



Lao People's Democratic Republic: Policy and Capacity Support for Improved Aid Effectiveness

Project Name	Policy and Capacity Support for Improved Aid Effectiveness				
Project Number	47171-001				
Country	Lao People's Democratic Republic				
Project Status	Active				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">TA 8610-LAO: Policy and Capacity Support for Improved Aid Effectiveness</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 450,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	TA 8610-LAO: Policy and Capacity Support for Improved Aid Effectiveness		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 450,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth				
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development				
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management - Public administration - Public expenditure and fiscal management				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming					
Description					
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy					
Impact	Improved alignment of ODA and government priorities and processes.				

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Country systems and mechanisms for policy dialogue strengthened to improve aid effectiveness
Progress Toward Outcome	The TA impact will improve alignment of official development assistance (ODA) and government priorities and processes. The TA outcome will be strengthened country system and mechanism for capacity dialogue to improve aid effectiveness.

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policy dialogue on aid effectiveness improved 2. Project start-up delays reduced 3. Government capacity for management of ADB-financed project portfolio strengthened
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The TA anticipates at least 4 macroeconomics and infrastructure sectors meetings and co-chaired by the government and ADB annually; and proceeding the agreed actions plans. 2. The TA will support the development of government Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) manual both English and Lao languages versions, and disseminate it to line ministries and government partners. 3. The TA anticipate to support EA/MPI to: four quarterly portfolio performance review meetings held annually and implement its agreed actions; (ii) one joint country portfolio review meeting together with government and the World Bank held annually; and (iii) portfolio performance aligned with government result frameworks.
Geographical Location	Vientiane Capital

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

1. The TA has supported two sector working groups (macroeconomics and infrastructure sector working groups) organized 7 working group meetings and 3 policy dialogues, and will continue to support these two sector organizing 3 meeting and 1 policy dialogue in 2017.
2. The government has approved the Lao language version of the government Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) manual for official development assistance - the SOP is now being translated to English language.
3. The TA supported EA to organized quarterly portfolio performance review meetings and joint country portfolio review meetings/mission together with ADB, the World Bank and the government of Lao PDR in 2014-2016, and will continue to support EA in 2017. The TA also support government with regard to capacity building - ie. capacity building to strengthen working groups secretariats, workshop to disseminate the harmonized national standard bidding documents, strengthen gender action plan monitoring.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services The CDTA will provide a total of 46 person-months inputs comprising five person-months of international consultants and 41 person-months of national consultants in the area of ODA and portfolio management. All consultants will be recruited on an individual basis and engaged in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amend from time to time).

Responsible Staff

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Responsible ADB Division	Lao Resident Mission
Executing Agencies	<i>Ministry of Planning and Investment Luangprabang Road Vientiane 01001, Lao PDR</i>

Timetable

Concept Clearance	12 Nov 2013
Fact Finding	16 Jul 2013 to 03 Oct 2013
MRM	-
Approval	12 Dec 2013
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	14 Mar 2017

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
12 Dec 2013	28 Jan 2014	28 Jan 2014	31 Dec 2015	31 Dec 2017	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
450,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	475,000.00	12 Dec 2013	284,850.99

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