



# Lao People's Democratic Republic

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## 2010 Development Partner Profiles



Ministry of Planning and Investment  
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The Ministry of Planning and Investment, Department of International Cooperation (DIC), has the pleasure to inform that the 2010 Development Partner Profiles has been compiled to enable all stakeholders to have a greater understanding of the key Development Partners in the Lao PDR and the focus of their work.

The information in the 2010 Development Partner Profiles has been taken directly from the DIC 2009 Questionnaire distributed to Development Partners in late 2009 and received by DIC during February-March 2010. Development Partners who did not respond to the DIC questionnaire have not been included in this 2010 report.

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## Foreword by Director General - Department of International Cooperation

I am pleased to present to all development stakeholders this 2010 Development Partner Profiles. I would like to thank all Development Partners who completed the 2009 DIC questionnaire that has enabled us to compile and complete these profiles. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank within DIC the Aid Effectiveness Division for leading the development of these profiles and the support provided by all other DIC Divisions to enable the efficient collection and validation of data.

Following Prime Minister's Decree no. 75 that outlined the roles and responsibilities of Ministries and administrative Agencies in the management and implementation of ODA, the DIC is the Government Department responsible for planning, coordinating, monitoring, managing and facilitating all international initiatives that address and promote equitable and sustainable development in the Lao PDR.

The Vientiane Declaration on Aid Effectiveness which is our localised version of the Paris Declaration gives local meaning to the principles of the Paris Declaration in the specific context of the Lao PDR. The Vientiane Declaration and its Country Action Plan details the five shared principles (*Ownership, Alignment, Harmonization, Managing for Results* and *Mutual Accountability*) and is guided by specific time-bound monitorable targets.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage and remind all Development Partners to the Lao PDR of their obligation and responsibility to provide information on all of their development initiatives in the Lao PDR (currently being implemented and or planned) to the Ministry of Planning and Investment, Department of International Cooperation.

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**Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:**

The overarching goal of the ADB in the Lao PDR is Poverty Reduction. Economic growth has been a driving force in reducing poverty in the Lao PDR. However, it is now apparent that not only the pace of growth but the pattern of growth matters, as such the strategic pillars and operational priorities are as follows:

- *Promoting pro-poor, sustainable growth*
  - Boost productivity, diversify production, and stimulate off-farm activity.
  - Enhance access of SMEs and rural micro-enterprises to sustainable financial markets.
  - Improve the regulatory environment for the private sector, specifically for SMEs.
  - Prepare SOCBs for divestiture.
  - Support new catalytic private investments in hydropower generation and tree plantations.
  - Through the GMS program, (i) extend and transform main transport corridors into economic corridors; (ii) build capacity to maintain the main transport network for safe and reliable use; (iii) expand access to reliable power supplies in the north, and increase opportunities for power trade along the north–south economic corridor; and (iv) facilitate trade and implement the cross-border transport agreement.
  
- *Fostering inclusive social development*
  - Enhance access and quality of maternal and child health care services to poor women and children.

- Improve the delivery and management of water supply and sanitation services in a sustainable manner in urban areas, primarily in secondary and small towns.
  - Improve access to and the quality and relevance of primary and secondary education by (i) upgrading incomplete primary schools to full primary school status, (ii) preparing the education system to meet the needs of the growing numbers of secondary and post-secondary students, and (iii) developing a coordinated and integrated programmatic approach for the education sector.
- *Good governance*
    - Encourage the Government to (i) further enhance its regulatory and policy-making role, (ii) widen scope for private sector, civil society and community-based organization provision of essential services; and (iii) improve public sector financial management.
    - ADB's core governance interventions will continue to focus on improving public sector financial management, building the legal and regulatory framework, and developing capacity in sectors and subsectors where ADB is active.
    - With other development partners, develop a uniform framework for preventing and combating fraud and corruption, through support for improvement in procurement, project monitoring, and reporting and audit policies and practices, and through greater harmonization, alignment and improvement of country systems.

