

Safeguards Monitoring Report

1st Semestral Report
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Lao PDR: Second Greater Mekong Subregion Corridor Towns Development Project

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CURRENCY EQUIVALENTS

(as of 1 October 2016)

Currency unit	–	Kip
Kip1.00	=	\$0.000123
\$1.00	=	Kip 8,122

NOTE

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Summary:

- Consultants Team Leader mobilization September 2016
- Safeguards Specialists will be mobilized in February 2017.
- No activity or monitoring data yet
- No activity or Environmental Update Report yet
- No activity or Resettlement Update Report yet
- No activity or OH&S Report yet
- Information Disclosure and Socialization Report outlined
- No activity or Grievance Redress Procedure Report yet

Safeguards Monitoring Report

1. Introduction and Project Overview

Project Number and Title:	ADB Loan 3315/8296 – LAO : SECOND GREATER MEKONG SUBREGION CORRIDOR TOWNS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT	
Safeguards Category	Environment	B
	Indigenous Peoples	Not applicable
	Involuntary Resettlement	B
Reporting period:	To October 15 / 2016	
Last report date:	- This is the first report	
Key sub-project activities since last report:	Consultants' mobilization September 24/2016. Project Inception Phase October / November 2016 Inception Workshop November 14 /16, 2016, Vientiane <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCU has hired safeguards staff to mobilize to site in 2017 • Consultants have reviewed and prepared this draft first report • Progress of Civil Works design and Construction (0%) • PIU Houaxay has proposed additional village roads • Status of Permits / Consents: none known yet 	
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2. Environmental Performance Monitoring

a. Summary of Compliance with EMAP Requirements (Environmental Performance)

EMAP Requirements	Compliance Status (Yes, No, Partial)	Comment or Reasons for Non-Compliance	Issues for Further Action
Use environmental impact as main heading and EMAP as listing (see example below)	No activities have been conducted to date		
• Job openings of the project should give priority to local	No activities have been conducted to date		

<p>communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment of local laborers should be stipulated in the contract for construction 			

b. Issues for Further Action

Issue	Required Action	Responsibility and Timing	Resolution
Old Issues from Previous Reports			
No activities have been conducted to date			
New Issues from This Report			
No activities have been conducted to date			

c. Other activities

- One initial environmental examination (IEE) report has been prepared for project, and two EMPs have been prepared (one each for Houayxay and LuangNamtha).
- Other issues not covered by EMAP/EMoP – No activities have been conducted to date
- Environmental monitoring as required by GOI (e.g., air quality, water sampling) – No activities have been conducted to date

3. Involuntary Resettlement Performance Monitoring

a. Summary of Compliance with RP Requirements

RP Requirements	Compliance status Yes/No/Partial	Comment or Reasons for Compliance, Partial Compliance/Non-Compliance	Issues for Further Action ¹
Establishment of personnel in PMU/PIU	No activities have been conducted to date		
Public consultation and socialization process	No activities have been conducted to date	Provide information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public consultation, participation activities carried out 	

¹ To be elaborated further in table 3.b (Issues for Further Action)

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusive dates of these activities <p>To be elaborated on in Item 5</p>	
Land area to be acquired is identified and finalised	No activities have been conducted to date		
Land acquisition completed	No activities have been conducted to date		
Establishment of Resettlement Site(s)	No activities have been conducted to date	<p>Please state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of AHs to be relocated as per agreed RP Number of AHs already relocated Number of houses built Status of installation of community facilities to be provided as per agreed RP 	
Compensation payments for affected assets completed	No activities have been conducted to date	<p>Please state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total Number of Eligible AHs and APs (as per agreed RP) Number of AHs and APs compensated as of this monitoring period Total Budget allocation as per agreed RP Total budget disbursed to AHs as of this monitoring period 	
Transport assistance for relocating affected households	No activities have been conducted to date	As above	
Additional assistance to vulnerable affected household	No activities have been conducted to date	<p>Please state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total Number of vulnerable AHs and APs (as per agreed RP) Agreed forms of assistance as per RP Number of AHs and APs assisted as of this monitoring period 	
Income Restoration Program	No activities have been conducted to date	Please state progress per income restoration feature/activity and actual period of implementation	
Temporary impacts have been addressed (affected properties restored to at least pre-project conditions)	No activities have been conducted to date	<p>Please state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total Number of AHs affected by temporary impacts as per agreed RP Actual Number of AHs and total area affected by temporary impacts (if this differs from the projected number, such as in cases of unforeseen project impacts) 	

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		• Status of restoring affected property	
Capacity building activities	No activities have been conducted to date		

b. Issues for Further Action

Issue	Required Action	Responsibility and Timing	Resolution
Old Issues from Previous Reports			
List of RP activities not completed (last column of previous table)	No activities have been conducted to date		
New Issues from This Report			
No activities have been conducted to date			

4. Occupational, Health and Safety (OHS) Performance Monitoring

a. OHS for worker

Issue	Required Action	Responsibility and Timing	Resolution
Old Issues from Previous Reports			
No activities have been conducted to date			
New Issues from This Report			
No activities have been conducted to date			

b. Public Safety

Issue	Required Action	Responsibility and Timing	Resolution
Old Issues from Previous Reports			
No activities have been conducted to date			

New Issues from This Report			
No activities have been conducted to date			

5. Information Disclosure and Socialization including Capability Building

- Field Visits (sites visited, dates, persons met) **Field visits shall cover areas directly or indirectly affected by the Project.**
- Public Consultations and meetings (Date; time; location; agenda; number of participants disaggregated by sex and ethnic group, not including project staff; Issues raised by participants and how these were addressed by the project team) **Participation of the Social and Gender sector in the public consultations and meetings shall be in the areas of social and gender issues that are likely to be affected by the Project and/or likely to provide significant inputs to the Project design. These shall include Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) and Key Informant Interviews (KIIs).**
- Training (Nature of training, number of participants disaggregated by gender and ethnicity, date, location, etc.) - none
- Press/Media Releases - none
- Material development/production (e.g., brochure, leaflet, posters) - none

6. Grievance Redress Mechanism

Summary:

- Number of new grievances, if any, since last monitoring period: _____
- Number of grievances resolved: _____
- Number of outstanding grievances: _____

Type of Grievance	Details (Date, person, address, contact details, etc.)	Required Action, Responsibility and Timing	Resolution
Old Issues from Previous Reports			
No activities have been conducted to date			
New Issues from This Report			
No activities have been conducted to date			

7. Conclusion

- No activities have been conducted to date

8. Attachments

- No activities have been conducted to date

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