

EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION – LAO PDR

Portfolio

COUNTRY PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK

The World Bank Group’s Country Partnership Framework in Lao PDR (2017-21) supports the government’s 8th National Socio-Economic Development Plan (2016-20). 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.

The succeeding Country Partnership Framework for 2022-26 is currently under preparation.



PORTFOLIO IN LAO PDR

The World Bank financed portfolio in Lao PDR includes:

- Studies / Advisory Services and Analytics
- 24 projects (as of June 30, 2022)

FUNDING FOR PROJECTS

World Bank / IDA funding	\$778.4 million
Development partner funding via Trust Funds	\$124.1 million
Total project budget commitment	<u>\$902.5 million</u>

WORLD BANK PORTFOLIO IN LAO PDR AS OF JUNE 30, 2022

Project Name	Approval Date	Closing Date	Budget (\$ million) ¹	% Disbursed	Undisbursed Balance (\$ million) ²	Implementing Agency	Project Development Objective
Agriculture Competitiveness Project	04/26/18	06/28/24	25.0	62%	9.0	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry	Increase the competitiveness of selected agricultural value chains
Lao PDR Priority Skills for Growth	03/01/22	06/30/27	46.0	0%	44.4	Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, Ministry of Education and Sports	Enhance access, quality and relevance of skills development and employment services for youth and other vulnerable groups in priority sectors
Lao PDR Global Partnership for Education III: Learning and Equity Acceleration Project	03/18/21	05/31/26	46.9	13%	39.2	Ministry of Education and Sports	Improve primary grade learning outcomes in target districts and strengthen teacher and system performance
Lao PDR Clean Cook Stove Initiative	06/26/19	06/30/25	3.2	13%	2.8	Ministry of Energy & Mines	Generate environmental and gender benefits through a switch to clean, energy efficient gasifier cookstoves using biomass pellets
Lao Landscapes and Livelihoods and GEF-Financed Landscape and Livelihood	02/23/21	09/30/27	57.4	8%	50.7	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry	Promote sustainable forest management, improve protected area management, enhance livelihood opportunities
Second Lao Environment & Social Project and GEF-financed Laos Environment and Social	04/02/14	12/31/22	38.8	99%	0.1	Environmental Protection Fund	Strengthen environmental protection management systems for protected areas conservation, enforcement of wildlife laws, and environmental assessment
Scaling-Up Participatory Sustainable Forest Management	05/31/13	07/31/22	36.8	100%	0.0	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry	Execute REDD+ activities through participatory sustainable forest management and pilot forest landscape management
FCPF Carbon Fund: Lao PDR ER Program	12/11/20	12/31/25	42.0	7%	39.0	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry	Payments for measured, reported and verified emission reductions from reduced forest loss and degradation, and enhanced forest carbon stocks in six provinces
Financial Sector Safety Net Strengthening	30 Mar 20	30 Sep 24	35.0	19%	28.3	Bank of Lao PDR	Strengthen the financial and institutional capacity of the Deposit Protection Office to fulfill its deposit insurance mandate
Micro, Small & Medium Enterprise Emergency Finance and Recovery Project	10/22/20	11/28/25	40.0	12%	33.2	Ministry of Industry and Commerce	Enhance access to finance for MSMEs in the context of the COVID-19 emergency and recovery
E-FITS: Enhancing PFM through Information and Communication Technology & Skills	03/14/19	08/31/25	20.0	10%	17.3	Ministry of Finance	Contribute to the coverage, timeliness, and transparency of finance reporting; enhance public financial management skills

¹ Inclusive of active co-financed Trust Fund

² SDR converted to USD at spot rate.