**Priority sectors:**

- Agriculture
- Health
- Education
- Infrastructure
- Governance

Jan - Dec	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2005	87.03	76.43
2006	61.54	78.5
2007	53.45	78.01
2008	39.33	55.28
2009	51.06	65.49

## Australia



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### Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

AusAID delivers its aid program to the Lao PDR in conjunction with government partners, non-government organizations (NGOs), and multilateral agencies.

The program's goal, developed in consultation with the Lao Government, is to assist the Lao PDR to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development. The program, guided by *The Australia-Laos Development Cooperation Strategy 2009-2015*, supports the Lao Government's development priorities, as well as donor-coordination and harmonization efforts, in order to maximize development impacts and deliver a strategically focused program that has measurable outcomes.

### Key Objectives:

Key objectives of the Australia-Laos Development Cooperation Program 2009-2015 include:

- Mitigation of key constraints to equitable access to a quality basic education in targeted poor geographic areas.
- Better management of Government of Lao and donor resources available to the education sector through implementation of a jointly agreed 10-year education sector framework.

- Policy and institutional impediments to trade and investment addressed in sectors that have high potential to contribute to inclusive growth.
- Delivery and modeling of effective programs that result in equitable and sustainable improvements to livelihoods in targeted poor geographic areas.
- Improved prioritization, delivery efficiency, and coordination of mine action activities.
- Improved rural infrastructure, particularly roads and electrification.

The Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) also has a significant program in the Lao PDR that focuses on developing alternatives to shifting cultivation in upland regions and agricultural diversification for lowland farming systems. The objectives of the ACIAR program include:

- Identifying and implementing alternatives to shifting cultivation in upland regions with a focus on improving health and production of village pigs and cattle, and improving income from forestry and agro-forestry.
- Agricultural diversification to improve the productivity of lowland farming systems with a focus on rice-based lowland cropping systems and improving the productivity of riverine and culture fisheries.

**Key focus areas:**

The pillars of our aid program are centred around improving access to basic education, building skills through the scholarship program, supporting trade policy reform and supporting rural development through livelihoods enhancement, disaster risk reduction and UXO risk mitigation.

- Education
- Trade
- Rural Development
- Rural Infrastructure
- Governance
- HIV/AIDS
- Natural Resources
- UXO

<b>Lao FY (Oct – Sept)</b>	<b>Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:</b>	<b>Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:</b>
<b>2005/06</b>	15.4 (AUD 19.6)	16.78 (AUD 21.3)
<b>2006/07</b>	16.2 (AUD 21.9)	18.99 (AUD 25.7)
<b>2007/08</b>	21.5 (AUD 27.2)	21.035 (AUD 27.0)
<b>2008/09</b>	25.8 (AUD 27.8)	24.4 (AUD 26.3)
<b>2009/2010 (estimate)</b>	28.8 (AUD 36.0)	

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### Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

Since 2003 Lao PDR is no longer a partner country for Belgian cooperation. Cooperation work in Lao PDR has therefore been considered in the framework of an exit strategy. This means that only projects that started before 2003 have been executed and no new initiatives have been taken.

An exception has been made however for a consolidation phase to the project: Support to the Health Sector Reform in the provinces of Vientiane and Savannakhet. An MoU will be signed in the near future with the Government of Luxembourg to become the executing agency for this project.

### Key focus areas:

- Health

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2004/05	-	-
2005/06	-	3.1
2006/07	-	2.1
2007/08	-	1.1
2008/09	-	0.9
2009/2010 (estimate)	0.8	

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### Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) does not maintain a significant assistance program in the Lao PDR and there are no long-term projects planned in this region.

