHDR, Board meeting	TRAC	18,500	9,500	4,722.68	9,502.22	49.71%	51.36%											
	4.2.2	TRAC																	
	Organize the Peer Review Workshop	TRAC	4,900	1,300	00.00	1,450.35	00.00%	29.59%											
Output 4.3:	4.3.1	TRAC																	
Evidence-Based Research and Analysis to Support the Implementation of the NSEDP/MDGs	Analyse impacts of external economic environment to Lao economy/a study mission in quarterly and organize monthly research dissemination meeting at MPI regularly	TRAC	3,000	1,000	916.77	1,612.03	91.67%	53.73%											
	4.3.2	TRAC																	
	Operation and management	TRAC	36,600	10,480	9,480.71	16,455.42	90.46%	44.96%											
Total for component 4			63,000	22,280	15,120.16	29,020.02	67.46%	45%											
Grand Total for the programme			500,000	228,295	200,652.84	341,736.50	88%	68.35%											

3. Programme Management and Oversight

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

3.1 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 mechanisms:

- At the programme level, communication and coordination among the project management teams and relevant staffs of programme components including government officials concerned have been in place particularly through internal meetings, email correspondence and telephone conversation to follow-up and discuss progress of the programme components' plan implementation to ensure the programme components' planned activities have been properly implemented as planned.
- At the project/component level, weekly technical meetings between department relevant divisions and UNDP PO/PA were conducted to follow-up and discuss in details the progress and challenges of activity implementation before reporting to the project manager and Assistant Resident Representative for consideration and guidance. In addition, 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. In addition, 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.
- While this is currently working, it is recommended to have a more systematic mechanism in place for sustainability. This is particularly true for the continuity of the programme where there is a staff turn over issue.

3.2 Risk management

(Actual/ anticipated operational, political and environmental risks)

During the second quarter of 2016, some of the programme components faced a number of issues as follows:

- Decision on programme activities has direct impacts of the progress of programme activities. For instance, a decision to organize a national steering committee on the round table process in May led to a finalization of the RTIM roadmap in the third quarter of 2016. If the meeting had been organized at the first quarter, the roadmap would have been finalized by now. It is critical to fully acknowledge that various programme activities are interconnected. Therefore, a decision should be made based on strategic overview of the programme rather than activities based.

- Reporting on progress of programme activities and financial management has not been done in a systematic manner. This has led to a delay in POA submission to UNDP. Then in turn, it has affected the programme delivery recorded in the ATLAS system by UNDP.
- Budget allocation for programme activities has been scaled down due to limited funding. While prioritization helps secure funding for key programme activities and operation, it is important that a proper resource mobilization strategy is in place to ensure proper programme continuity, predictability and sustainability. Also, ad-hoc budget for unplanned activities needs to be avoided.
- Regular programme meetings and strategic planning for joint activities play an important element, among others, for an application of a programme based approach. Currently, there is a tendency across programme components to carry out their activities in solo. A rationale for this is all about saving time for consultation and planning in a short run. However, for a longer term, opportunity costs for carrying activities in solo are high. With a limited funding, it is necessary that we plan tighter to go for a few realistic activities rather than cherry-picking activities with less focus.
- Monitoring and reporting of the programme should not be only concerned with asking “Are we taking the actions we said we would take?” but also “Are we making progress on achieving the results that we said we wanted to achieve?”. Therefore, the new MPI programme needs to pay great attention on this matter. It is important that implementing partners will not only treat monitoring as merely reviewing progress made in implementing actions or activities, but also focus on reviewing progress against achieving goals
- Capacity development needs to be addressed in more dynamic manner rather than focusing on activity by activity. Translating ideas into actions requires enabling environment technical skills and dedication. At the individual level, regular coaching and capacity building are needed for technical staff to follow through what have been discussed and translate them into actions. For a bigger picture, it is important that a proper capacity development plan is created.

