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Quick Facts

Countries	Laos
Specific Location	National-wide. Agriculture sector
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2018-04-26
Borrower	Lao People's Democratic Republic
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environment, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 25.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 29.30 million

Project Description

The development objective of Agriculture Competitiveness Project is to increase the competitiveness of selected agricultural value chains in the project areas.

There are 4 components:

1) Improved Agricultural Efficiency and Sustainability aims to improve quality and diversity of seed.

2) Enhanced Agricultural Commercialization aims to support (a) the establishment of an Agricultural Value Chain Facility (AVCF); (b) measures to better link farmers to markets; and (c) studies to improve the enabling environment for agro-enterprise and value chain development.

3) Project Management aims to support the project management and project monitoring and evaluation (M&E).

4) Contingent Emergency Response aims to finance public and private sector expenditures on a positive list of goods and/or specific works, goods, services, and emergency operation costs required for emergency recovery

Early Warning System Project Analysis

Even though the project risk is ranked as B Category, there are several important safeguard policies that being triggered as:

Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11

Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10

Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12

Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37, and

Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50

"This policy is triggered. **The project involves the rehabilitation of irrigation systems located in tributaries which are part of the Mekong River basin**. At the request of the GOL (Government of Lao PDR), the World Bank sent a notification letter on behalf of the GOL on December 14, 2017, informing riparian countries including China, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam of the proposed The World Bank Agriculture Competitiveness Project (P161473) project. **On February 22, 2018, China issued its no objection letter to the proposed project while there have been no responses by the other riparian countries to the notification letters so far**. In the World Bank's assessment, the proposed investments would not adversely affect the flow, quantity, and quality of the Mekong River's waters".

Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)

Financing Source	Amount
Borrowing Agency	US$ 0.50
IDA-62050	US$ 25.00
Local Sources of Borrowing Country	US$ 3.80
Total	US$ 29.30

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