As part of its Aid Effectiveness Agenda, the Government of Canada announced in 2009 that it will be focusing 80 percent of bilateral resources in 20 countries of focus. Lao PDR is not one of the focused countries however Lao benefits from various programs, such as:

- Geographic and multilateral programs or the Humanitarian Assistance program
- Membership of La Francophonie
- Other programs that allow institutions, associations, Canadian and international non-governmental organizations and, private sector enterprises to receive funding from CIDA to execute projects worldwide.

### Key focus areas:

- Democratic Governance
- Improving Health
- Private Sector Development
- Strengthening Basic Education
- Environment
- Emergency Assistance
- Peace and Security and other

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2005/06	-	11.77
2006/07	-	11.66
2007/08	-	9.19
2008/09	-	6.42
2009/2010 (estimate)	-	

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### Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

The aim of ODA from the People's Republic of China is to assist the Lao PDR in developing the economy and improving the people's living standards.

### Key focus areas:

- Social Development
- Transport
- Agriculture
- Energy

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements <sup>1</sup> (USD millions) Actual:
2008/09	14.00	24.00
2009/2010 (estimate)	14.00	

<sup>1</sup> The listed amounts represents official ODA from the Central Government of the Peoples Republic of China and do not include concessional loans, and/or support provided and/or negotiated at the Provincial level within China with the Lao PDR

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## Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

DFID works directly with governments of developing countries to help them lift their citizens out of poverty. Before aid is given to developing countries they are asked for their pledge to reduce poverty and uphold human rights. DFID also requires them to strengthen management of public finances, promote good government and fight corruption.

DFID also gives aid through international organizations, such as the United Nations and the European Union, and through UK charities that help developing countries and their citizens.

To make sure DFID aid is effective and that DFID meets its targets, including the internationally agreed Millennium Development Goals, DFID has set out its priorities in their 2009 White Paper *Building our Common Future*.

## Key focus areas:

- UXO Sector
- CSCF
- Human Rights and Mental Health<sup>2</sup>

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2004/05	-	0.45
2005/06	-	0.21
2006/07	-	0.47
2007/08	-	0.86
2008/09	-	-

<sup>2</sup> DFID supports the Mental Health and Development project in the Lao PDR (GBP 450,644)

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## **Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:**

The overall objective of ESCAP is to promote inclusive and sustainable economic and social development in the Asia-Pacific region, with priority accorded to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

During 2008-2009, ESCAP emphasized strengthening institutional capacities to serve the rights of the people of the region and address their aspirations and needs. ESCAP pursued this objective by carrying out work, in close cooperation with other United Nations entities and intergovernmental organizations in the region, in the following areas:

- Macroeconomic Policy and Development
- Trade and Investment
- Transport
- Environment and Development
- Information and Communications Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction
- Social Development
- Statistics
- Sub-regional Activities for Development

Institutional change at all levels is required to ensure more efficient and effective delivery of essential services to the region's growing population, increasing the demand for adequate food, clothing, housing, water, energy and transport infrastructure, together with other basic needs. Hence, ESCAP's products and services support its member States in capacity development in:

- Strengthening and implementing equitable and sustainable economic and social development policies and programmes, including regulatory and institutional frameworks.
- Preparing for, participating in and benefiting from multilateral and regional trade, transport, information and communication technology, energy and environmental partnerships and agreements.
- Building effective partnerships with civil society entities and the private sector.
- Reviewing progress in achieving the internationally agreed development goals and targets adopted at global and regional conferences.



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## **Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:**

EC's mission in the Lao PDR includes resources to:

- Represent the European Commission, as appropriate, in the Lao PDR
- Promote bilateral relations in the fields of political, economic, commercial, and development cooperation
- Monitor and follow up the application of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Commission and the Lao PDR and any other agreement concluded between the two parties
- Participate in the preparation and negotiation of agreements between the European Union or the European Commission and the Lao PDR
- Promote and protect the European Commission's interest and values
- Pursue the European Commission's policies in all areas
- Ensure the management of de-concentrated programmes and projects in accordance with the reform of the external assistance management
- Carry out press and information activities in pursuit of the above.