Health and Nutrition Service Access Project	03/12/20	12/31/25	26.0	32%	18.1	Ministry of Health	Improve access to quality health and nutrition services
Civil Registration and Vital Statistics	03/30/20	03/31/25	25.0	19%	19.8	Ministry of Home Affairs	Improve coverage of civil registration of vital events with a functional electronic management information system
Lao PDR COVID-19	04/06/20	12/31/23	33.0	48%	16.9	Ministry of Health	Respond to COVID-19 outbreak and strengthen national systems for public health emergency preparedness in Lao PDR.
Lao PDR Competitiveness & Trade Project	09/27/18	12/31/24	15.7	63%	5.9	Ministry of Industry & Commerce	Simplify business regulations, facilitate trade, and improve firm-level competitiveness
Reducing Rural Poverty & Malnutrition	03/14/19	03/31/24	27.0	51%	13.2	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry	Improve nutrition behavior and enhance the convergence of nutrition-focused interventions
Poverty Reduction Fund III	05/24/16	06/30/24	52.5	74%	13.5	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry	Improve access to basic services for poor communities
Road Sector Project 2	12/13/16	12/31/25	50.0	55%	22.4	Ministry of Public Works & Transport	Strengthen maintenance systems to improve road connectivity and provide immediate and effective response to crisis or emergency
National Road 13 Improvement and Maintenance Project	05/18/18	05/31/23	40.0	36%	24.1	Ministry of Public Works & Transport	Improve the road condition, safety and climate resilience of critical sections of Road 13
Southeast Asia Regional Economic Corridor and Connectivity Project	05/18/22	05/31/28	131.9	0%	125.8	Ministry of Public Works and Transport	Improve regional, domestic trade and transport connectivity along a SE Asia east-west corridor, with climate resiliency, crisis response.
Lao PDR Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Management Project	07/06/17	12/31/24	56.0	29%	39.5	Ministries: Natural Resources & Environment; Planning & Investment; Finance; Public Works & Transport	Reduce the impacts of flooding in target areas; and enhance government capacity to provide hydro-meteorological services and disaster response.
Enhancing Systematic Land Registration	09/02/21	09/30/26	26.7	14%	21.3	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Support the Lao PDR in improving tenure security and land administration services.
Public Information & Awareness Services for Vulnerable Communities	06/30/21	07/31/24	2.5	15%	2.1	Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation	Improve access to legal information and counseling services for 15,000 poor and vulnerable persons
Scaling-Up WASH Project	03/14/19	03/31/24	25.0	13%	20.8	Ministry of Public Works & Transport; Ministry of Health	Provide access to improved water supply, sanitation & hygiene services in nutrition convergence areas and strengthen capacity to improve service delivery
Total			902.5	67%	607.4		

STUDIES / ADVISORY SERVICES AND ANALYTICS (ASA)

Sector	Study Name	Completion Year
Social Protection & Jobs	Social Protection and Jobs PASA	2022 - delivered
Transport	Climate Resilience Economic Corridor Development Cambodia and Lao PDR: Fostering Green Mobility and Walkable Cities Strategy for Luang Prabang and Siem Reap	2022 - delivered 2022
Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment	Lao PDR Economic Memorandum Macroeconomic, trade, and business environment analytics Public Expenditure Review	2022 - delivered 2022 - delivered 2023
Education	Early Childhood Education Impact Evaluation Analysis and Dissemination Korea-Lao PDR Partnership for Better Skills Development and Job Matching	2022-delivered 2024
Energy & Extractives	Energy Sector Financial Recovery Program Power Sector Sustainability ASA	2022 - delivered 2024
Environment, Natural Resources & the Blue Economy	Resilient Green Growth Programmatic Analytical and Advisory Services Supporting Action on Climate Change and Green Growth	2022 - delivered 2024
Digital Development	Digital Opportunities PASA	2022 - delivered
Agriculture and Food	Development of the Agribusiness Potential in the Lao-China Corridor	2022 - delivered
Governance	Programmatic Public Finance Management Reform Program	2023
Poverty and Equity	Poverty and Equity Programmatic ASA	2023
Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation	Financial Sector Development ASA Program	2023
Human Development	Human Capital Review	2023
Social Sustainability and Inclusion	Social Inclusion, Opportunities and Social Risk Management in the Rural Landscape	2023
Health, Nutrition & Population	Building a Resilient Health System for Universal Health Coverage	2024

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