

**EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION – LAO PDR**  
**Portfolio**

**COUNTRY PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK**

The World Bank Group’s Country Partnership Framework in Lao PDR (2017-2021) supports the Government’s 8<sup>th</sup> National Socio-Economic Development Plan (2016-2020). It focuses on three main areas and one cross-cutting theme:

- Supporting inclusive growth
- Investing in people
- Protecting the environment

The cross-cutting theme is strengthening institutions to establish a rules-based environment.



**PORTFOLIO IN LAO PDR**

The World Bank financed portfolio in Lao PDR includes:

- Studies / Advisory Services and Analytics
- 21 projects (as of August 29, 2019)

**Funding for projects**

World Bank / IDA funding	USD 514.2 million
Development partner funding via Trust Funds	USD 46.1 million
<b>Total project budget commitment</b>	<b>USD 560.3 million</b>

## WORLD BANK PORTFOLIO IN LAO PDR AS OF AUGUST 29, 2019

Project Name	Approval Date	Closing Date	Budget (million USD) <sup>1</sup>	% Disbursed	Undisbursed Balance (million USD) <sup>2</sup>	Implementing Agency	Project Development Objective
<b>Focus area 1: Supporting inclusive growth</b>							
Lao PDR Competitiveness and Trade Project	27 Sep 18	31 Dec 22	10.7	10%	9.5	Ministry of Industry & Commerce	Simplify business regulations, facilitate trade, and improve firm-level competitiveness
Small and Medium Enterprise Access to Finance Project	9 Jun 14	30 Jun 20	20.0	96%	0.7	Ministry of Industry & Commerce	Provide long-term funding sources for banks to enhance long-term credit to SMEs
Power Grid Improvement Project	23 Jun 15	31 Mar 20	30.0	71%	8.7	<i>Electricité du Laos</i> , Ministry of Energy & Mines	Improve efficiency and reliability of power distribution in the selected load areas served by <i>Électricité du Laos</i>
Road Sector Project II	13 Dec 16	31 Aug 22	25.0	17%	20.9	Ministry of Public Works & Transport	Strengthen maintenance systems to improve reliable road connectivity and provide immediate and effective response in case of crisis or emergency
Poverty Reduction Fund III	24 May 16	30 Jun 20	30.0	88%	3.4	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry	Improve access to basic services for poor communities
Agriculture Competitiveness Project	26 Apr 18	28-Jun-24	25.0	15%	19.9	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry	Increase the competitiveness of selected agricultural value chains
National Road 13 Improvement and Maintenance Project	18 May 18	31 May 23	40.0	1%	38.0	Ministry of Public Works & Transport	Improve the road condition, safety and climate resilience of critical sections of Road 13
Enhancing PFM through Information and Communication Technology and Skills Project	14 Mar 19	31 Aug 25	20.0	0%	20.0	Ministry of Finance	Contribute to the coverage, timeliness, and transparency of financing reporting, and enhance public financial management (PFM) skills
Public Finance Management Reform Project*	24 Jan 19	13 Mar 22	1.7	48%	0.9	Ministry of Finance	Improve the legal framework and institutional capacity for budget preparation and execution, revenue management, and public procurement
*(Small Recipient-Executed Trust Fund)							
<b>Focus area 2: Investing in people</b>							
Second Global Partnership for Education	14 Apr 15	31 Dec 20	16.8	64%	6.1	Ministry of Education & Sports	Support the government in improving pre-primary and primary education quality
Scaling-Up Water Supply, Sanitation, and Hygiene Project	14 Mar 19	31 Mar 24	25.0	0%	25.0	Ministries: Public Works & Transport; Health	Provide access to improved water supply, sanitation & hygiene services in nutrition convergence areas and strengthen capacity to improve service delivery

<sup>1</sup> Inclusive of active co-financed Trust Fund

<sup>2</sup> SDR converted to USD at spot rate.