## **EC Strategy:**

EC development cooperation in the Lao PDR for the period 2007-2013 is based on a response strategy that is fully aligned with the Government's National Development Strategy. Poverty reduction and helping the country achieve the MDGs will continue to be the overarching objective of development cooperation between the EC and the Lao PDR.

At the same time, support is given to strengthen the Government's own governance and economic reforms as well as facilitating its integration into the regional and global political economy. The strategy aims to improve and strengthen the business

environment as a precondition for sustainable growth and development. Increased attention to trade/investment sector support is also planned.

The EC thus adds value by taking account of its comparative advantage in linking trade, aid and development. In strengthening the country's own governance and financial management systems, the EC strategy aims to ensure that the National Development Strategy translates itself into concrete resource flows to priority sectors and areas and results in tangible progress towards the attainment of the MDGs.

**Key focus areas:**

The focal area of the EC Country Strategy for the period 2007-2013 will continue to be support for the GoL's reform agenda, implemented as a policy-based general budget support through the Poverty Reduction Support Operation.

The non-focal actions comprise three sectors:

- Support for sustainable development in the uplands and policy dialogue on relocation (24% of the budgeted allocation)
- Governance and human rights (5% of the budgeted allocation)
- Support for trade and economic cooperation (13% of the budgeted allocation)

Further assistance is provided under thematic (agriculture, education, health, UXO, civil society, food security) and Asia-wide (education) budget lines.

Humanitarian aid is being delivered including ECHO's natural disasters preparedness and mitigation programme, DIPECHO.

<b>Lao FY (Oct – Sept)</b>	<b>Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:</b>	<b>Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:</b>
<b>2005/06</b>	-	6.90
<b>2006/07</b>	-	9.50
<b>2007/08</b>	-	24.00
<b>2008/09</b>	-	25.80
<b>2009/2010 (estimate)</b>	23.00	-

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### Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

FAO aims at contributing to the national goal of improved food security and better nutrition for vulnerable communities. FAO assists the Government of Lao PDR by providing technical expertise in Agronomy, Forestry, Fishery and Livestock, Public Health, Nutrition, Statistics, Emergency and other fields. Projects are mainly hosted by Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and Ministry of Health. FAO works as part of the UN family, coordinating its efforts with other agencies and organizations.

### Key focus areas:

- Long-term food security and nutrition in rural households
- Sustainable natural resource management
- Transformation from subsistence- to market-oriented agriculture
- Institutional strengthening and capacity building

### Priority Sectors:

- Poverty Reduction
- Gender
- Natural Resources and the Environment
- Agriculture Development
- Rural Development

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2006/07	-	6.39
2007/08	-	10.87
2008/09	-	5.00
2009/2010 (estimate)	8.95	

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### Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

Lao PDR is part of the Regional Mekong Action Plan of Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, but there is currently no specific country strategy for Lao PDR.

### Areas of support:

Key areas of support include: rural development, sustainable use of natural resources and capacity building.

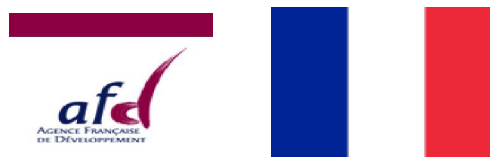
The Sustainable Forestry and Rural Development Project, SUFORD, co-financed with the World Bank involves a Finnish budget of about USD4,000,000. The International Law Project, Phase III, involves a budget of USD650,000. The Renewable Energy Strategy support has a budget of USD420,000, while the Institutional Cooperation support program received USD350,000.

### Key focus areas:

- Rural Development
- Natural Resources and Environment
- Governance
- Poverty Reduction

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2005/06	2.10	2.10
2006/07	2.80	2.80
2007/08	2.40	2.40
2008/09	5.30	5.30
2009/2010 (estimate)	5.60	

## France - French Development Agency



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### Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

A country partnership document (document cadre de partenariat) was signed in January 2007 for the period 2007-2011 between the French and Lao Governments. It is aligned on the priorities set by the Government of Lao PDR in its NGPES (2006-2010), the 6<sup>th</sup> NSEDP, the UN Millennium Development Goals as well as France's main priorities concerning its ODA.

