



## Lao People's Democratic Republic: Second Strengthening Higher Education Project

Project Name	Second Strengthening Higher Education Project	
Project Number	48127-001	
Country	Lao People's Democratic Republic	
Project Status	Closed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	<b>TA 8837-LAO: Second Strengthening Higher Education Project</b>	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.45 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Private sector development	
Sector / Subsector	<b>Education</b> - Tertiary	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming		
Description	The seventh socio-economic development plan 2011-2015 (the plan) sets out strategies to promote socio-economic development, industrialization and modernization of the Lao PDR economy. The plan recognizes the important role played by education and human resource development (HRD) in achieving the country's social and economic objectives and identifies educational development as priority. Upgrading Savannakhet University is one of the plan's priority projects. The project hopes to increase employment opportunities for higher education graduates by 2025.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The proposed Second Strengthening Higher Education Project will assist the government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to improve its higher education system to help meet the country's objectives of increased economic growth and graduation from least-developed country status by 2020. The project will do so by providing assistance to enhance capacity and relevance of higher education, upgrade the academic and research capacity of the higher education system, and deliver a new campus at Savannakhet University.	
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### Project Outcome

Description of Outcome
Progress Toward Outcome
<b>Implementation Progress</b>
Description of Project Outputs
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)
Geographical Location

### Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects
Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples

## Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	Consultations with government, development partners and relevant stakeholders have been undertaken.
During Project Implementation	Collaboration with the government, development partners, and relevant stakeholders will continue. ADB fields biannual review missions. Relevant project documents will be posted on ADB website.

## Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	Individual consultants will be engaged to undertake the PPTA, indicatively including 37.5 person-months of international consultant inputs, and 55 person-months of national consultant inputs. For some tasks, ADB will select and engage individual consultants through Individual Consultant Selection in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (March 2013, as amended from time to time). Consultants may procure equipment through shopping in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (March 2013, as amended from time to time). Some consultants will be engaged through a firm using quality and cost-based selection (90:10). Some contingency funds will remain unallocated for individual or firm-based consultants, to be allocated for identified needs as they arise. The consultants to be engaged are set out in Table A3.3 of Appendix 3 of the concept paper.
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## Responsible Staff

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## Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	18 Dec 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	29 Sep 2016

## TA 8837-LAO

Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
18 Dec 2014	09 Jan 2015	09 Jan 2015	30 Sep 2015	30 Sep 2016	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,450,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,450,000.00	18 Dec 2014	1,376,393.90

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