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Quick Facts

Countries	Laos
Specific Location	Houaphan Province
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Borrower	Lao People's Democratic Republic
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 22.50 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 12.50 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 22.50 million

Project Description

According to the bank document, the project aims to improve access to basic services for the targeted poor communities. The project outcomes would be achieved through inclusive community and local development processes with an emphasis on ensuring sustainability. Additionally, it aims to improve access to basic services as well as to support the production and consumption of nutritious foods in the
Project's targeted poor communities. The project consists of:

Component 1: Community Development Sub-Grants. An allocation of US$2.00 million will be distributed proportionally across the 12 target districts according to the percentage of target villages in the district which are not already covered by Agriculture for Nutrition (AFN). Each village will have an average of $10,000 for infrastructure investments, and district governments will facilitate review and allocation of actual funds according to proposals made by each village, so specific subproject values may be higher or lower than the average.

Component 2: Local and Community Development Capacity Building. The main activities financed under this Component will be capacity building by project consultants and government staff as well as direct support to implementation in the field. There will also be modest resources available for occasionally engaging technical specialists to strengthen implementation activities such as microfinance or nutrition specialists.

Component 3: Project Management. Consultants will be retained only in the 10 districts within the 4 target provinces where activities are ongoing and two new district offices will be established with the district administration in Kham and Bountai in Houaphan Province. Management Information Systems (MIS) and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) activities will be enhanced through the introduction of an online system that allows for the entry of data in the field and real-time data analysis and report generation. Some reports will also be shared publicly to enhance the transparency and accountability of project activities.

Component 4: Nutrition Enhancing Livelihood Development. This component will be significantly scaled up, with additional subcomponents and activities. Subcomponent (4.1) will be expanded from capacity building of existing Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to the establishment of new SHGs through seed grants and ongoing technical support as well as the addition of Producer Groups (PGs) to enhance SHG member access to formal markets through village level commodity aggregation and value addition. Young Graduates (YGs) who have been trained at agricultural or other relevant institutes in the country will be hired to support project activities in a catchment of 4 villages.

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International Development Association (IDA) **US$ 12.50 million**

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Bank Documents

- Project Information Document-Integrated Safeguards Data Sheet - Poverty Reduction Fund III Additiona [Original Source]

Other Related Projects

- WB-P157963 Poverty Reduction Fund III