

## EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION – LAO PDR Portfolio

### COUNTRY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY

The World Bank Group’s Country Partnership Strategy in Lao PDR (2012–2016) focuses on three main themes, and one crosscutting theme:

- Competitiveness and connectivity
- Sustainable natural resource management
- Inclusive development

The crosscutting theme is stronger public sector management.

The Country Partnership Strategy is aligned with the Government’s 7th National Socio Economic Development Plan 2011-2015.

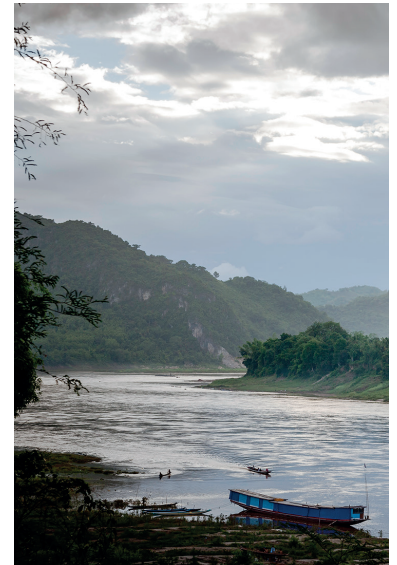
### PORTFOLIO IN LAO PDR

The World Bank portfolio in Lao PDR includes:

- Studies / Advisory and Analytical Assistance
- 21 projects (as of 23 June 2015)

### Funding for projects

World Bank / IDA funding	USD 383.7 million
Development partner funding via Trust Funds	USD 73.3 million
<b>Total project budget commitment</b>	<b>USD 457 million</b>



## WORLD BANK PORTFOLIO IN LAO PDR AS OF JUNE 2015

Project Name	Approval Date	Closing Date	Budget (million USD)	% Disbursed	Undisbursed Balance (million USD)	Implementing Agency	Project Development Objective
<b>Objective 1: Competitiveness and Connectivity</b>							
Rural Electrification Phase II Project	13 Jan 10	30 Jun 15	21.8	87%	2.8	Electricite du Laos, Ministry of Energy and Mines	Increase access to electricity of rural households, improve financial performance of EdL, adopt substantial renewable energy in the government's rural electrification program.
Second Trade Development Facility Project	4 Dec 12	31 Mar 17	13.9	38%	8.6	Ministry of Industry and Commerce	Support the implementation of government's trade and integration priorities to improve competitiveness and diversification outside the natural resource sectors.
Customs and Trade Facilitation Project	17 Jun 08	30 Jun 17	12.5	62%	4.7	Customs Department, Ministry of Finance	Facilitate trade by improving the efficiency and effectiveness of customs administration and simplifying procedures.
Road Sector Project	9 Feb 10	30 Sep 17	48.8	85%	7.3	Ministry of Public Works	Improve road services on two main national corridors and the provincial road network.
Small and Medium Enterprise Access to Finance Project	9 Jun 14	30 Jun 19	20.0	14%	9.6	Department of SME Promotion	Provide long-term funding sources for banks to provide long-term credit to SMEs.
Power Grid Improvement Project <sup>1</sup>	23 Jun 15	30 Mar 20	30.0	0%	30.0	Electricite du Laos	Improve efficiency and reliability of power distribution in the selected load areas served by Electricité du Laos.
<b>Objective 2: Sustainable Natural Resources Management</b>							
Mekong Integrated Water Resources Management	9 Feb 09	31 Mar 18	18.0	47%	16.1	Mekong River Commission	Establish key examples of integrated water resources management practices in the lower Mekong Basin.
Scaling-Up Participatory Sustainable Forest Management	31 May 13	31 Aug 18	31.8	18%	26.2	Ministry of Agriculture	Execute REDD+ activities through participatory and sustainable forest management and pilot forest landscape management.
Second Laos Environment and Social Project (LENS2) <sup>2</sup>	14 May 14	30 Jun 21	38.8	6%	36.3	Environment Protection Fund	Strengthen management systems for protected areas and for the enforcement of wildlife laws.
Forest Carbon Partnership Facility REDD+ Readiness Grant	11 Aug 14	15 Mar 17	3.6	8%	3.3	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Contribute to designing and implementing a sound national REDD+ strategy.
Building Resilience to Natural Disasters	22 Oct 13	30 Jun 16	0.6	9%	0.58	Ministry of Planning of Investment	Improve capacity to prepare for and respond to natural disasters.
Lao PDR - Mainstreaming Disaster and Climate Risk Management into Investment Decisions	29 Feb 12	30 Jan 16	2.7	38%	1.69	Ministry of Planning of Investment	Strengthen capacity of GoL to mainstreaming disaster risk management and climate change adaptation into public infrastructure investments.
Nam Et Phou Louey Tiger Landscape Conservation Project	28 Feb 13	31 Aug 16	0.9	24%	0.7	Wildlife Conservation Society	Promote sustainable use of natural resources and protection of selected species.