### Strategy:

Three principles have been set to maximize French aid's efficiency:

- Focus on few priority areas
- Approach based on partnership with the beneficiary
- Develop regional synergies

All programs and projects have a strong focus on human resource development and capacity building, Francophonie and good governance.

Assistance is provided by two main actors in the Lao PDR - the French Embassy and the French Development Agency (AFD), which is a bilateral development bank and main operator of French assistance to the Lao PDR. It is under the supervision of both Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Finance. AFD is especially active in rural development, health, urban development and irrigation in the Lao PDR.

**Key focus areas:**

Three priority sectors have been defined for the Lao PDR:

- Health and HIV
- Agriculture and Food Security
- Urban Development

Three cross-cutting sectors:

- Linguistic and Cultural Cooperation for Development
- Governance and Institutional Capacity Building
- Higher Education and Research for Development

<b>Lao FY (Oct – Sept)</b>	<b>Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:</b>	<b>Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:</b>
<b>2005/06</b>	23.70	23.70
<b>2006/07</b>	13.21	13.21
<b>2007/08</b>	16.31	16.31
<b>2008/09</b>	9.28	9.28
<b>2009/2010 (estimate)</b>	8.37	

## Germany



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### Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

The Government of the Lao PDR and the Government of Germany have agreed to focus support on Sustainable Economic Development and Rural Development in the Poverty regions of the Lao PDR.

The objective of the first focus area is “the rural population in poor regions of the Lao PDR is able to participate in local economic development and social development and benefits from improved governance”. The objective of the second focus area is “a sustainable climate-friendly management of the environment and natural resources”.

In addition, both Governments have agreed that the future focus of programs should be in the priority area of “Sustainable Economic Development” in the private sector with a focused and deepened measure in the area of vocational training; and in support of financial system development with a focus on microfinance activities and regulations.

**Key focus areas:**

Germany has agreed with the Lao PDR to focus cooperation on two priority areas:

- Sustainable Economic Development
- Rural Development in the Poverty Regions of the Lao PDR

<b>Lao FY (Oct – Sept)</b>	<b>Total Commitments<sup>3</sup> (USD millions) Planned:</b>	<b>Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:</b>
<b>2005/06</b>	2.80 (DED) 6.63 (GTZ) 13.10 (KfW)	2.80 6.68 3.00 12.48 (total)
<b>2006/07</b>	2.97 (DED) 7.83 (GTZ) 11.70 (KfW)	2.97 7.94 13.80 24.71 (total)
<b>2007/08</b>	2.60 (DED) 7.74 (GTZ)	2.60 7.71 10.31 (total)
<b>2008/09</b>	2.94 (DED) 9.07 (GTZ) 41.70 (KfW)	2.94 9.09 24.20 36.23 (total)
<b>2009/2010 (estimate)</b>	2.93 (DED) 9.93 (GTZ)	

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<sup>3</sup> Due to internal procedures, Germany's final and complete ODA data for the Lao PDR for 2009 will only be available as of October 2010 when the data is transferred to the OECD DAC – the listed figures include BMZ, GTZ, KfW and DED information

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### Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

The mission of the Lao Global Fund program is to reduce morbidity and mortality due to HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB), and Malaria through the implementation of best practices for prevention and treatment. The Global fund also focuses on strengthening health systems and contributing to poverty reduction to reach the Millennium Development Goals.

The desired impact for Tuberculosis is to halve the prevalence of TB from 318/100,000 in 2000 to 159/100,000 in 2010, in line with the *Strategic Plan to Stop TB in the Western Pacific 2006-2010* as well as the *Global Plan to Stop TB 2006-2015*.

