

**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
- 16 projects (as of January 15, 2019)

**Funding for projects** *(rounded to nearest one million)*

World Bank / IDA funding	USD 402 million
Development partner funding via Trust Funds	USD 51 million
<b>Total project budget commitment</b>	<b>USD 453 million</b>

**WORLD BANK PORTFOLIO IN LAO PDR AS OF JANUARY 15, 2019**

Project Name	Approval Date	Closing Date	Budget (million USD)	% Disbursed	Undisbursed Balance (million USD)	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	10.0	0%	10.0	Ministry of Industry and Commerce	Simplify business regulations, facilitate trade, and improve firm-level competitiveness
Small and Medium Enterprise Access to Finance Project	9 Jun 14	30 Jun 19	20.0	84%	1.4	Ministry of Industry and Commerce	Provide long-term funding sources for banks to provide long-term credit to SMEs
Power Grid Improvement Project	23 Jun 15	31 Mar 20	30.0	62%	11.4	<i>Electricite du Laos</i> , Ministry of Energy and 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%	21.0	Ministry of Public Works and 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	73%	7.9	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Improve access to basic services for the project's targeted poor communities
Agriculture Competitiveness Project	26 Apr 18	28-Jun-24	25.0	5%	22.6	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Increase the competitiveness of selected agricultural value chains in the project areas
National Road 13 Improvement and Maintenance Project	18 May 18	31 May 23	40.0	0%	38.8	Ministry of Public Works and Transport	Improve the road condition, safety and climate resilience of critical sections of Road 13
<b>Focus area 2: Investing in people</b>							
Health Governance and Nutrition Development Project <i>(includes Additional Financing approved in September 2017)</i>	23 Jun 15	31 Dec 20	41.4	51%	20.0	Ministry of Health	Increase coverage of reproductive, maternal and child health, and nutrition services in target areas
Second Global Partnership for Education	14 Apr 15	31 Dec 20	16.8	40%	10.1	Ministry of Education and Sports	Support the government in improving pre-primary and primary education quality
Early Childhood Education Project	2 Apr 14	31 Dec 20	28.0	72%	5.4	Ministry of Education and Sports	Increase coverage and improve the quality of early childhood education services

**WORLD BANK PORTFOLIO IN LAO PDR AS OF JANUARY 15, 2019 (CONTINUED)**

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<b>Focus area 3: Protecting the environment</b>							
Second Lao Environment and Social Project	02 Apr 14	30 Jun 21	38.8	47%	19.3	Environmental Protection Fund	Strengthen selected environmental protection management systems, specifically for protected areas conservation, enforcement of wildlife laws and environmental assessment management
Forest Carbon Partnership Facility Readiness Grant	04 Mar 14	30 Jun 20	8.2	54%	3.8	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Contribute to Lao PDR's efforts to design and implement a sound national REDD+ strategy
Scaling-Up Participatory Sustainable Forest Management	31 May 13	31 Aug 19	31.8	95%	0.6	Ministry of Agriculture and 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	87%	1.2	Ministry of Energy and 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	57%	20.7	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Ministry of Agriculture and 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	3%	30.6	Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Ministry of Finance	Reduce the impacts of flooding in Muang Xay and enhance the government's capacity to provide hydro-meteorological services and disaster response
<b>Total</b>			<b>452.8</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>224.8</b>		

## STUDIES / ADVISORY SERVICES AND ANALYTICS (ASA)

Sector	Study Title	Status (Fiscal year)
Digital Development	Digital Development Technical Assistance	2020
Education	Early Childhood Education Impact Evaluation and Data Analysis and Dissemination	2021
Energy and Extractives	Nam Theun 2 Lao Development Multimedia Story	2019
Environment and Natural Resources	Exploring Lao PDR's Green Growth Potential (Programmatic Task)	2020
	<i>Lao PDR State of Environment</i>	
	<i>Sustainability in Lao PDR Forests</i>	
	<i>Developing Nature-Based Tourism</i>	
	<i>Lao PDR Forest Note</i>	
	<i>Landscape Valuation</i>	
Finance, Competitiveness, and Innovation	Lao PDR: Financial Sector Development Payment System (FIRST)	2019 2020
Governance	PEFA Lao PDR	2019
	Programmatic Public Finance Management Reform Program	2023
	<i>Risk Based AML/CFT Supervision</i>	
	<i>Domestic Revenue Mobilization</i>	
	<i>Budget Preparation and Execution</i>	
	<i>Public Procurement Reform</i>	
	<i>PFM Reform Coordination</i>	
Health, Nutrition and Population	Programmatic Studies on Health	2021
Macroeconomics and Fiscal Management	Lao Economic Monitor	Annual Publication
	Public Expenditure Analysis and Dialogue	2019
Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment	Trade and Competitiveness Analytical Program	2019
	<i>Transport Costs and Prices in Lao PDR</i>	
	<i>Poverty Impact of Regulatory Restrictions Affecting Cross-Border Trade in Lao PDR</i>	
	Business Climate TA	2023
	Programmatic Debt Management Engagement	2021
Poverty and Equity	Poverty Monitoring and Analysis Programmatic ASA	2020
Social Protection and Labor	Addressing Vulnerability Through Social Protection	2019
Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience	Enhancing Systematic Land Registration	2019
	Post Disaster Needs Assessment and Recovery Framework	2019
Transport	Lao-China Railway Corridor Development	2019

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