## World Bank Portfolio in Lao PDR as of June 2015 (continued)

Project Name	Approval Date	Closing Date	Budget (million USD)	% Disbursed	Undisbursed Balance (million USD)	Implementing Agency	Project Development Objective
<b>Objective 3: Inclusive Development</b>							
Health Services Improvement Project	13 Sep 05	31 Dec 15	27.4	97%	0.7	Ministry of Health	Increase utilization and quality of health services, particularly for poor women and children in rural areas.
Khammouane Development Project	12 Dec 07	31 Mar 16	17.6	88%	2.1	Department of Planning and Investment of Khammouane Province	Strengthen the planning process and public financial management associated with the decentralized delivery of services and infrastructure in Khammouane Province.
Poverty Reduction Fund II (PRFII) <sup>2</sup>	9 Jun 11	31 Dec 16	53.5	61%	20.9	Lao Poverty Reduction Fund	Improve access to and the utilization of basic infrastructure and services through inclusive community and local development processes.
Nam Theun 2: Power Project and Social and Environment Project (NT2)	10 Jun 05	31 Dec 17	20.0	100%	0.0	Nam Theun 2 Power Company	Generate revenues, through environmentally and socially sustainable development of NT2's hydropower potential, which will be used to finance priority poverty reduction and environmental management programs.
Technical Assistance for Capacity Development in Hydropower and Mining Sector (HMTA)	4 Aug 10	30 Sep 18	25.8	39%	15.8	Ministry of Energy and Mines	Increase human capacity and improve the performance of Government oversight institutions for the hydropower and mining sectors.
Early Childhood Education Project	2 Apr 14	31 Jul 19	28.0	17%	23.2	Ministry of Education and Sports	Increase coverage and improve the quality of early childhood education services.
Second Global Partnership for Education (GPEII) <sup>1</sup>	10 Apr 15	15 Jul 19	16.8	60%	6.8	Ministry of Education and Sports	Support the Government in improving pre-primary and primary education quality.
Health and Nutrition Program <sup>1</sup>	23 Jun 15	30 Sep 20	26.4	0%	26.4	Ministry of Health	Increase coverage of reproductive, maternal and child health, and nutrition services in target areas.
<b>Cross-cutting Theme: Stronger Public Sector Management</b>							
Strengthening the National Statistical System Project	17-May-13	30-Jun-17	8.0	17%	6.64	Lao Statistics Bureau	Produce and disseminate reliable and timely macroeconomic and poverty statistics.
<b>Total</b>			<b>457.0</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>251.4</b>		

<sup>1</sup> new project

<sup>2</sup> includes additional financing

## STUDIES / ANALYTICAL AND ADVISORY ASSISTANCE

Sector	Study Title	Closing Year
Education	Programmatic Study on Quality of Education in Lao PDR	2017
Energy and Extractives	Clean Stove Initiative in the East Asia and Pacific Region	2017
Health, Nutrition and Population	Programmatic Studies and Analytical Work on Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Out-of-Pocket Expenditures on MCH</li> <li>• Government Spending on Health in Lao PDR</li> <li>• Lao PDR Health Human Resource Study</li> <li>• Maternal and Child Health &amp; Nutrition in Lao PDR</li> <li>• Strengthening Health Financing for UHC</li> </ul>	2016 Completed Completed Completed 2016
Poverty	Programmatic Studies and Analytical Work on Poverty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lao PDR Poverty and Vulnerability Assessment</li> </ul>	2017 2016
Macroeconomics and Fiscal Management	Lao Economic Monitor	Annual Publication
Social Protection and Labour	Lao Development Report	Completed
Trade and Competitiveness	Programmatic Studies and Analytical Work on Trade and Competitiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investment Climate Assessment</li> <li>• Lao PDR Services-Manufacturing Linkages</li> <li>• Incidence and Impact of Non Tariff Measures</li> <li>• Lao PDR Trade and Employment Linkages</li> </ul>	2017 Completed 2015 2016 2015
Water	Scaling up water and sanitation in Lao PDR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Sector Coordination</li> <li>• Sanitation Marketing in Lao PDR</li> <li>• Supporting Sanitation Demand Creation through Community-Led S</li> <li>• Impact Evaluation on Use of Incentives and Pro-Poor Sanitation Outcomes</li> </ul>	2016 2016 2016 2017

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