Lao PDR's *National Strategy and Action Plan on HIV/AIDS/STI 2006-2010* (NSAP) forms the basis for an expanded response to HIV and AIDS. The focus of NSAP is on prevention, especially among key populations at higher risk, such as sex workers (SW) and their clients, MSM (men who have sex with men), (injecting) drug users and vulnerable young people. It also strives to strengthen the prevention the care continuum, treatment, care and support services (including community care and support) for people living with HIV.

The overall goal of the *National Strategy for Malaria Control and Elimination (NSMCE) 2010-14* is to intensify malaria control efforts, targeting remaining endemic communities and key risk groups, and progressively roll out malaria elimination in selected provinces.

There will be an additional focus on quality assurance issues, anti-malarial drug resistance, and insecticide resistance monitoring.

**Key focus areas:**

The priority sector of the Global Fund Lao PDR programming is Health but also includes:

- Poverty Reduction
- HIV/AIDS
- Gender
- Science and Technology
- Rural Development

Key activities include (but are not limited to) training of health personnel, providing effective Information, Education, and Communication and Behavior Change Communications, promoting condom use, supporting STI drop-in centers, training peer educators, provision of insecticide treated bednets, upgrading of health facilities, prompt and effective treatment of cases, surveillance and case finding, improving storage of diagnostic tests and pharmaceuticals.

<b>Lao FY (Oct – Sept)</b>	<b>Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:</b>	<b>Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:</b>
<b>2004/05</b>	21.10	9.73
<b>2005/06</b>	-	6.62
<b>2006/07</b>	23.52	9.27
<b>2007/08</b>	11.10	15.45
<b>2008/09</b>	1.73	5.60
<b>2009/2010 (estimate)</b>	8.20	10.07

## Hungary



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### Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

The Hungarian Mission is to support the realization of the UN MDGs. Lao-Hungarian cooperation aims to alleviate poverty, develop backward regions, reduce hunger, and secure sustainable development through project based cooperation.

Hungary supports the development of infrastructure and human resources (including technology and knowledge-transfer) in the fields of agriculture, animal husbandry, aquaculture. Agriculture projects within the USD8.6 million tied aid credit agreement are aimed at small-scale farm reconstruction and modernization in five locations. As part of these projects, fish and animal feed mills, breeding farms and processing plants are being modernized as follows:

- Pig, poultry and fish production based on the use of industrial feeds in Luang Prabang Province
- Ecological production of indigenous pig and fish breeds in extensive conditions for family farms in Vientiane Capital
- Intensive industrial feed-based integrated seed production of commercial pig, poultry and fish breeds for commodity-producing farms in Vientiane Capital.

### Key focus areas:

- Agriculture
- Farming

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments <sup>4</sup> (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2008/09	2.85	2.85
2009/2010 (estimate)	5.50	

<sup>4</sup> The Government of Hungary is in the process of negotiating a large concessional loan (with grant component) with the Government of the Lao PDR to support agriculture and farming.

# India



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## Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

ODA from the Government India aims to support Poverty Reduction in the Lao PDR.

## Key focus areas:

- Hydropower projects – Implementing partners include: EDL, Provincial Governments of Savannakhet, Vientiane
- Irrigation – Implementing partners include: Provincial Government of Champassak, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
- Wat Phou Restoration – Implementing partners include: Ministry of Information and Culture, Provincial Government of Savannakhet
- Capacity Building – Implementing partners include: Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prime Minister's Office and other Government Agencies

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2005/06	1.00	1.00
2006/07	13.40	13.40
2007/08	2.75	2.75
2008/09	51.74	21.74
2009/2010 (estimate)	28.38	

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## Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

The IFAD country strategy is to promote economic growth and sustainable livelihoods improvement of the rural poor, women and vulnerable groups. IFAD will assist a development approach that focuses on people and communities, strengthening the capacity of poor people and their organisations to efficiently and effectively manage resources and services for their own social and economic development. The country strategy, in line with corporate and regional strategies, will provide programmatic support to the Government in the implementation of the NGPES and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, in coordination with the United Nations Development Assistance Framework.

