



## Lao People's Democratic Republic: Northern Smallholder Livestock Commercialization Project

Project Name	Northern Smallholder Livestock Commercialization Project
Project Number	47300-002
Country	Lao People's Democratic Republic
Project Status	Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant Loan
Source of Funding / Amount	<b>Loan 3198-LAO: Northern Smallholder Livestock Commercialization Project</b> concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund US\$ 21.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development
Sector / Subsector	<b>Agriculture, natural resources and rural development</b> - Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development - Livestock - Rural market infrastructure
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming
Description	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	
Impact	Increased incomes for smallholder livestock producers in the project areas.

### Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Increased livestock sales from sustainable smallholder production in the project areas.
Progress Toward Outcome	Rural credit consultant completed review of the VLF. Key recommendations were to collect the VLF loan. Audit firm completed audit of VLF. IFAD conducted a design mission to support Output 3 during 7-27 February 2016. The final design mission was conducted in August 2016. The IFAD project was approved in December 2016.

### Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Strengthened capacities of smallholders and other livestock value chain actors.</li><li>2. Livestock value chain infrastructure strengthened</li><li>3. Capacity to access credit improved</li><li>4. Project management enhanced</li></ol>
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Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<p>The project implementation plan for the first 12 months was prepared and implemented. A new workplan covering September 2016 - December 2017 was prepared. This will be updated accordingly upon mobilization of the Loan Implementation Consultants.</p> <p>A training program on resettlement and indigenous peoples will be conducted for government staff involved in the preparation and implementation of the resettlement plans and the ethnic group development plans. 2 quarterly reports submitted. First audit report for 2014-2015 FY submitted.</p> <p>The design of the Project Performance Management System is ongoing.</p> <p>60 smallholder livestock production and marketing groups have been established and are being trained on livestock production techniques</p> <p>NYD</p> <p>NYD</p> <p>NYD</p> <p>NYD</p> <p>NYD</p> <p>NYD</p> <p>NYD</p> <p>NYD</p> <p>12 scholarships have been provided to 12 students (7 women)</p> <p>The Project is still in the start-up stage.</p> <p>Equipment and materials to support livestock development have been provided to the 60 Smallholder Livestock Production and Marketing Groups.</p> <p>NYD</p> <p>NYD</p> <p>The Project provides trainings to 60 Smallholder Livestock Production and Marketing Groups and prepare them to access credit facilities</p>
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Geographical Location

### Safeguard Categories

Environment	B
Involuntary Resettlement	B
Indigenous Peoples	B

### Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	<p>Improvements in meat production, slaughtering, processing, and vending practices and infrastructure will have positive environmental impacts.</p> <p>Additional training will be provided for NPMO and provincial project management office safeguard staff. The environmental assessment and review framework and list of responsibilities for environmental management will guide the government in carrying out an appropriate environmental assessment and taking corresponding measures to deal with potential environmental impacts. Environmental management plans will be prepared during project implementation when specific sites and designs are refined and confirmed.</p>
Involuntary Resettlement	<p>Livestock value chain infrastructure may require small parcels of land that may affect some crops and structures but will not result in significant resettlement impacts. Interventions that would fall under category A will not be included in the project. The government and ADB have agreed on a resettlement framework that guides screening for involuntary resettlement impacts and sets out procedures, resources, and responsibilities for preparing resettlement plans for potential category B activities. Resettlement plans will be prepared during project implementation when specific sites and designs are refined and confirmed. Any required resettlement plans will be submitted to, and approved and monitored by, ADB before the selected activities are implemented. Compensation, allowances, operation and administration costs, surveys, monitoring, and reporting will be financed from the loan proceeds. An adequate budget for resettlement plan preparation and implementation will be allocated accordingly as well as provision of resettlement specialists.</p>
Indigenous Peoples	<p>Project activities will not cause involuntary changes in ethnic groups' livelihood systems, cultural practices, ancestral domains, food production practices, or cultural cohesion; or unwanted dependence on external market forces. They will not lead to exclusion of any ethnic group. Possible negative impacts will be avoided if possible or will be compensated accordingly. Impacts are expected to be overwhelmingly positive since activities are for the economic and social improvement of the total population. Specific measures to deal with potential negative impacts and to encourage participation and contribution of ethnic groups require customized approaches and interventions. An ethnic group development framework agreed upon by the government and ADB was prepared and resources allocated for its implementation to guide the preparation of an ethnic group plan for potential category B subprojects based on ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009). The executing and implementing agencies are experienced in carrying out such plans. No plans were prepared during the project preparatory technical assistance as specific project sites had not been confirmed. ADB will approve and monitor the plans before a subproject is implemented.</p>

### Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design Undertaken.

## Responsible Staff

Responsible ADB Officer	Phanouvong, Sisavanh
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Responsible ADB Division	Lao Resident Mission
Executing Agencies	<i>Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry DIDMONPD@LAOTEL.COM Department of Livestock and Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry</i>

## Timetable

Concept Clearance	13 Dec 2013
Fact Finding	18 Aug 2014 to 01 Sep 2014
MRM	24 Sep 2014
Approval	24 Nov 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	14 Mar 2017

## Loan 3198-LAO

Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
24 Nov 2014	19 Jan 2015	02 Mar 2015	31 Dec 2021	-	-

Financing Plan			Loan Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)		Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	21.50		Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	21.00		24 Nov 2014	6.52	0.00	33%
Counterpart	0.50		Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00		24 Nov 2014	4.06	0.00	21%

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