3.3 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. However, a systematic mechanism needs to be created to focus on forward-looking actions rather than discussing what happens without solutions.
- Communication and outreach activities were carried out during the reporting period for various programme activities as highlighted in the previous sectors. However, ad-hoc planning needs to be avoided. A proper communication and outreach strategy is much needed to ensure common understanding on timely and proper consultations across various stakeholders about the programme activities.

4. Audit - Management Responses and Recommendations

There are three audit recommendations emerged from the audit done in first quarter of 2016. Please refer to the table below for more information and management responses.

Project No.	Output No.	Observe No.	Audit Observations	Recommendations	Audit Area	Priority	Project/CO Management Comments	Updated status
00061662	00078227	C.2	During the audit, we noted that there was a transaction of printing Statistics Literacy Mini Booklet amounting to KIP 39,375,000. The contract was dated 30 September 2015 which was after the goods receipt date of 29 September 2015. Through interviewing Project staffs, we understand that there was a mistake in recording date on supporting documents.	The Project Management should ensure that the supporting documents must provide adequate, precise information before making payments. Any indicators of inconsistent information must be clarified in a timely manner.	Procurement	Medium	We agree with audit finding and we will improve in the next period.	Done - the Project has ensured that all supporting documents provide adequate and precise information before making payments.
00061662	00078226	D.1	According to Assets Management, Part V, NIM SOP "In the case of damage, theft or loss of any asset purchased in the framework of the project, the project must provide a report [Annex 32 - Report	The Project should check NIM SOP carefully and use suitable forms which review to each procedure of NIM	Assets Management	Low	The Project Management takes note of the audit observation and will ensure to	Done - the Project has immediately used the NIM SOP forms

			<p>Templated for Asset Damage, Theft or Loss] informing UNDP of this event, attaching the corresponding police report with all details of the circumstances that led to the loss or damage of the equipment".</p> <p>During the audit, we noted that the list of damaged assets was monitored in a form prepared by Project named Fixed Assets Inspection Report instead of proper form as NIM SOP's requirement. The Project's self-prepared form lacked some required information such as detailed reasons of damage and responsible person.</p>	<p>SOP to ensure sufficient information are documented.</p>	<p>Cash Management</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>prepare the standard form with fully information according to NIM SOP.</p>	
00061662	00078228	E.2	<p>As stated in section of Establishment of Internal Control Framework, Part VI "Financial Management" if the NIM Guideline, "Finance Officer is responsible to reconcile the bank book balance within the first week of a month with the bank account statement of the preceding month".</p> <p>During the audit, we noted that bank reconciliations were not monthly performed by Project staffs in some</p>	<p>The project Management should study the NIM Guideline thoroughly to understand all requirements for cash management, and ensure that bank reconciliation must be monthly performed within the first week of a month for the</p>	<p>Cash Management</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>The Project Management agrees with this point and will perform as auditor's recommendation in the next period.</p>	<p>Done - the Project has performed bank reconciliation on a monthly basis.</p>

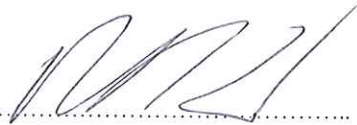
					<p>months. Specifically, reconciliations of November and December were combined, the same cases happened with August and September, May and June and from January to March.</p> <p>The Project combined some months in bank reconciliation because there were small numbers of transaction during these months.</p>	<p>preceding month as stated in regulations. Monthly reconciliation is necessary to discover error promptly despite the number of transaction is small.</p>			

5. Annexes

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

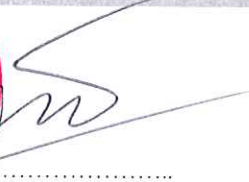
- Combined Delivery Report (provided by UNDP & validated by UNDP & IP)
- Budget Analytical Review of the quarter (optional)
- Quarterly Work Plan for the following quarter
- Project Monitoring and Communication Plan (if there is any revision to the annual plan)
- Project Risk Log for the following quarter (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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