IFAD's first priority is to assist the 47 poorest districts as identified by the NGPES, however projects may also cover 72 other poor districts. To achieve maximum efficiency and impact IFAD assistance follows an approach to rural development and poverty reduction which: (i) targets the poor, women and vulnerable groups in poor areas of the country; (ii) emphasises local livelihoods, food security, basic education and health services; (iii) decentralises implementation to the beneficiaries and local authorities for effective management and accountability; and (iv) adopts an area-based approach with integrated interventions in line with NGPES.

## Key focus areas:

- Poverty Reduction
- Rural Development

FY (Jan – Dec)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2006	-	2.7
2007	-	8.19
2008/09	-	4.08



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## International Labour Organisation (ILO)

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### Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

Participation in the national plan on poverty alleviation through promotion of employment policy for youth in ethnic minorities and rural areas, as well as promotion of skills development, social security for all, labour law reform to ensure protection of workers' rights, gender equality, non-discrimination, promoting social dialogue and enhancing the capacity of social partners in policy development and implementation.

Objectives in the Lao PDR include extending social protection to uncovered population, progressing the realization of fundamental principles and rights at work, and creating more job opportunities for the rural poor, youth, people with disabilities and other targeted groups, with the aim of poverty reduction.

### Key focus areas:

- Poverty Reduction
- Social Protection and Gender
- Private Sector Development
- Employment Creation
- Labour-based Technology
- Occupational Safety and Health
- Vocational Education and Training for Employment

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2007/08	-	0.82
2008/09	-	0.38
2009/2010 (estimate)	0.5	

# International Monetary Fund (IMF)



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## Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

IMF support includes annual surveillance reviews (Article IV consultation), policy advice, and semi-annual macroeconomic assessments (assessment letters).

Additional support is also provided by way of technical assistance to Government for finance, statistics, customs (2009) and short training courses for Government officials on macroeconomics, monetary and fiscal issues in IMF Institutes.

As part of general and special IMF Special Drawing Rights (SDR) allocation on 28 August 2009 and 9 September 2009 to supplement to existing reserve assets of all members, Lao PDR has been provided with 41.3 million SDR or USD61.95 million in 2009. This amount has been allocated and deposited with the Bank of Lao PDR.

## Key focus areas:

- Macroeconomics, Monetary and Fiscal Policy

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2008/09	-	61.95
2009/2010 (estimate)	-	

<sup>5</sup> The Vientiane Resident Representative Office is now closed

# International Organization for Migration (IOM)



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## **Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:**

IOM has been working in the Lao PDR since 2002. In April 2007 it established a project office to support its activities. These currently focus on migration health and regulating migration. They include supporting the return and reintegration of people who have been trafficked; adaptation of an HIV and AIDS life skills package for the infrastructure sector; and enhancing avian and human influenza pandemic preparedness for migrants and host communities.

## **Key focus areas:**

### *Health*

Migration Health Projects focus on Human Influenza and Pandemic Preparedness and HIV safe mobility among migrants and Lao host communities. Main health projects include:

- Adapting Education and Behaviour Change Campaigns for HIV Prevention in the Infrastructure Sector in Lao PDR

- Enhancing Avian and Human Influenza Pandemic Preparedness for Migrants and Mobility Affected Communities in the Lao PDR
- Human Influenza Pandemic Preparedness (HIPP) for Migrants and Host Communities Project in the Lao PDR

*Social Development*

IOM focuses on counter trafficking and supports a transit centre for return and reintegration of Lao trafficking victims from Thailand. Main projects include:

- Return and Reintegration of Trafficked Persons Between Selected Countries in the Mekong region.
- Comprehensive Reception, Recovery and Reintegration Support for Victims of Trafficking in Lao PDR.
- Capacity Building on the Protection of Victims of Trafficking: Development of bilateral agreement between Thailand and the Lao PDR on the return and reintegration of trafficked victims.

