

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 8th 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
- *Cross-cutting theme:* strengthening institutions to establish a rules-based environment.



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PORTFOLIO IN LAO PDR

The World Bank financed portfolio in Lao PDR includes:

- Studies / Advisory Services and Analytics
- 27 projects (as of April 30, 2021)¹

Project Funding

World Bank / IDA funding	US\$681 million
Development partner funding via Trust Funds	\$104 million
Total project budget commitment	\$785 million

¹ Both the Lao Clean Stoves Initiative and the Landscapes and Livelihoods projects have two project IDs.

WORLD BANK PORTFOLIO IN LAO PDR AS OF APRIL 30, 2021

Project Name	Approval Date	Closing Date	Budget (million US\$) ²	% Disbursed	Undisbursed Balance (million US\$) ³	Implementing Agency	Project Development Objective
Focus area 1: Supporting inclusive growth							
Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise Access to Finance Emergency Support & Recovery Project	22 Oct 20	28 Nov 25	40.0	1.5	39.7	Ministry of Industry & Commerce	Enhance access to finance for MSMEs in the context of the COVID-19 emergency and recovery
Lao PDR Competitiveness and Trade Project	27 Sep 18	31 Dec 22	13.0	44.0	7.5	Ministry of Industry & Commerce	Simplify business regulations, facilitate trade, and improve firm-level competitiveness
Road Sector Project II	13 Dec 16	31 Dec 25	50.0	40.0	30.9	Ministry of Public Works & Transport	Strengthen maintenance systems to improve road connectivity and provide immediate and effective response to crisis or emergency
Poverty Reduction Fund III	24 May 16	30 Jun 24	52.5	61.4	21.2	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry	Improve access to basic services for poor communities
Agriculture Competitiveness Project	26 Apr 18	28-Jun-24	25.0	35.1	15.4	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	8.9	35.4	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	14 Mar 19	31 Aug 25	20.0	5.9	19.4	Ministry of Finance	Improve coverage, timeliness and transparency of financing reporting, enhance public financial management skills
Financial Sector Safety Net Strengthening	30 Mar 20	30 Sep 24	35.0	0.4	36.6	Bank of the Lao PDR	Strengthen the financial and institutional capacity of the Deposit Protection Office to fulfill its deposit insurance mandate
Public Finance Management Reform Project (<i>Small Recipient-Executed Trust Fund</i>)	24 Jan 19	13 Mar 22	1.7	86.4	0.3	Ministry of Finance	Improve the legal framework and institutional capacity for budget preparation/execution, revenue management, public procurement



² Inclusive of active co-financed Trust Fund

³ SDR converted to US\$ at spot rate.

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Focus area 2: Investing in people							
Second Global Partnership for Education	14 Apr 15	30 Jun 21	16.8	98.6	0.2	Ministry of Education & Sports	Support the government in improving pre-primary and primary education quality
Global Partnership for Education III: Learning and Equity Acceleration	18 Mar 21	31 May 26	30.0	0.0	29.9	Ministry of Education & Sports	Improve primary learning in target districts and strengthen teacher and system performance.
Scaling-Up Water Supply, Sanitation, and Hygiene Project	14 Mar 19	31 Mar 24	25.0	3.7	24.5	Ministries: Public Works & Transport; Health	Provide access to improved water supply, sanitation & hygiene services and strengthen capacity to improve service delivery
Lao PDR's Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Project	30 Mar 20	31 Mar 25	25.0	9.2	23.7	Ministry of Home Affairs	Improve coverage of civil registration of vital events through a functional electronic management information system
Health Governance and Nutrition Development Project	23 Jun 15	31 Dec 21	41.4	95.1	1.9	Ministry of Health	Increase coverage of reproductive, maternal and child health, and nutrition services
Early Childhood Education Project	2 Apr 14	30 Jun 21	28.0	87.5	1.0	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	18.5	23.0	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry	Improve nutrition behavior and enhance the convergence of nutrition-focused interventions
Health and Nutrition Service Access Project	12 Mar 20	31 Dec 25	26.0	19.3	22.1	Ministry of Health	Improve access to quality health and nutrition services in target areas
Lao PDR COVID-19	6 Apr 20	31 Dec 22	18.0	35.3	12.4	Ministry of Health	Respond to the COVID-19 outbreak and strengthen national systems for public health emergency preparedness .
Focus area 3: Protecting the environment							
Second Lao Environment and Social Project	02 Apr 14	30 Jun 22	38.8	90.1	2.5	Environmental Protection Fund	Strengthen management systems for protected areas conservation, wildlife law enforcement, environmental assessment management
Scaling-Up Participatory Sustainable Forest Management	31 May 13	31 Aug 21	36.8	91.2	2.4	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry	Execute REDD+ activities through participatory sustainable forest management and pilot forest landscape management
Mekong Integrated Water Resources Management	8 Mar 12	28 Feb 22	52.1	80.7	9.1	Ministries: Natural Resources and Environment; Agriculture & Forestry; Mekong River Commission	Establish integrated water resources management practices in the lower Mekong Basin
Lao Landscapes and Livelihoods Project	23 Feb 21	30 Sep 27	41.4	0.0	41.2	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Promote sustainable forest management, improve protected area management, and enhance livelihoods opportunities

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Lao PDR Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Management Project	6 Jul 17	31 Dec 24	56.0	18.7	47.7	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 Clean Cook Stove Initiative <i>(Small Recipient-Executed Trust Fund)</i>	26 Jun 19	30 Jun 25	3.2	6.3	3.1	Ministry of Energy and Mines	Generate environment and gender benefits for targeted households by a switch to clean, efficient gasifier cookstoves using biomass pellets in selected provinces
FCPF Carbon Fund: Northern Laos Emission Reductions Payments	11 Dec 20	31 Dec 25	42.0	0.0	42.0	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry	Payments for measured, reported and verified Emission Reductions from reduced deforestation and degradation and enhanced forest carbon stocks in 6 provinces with a benefit sharing plan.
Total			784.7	37.6%	493.0		

STUDIES / ADVISORY SERVICES AND ANALYTICS (ASA)

Sector	Study Name	Completion Year
Education	Early Childhood Education Impact Evaluation Analysis and Dissemination	2022
	Korea-Lao PDR Partnership for Better Skills Development and Job Matching	2022
Energy & Extractives	Lao PDR Sustainable Energy and Extractives Advisory Program	2021
	Energy Sector Financial Recovery Program	2022
Environment, Natural Resources & the Blue Economy	Resilient Green Growth Programmatic Analytical and Advisory Services	2022
	<i>Lao PDR Landscapes Valuation</i> <i>Forest Note for the Lao People's Democratic Republic</i>	
Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation	Lao PDR Payment Systems (FIRST)	2021
	Lao PDR Financial Sector Development ASA Program	2022
Governance	Lao PDR Programmatic Public Finance Management Reform Program <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	Building a Resilient Health System for Universal Health Coverage	2024
Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment	Lao PDR Programmatic Macroeconomic Monitoring	2021
	Lao PDR Macroeconomic, Trade, and Business Environment Analytics	2022
Poverty and Equity	Lao PDR Poverty Monitoring and Analysis Programmatic ASA	2021
Social Protection & Jobs	Lao PDR Social Protection and Jobs PASA	2021
Transport	Climate Resilience Economic Corridor Development	2022

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