Lao People's Democratic Republic: Strengthening Capacity to Develop the Employment Service System

Project Name	Strengthening Capacity to Develop the Employment Service System
Project Number	49332-001
Country	Lao People's Democratic Republic
Project Status	Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development
Sector / Subsector	**Education** - Technical and vocational education and training
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming
Description	The capacity development technical assistance (TA) will develop an employment service system to expand opportunities for job seekers to access employment information in the formal sectors. It will strengthen capacity of central and provincial level institutions in terms of providing information on employment opportunities to job seekers, and job/career counseling to graduates from secondary school. The TA will complement the ongoing secondary education projects, TVET projects, and higher education projects financed by ADB and other development partners. It will develop Lao LDR's first online employment service.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The TA is aligned with the ADB Lao PDR Country Partnership Strategy 2012-2016, which highlights the need to supply a workforce that better meets the demands of the labor market. The TA is included in the COBP 2015 -2017 under the project title Better and Safe Access to Jobs for Poor Women in the Garment Industry
Impact	Share of employment in the formal sector increased (Eighth National Socio-Economic Development Plan for 2016_2020)

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	ESS developed to expand access to employment opportunities in the formal sector.
Progress Toward Outcome	
Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	1. ESP developed 2. ESS made operational 3. Institutional capacity to sustain the ESS and LMIS strengthened
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	TA implementation consulting firm is concluded, expected to be mobilized early April 2017.
Geographical Location	

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation
During Project Design
During Project Implementation

Responsible Staff

Responsible ADB Officer	Chanthy, Khamtanh
Responsible ADB Department	Southeast Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Lao Resident Mission
Executing Agencies	*Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare* *Pangkham Road, P. O. Box 347* *Vientiane* *Lao, People's Democratic Republic*

Timetable

Concept Clearance	12 Nov 2015
Fact Finding	09 Nov 2015 to 17 Nov 2015
MRM	-
Approval	13 May 2016
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	15 Mar 2017

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Milestones					
Approval	**Signing Date**	**Effectivity Date**	**Closing**		
			Original	**Revised**	**Actual**
13 May 2016	22 Jun 2016	22 Jun 2016	31 May 2018	28 Feb 2019	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13 May 2016	262,845.47

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