**WORLD BANK PORTFOLIO IN LAO PDR AS OF AUGUST 29, 2019 (CONTINUED)**

Project Name	Approval Date	Closing Date	Budget (Million USD)	% Disbursed	Undisbursed Balance (million USD)	Implementing Agency	Project Development Objective
Health Governance and Nutrition Development Project	23 Jun 15	31 Dec 20	41.4	66%	13.7	Ministry of Health	Increase coverage of reproductive, maternal and child health, and nutrition services
Early Childhood Education Project	2 Apr 14	31 Dec 20	28.0	88%	3.0	Ministry of Education & Sports	Increase coverage and improve the quality of early childhood education services
Reducing Rural Poverty and Malnutrition Project	14 Mar 19	31 Mar 24	27.0	0%	27.0	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry	Improve nutrition behaviors and enhance the convergence of nutrition-focused interventions
<b>Focus area 3: Protecting the environment</b>							
Second Lao Environment and Social Project	02 Apr 14	30 Jun 21	38.8	62%	14.1	Environment Protection Fund	Strengthen environmental protection management systems for protected areas conservation, enforcement of wildlife laws, and environmental assessment management
Scaling-Up Participatory Sustainable Forest Management	31 May 13	31 Mar 20	31.8	100%	0.0	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry	Execute REDD+ activities through participatory sustainable forest management and pilot forest landscape management
Technical Assistance for Capacity Development in Hydropower and Mining Sector	12 Jan 10	30 Sep 19	25.8	99%	0.3	Ministry of Energy & Mines	Increase human capacity and improve the performance of Government oversight institutions for the hydropower and mining sectors
Mekong Integrated Water Resources Management	8 Mar 12	31 Mar 21	51.0	68%	16.2	Ministries: Natural Resources and Environment; Agriculture & Forestry; Mekong River Commission	Establish key examples of integrated water resources management practices in the lower Mekong Basin
Lao PDR Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Management Project	6 Jul 17	31 Oct 22	31.0	5%	30.0	Ministries: Finance; Natural Resources & Environment; Public Works & Transport; Planning & Investment	Reduce the impacts of flooding in Muang Xay and enhance the government's capacity to provide hydro-meteorological services and disaster response
Lao PDR Green Resilient Growth Development Policy Operation 2	28 May 19	31 Dec 20	40.0	100%	0.0	Ministry of Finance	Support the government in achieving fiscal sustainability and consolidating its path towards green growth
Lao PDR Clean Cook Stove Initiative*	26 Jun 19	30 Jun 23	1.2	0%	1.2	Ministry of Energy and Mines	Generate environment and gender benefits for targeted households through a switch to clean, energy efficient gasifier cookstoves using biomass pellets across selected provinces
*(Small Recipient-Executed Trust Fund)							
<b>Total</b>			<b>560.3</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>257.5</b>		

## STUDIES / ADVISORY SERVICES AND ANALYTICS (ASA)

Sector	Study Name	Completion Year
Digital Development	Lao PDR: Digital Development Technical Assistance	2020
Education	Lao PDR Early Childhood Education Impact Evaluation Analysis and Dissemination	2021
Energy & Extractives	Lao PDR Sustainable Energy and Extractives Advisory Program	2021
Environment, Natural Resources & the Blue Economy	Resilient Green Growth Programmatic Analytical and Advisory Services <i>Lao PDR Landscapes Valuation</i> <i>Forest Note for the Lao People's Democratic Republic</i>	2022
Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation	Lao PDR Payment Systems (FIRST)	2021
	Risk-Based Anti-Money Laundering/Counter Financing Terrorism Supervision	2021
	Lao PDR Financial Sector Development ASA Program	2021
Governance	Lao PDR Programmatic Public Finance Management Reform Program	2023
	<i>Budget preparation and execution</i>	
	<i>PFM Reform Coordination</i>	
	<i>Domestic Revenue Mobilization</i> <i>Public Procurement Reform</i>	2023
Health, Nutrition & Population	Lao PDR Health Sector Programmatic ASA	2021
Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment	Lao PDR Programmatic Macroeconomic Monitoring	2020
	Lao PDR Business Climate TA	2023
	Lao PDR Programmatic Debt Management Engagement under the Debt Management Facility (DMF)	2021
Poverty and Equity	Lao PDR Poverty Monitoring and Analysis Programmatic ASA	2021

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