<b>Lao FY (Oct – Sept)</b>	<b>Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:</b>	<b>Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:</b>
<b>2006/07</b>	0.07	0.06
<b>2007/08</b>	0.03	0.02
<b>2008/09</b>	0.36	0.3
<b>2009/2010 (estimate)</b>	0.20	

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### Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

In the Lao PDR the main objective is to support the Government in the deactivation and clearance of cluster munitions. In response to the Ketsana storm, an additional €120,000 was provided to UXO Lao for clearance of UXO exposed and destabilized during the storm.

### Key focus areas:

- UXO (Mine Action) Sector – Irish Aid provides multi-year financial support to UXO Lao administered by UNDP, including core funding and support to activities in Houaphan province. UXO cost sector breakdown by year is as follows:  
2009: €500,000  
2010: €500,000  
2011: €500,000

Additional funding from March 2010 will cover one UNV post in the NRA to assist with preparations for the first meeting of state parties in November 2010.

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2005/06	€1m	(€1m)
2006/07 Ex rate 1euro = 1.4655	€1m	<b>1.46</b> (€1.00)
2007/08 Ex rate 1euro = 1.4655	€0.5m	<b>0.90</b> (€0.62)
2008/09 Ex rate 1 Euro = 1.439	€0.5m	<b>0.71</b> (€0.50)
2009/2010 (estimate) Based on Ex rate 1 uro = 1.439	1.43 (€1.00)	

# International Trade Centre



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## Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

ITC's programme for Southeast Asia has been shaped by a strong focus on poverty reduction and economic development through traditional sectors such as handicrafts and agriculture. In the Lao PDR, ITC plans to introduce a pro-poor tourism project, creating linkages to the crafts and horticultural sectors. This will be supported by an inter-agency programme in which ITC will work on capacity-building in trade policy and development.

## Key focus areas:

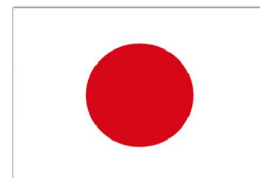
ITC assisted in the development of the following sector strategies: (i) garments; (ii) handicrafts; (iii) medicinal plants and spices; (iv) organic agricultural products; (v) wood and wood products; and (vi) tourism.

In line with these strategies ITC provides assistance to strengthen Lao's capacity to supply organic agricultural products, develop linkages between producing communities and the tourism sector and expand the provision of business support services to the provinces with a particular focus on financial management.

- Poverty Reduction
- Economic Development
- Tourism
- Trade Policy and Development

FY (Jan – Dec)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2005	-	0.39
2006	-	0.43
2007	-	0.59
2008	-	0.40
2009	-	0.2
2009/2010 (estimate)	-	

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### Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

Japan supports the Lao PDR: with a view to promoting the reduction of poverty from the standpoint of human security; in its steady steps towards the achievement of the MDGs - especially in the fields of basic education, healthcare services; and developing rural regions and sustainable use of forest resources.

With a view to promoting economic growth - constituting the driving force for independent, sustained growth - Japan will support foundation building for economic growth through developing socio-economic infrastructure and effectively utilizing existing infrastructure, institution building and human resources development for enhancing the private sector.

The Government of Japan will support capacity development which is a prerequisite for self-help efforts by Lao counterparts to achieve poverty reduction and economic growth through improving administrative capacity and institution building.

### Priorities:

*Japan's Country Assistance Program for the Lao PDR*, which was developed in September 2006, prioritizes following four policy areas in order to support development targets of the Lao PDR, contained in the National Growth and Poverty Eradication Strategy (NGPES) and the five-year National Socio Economic Development Plan (NSEDPP):

- The two development challenges of economic growth and poverty reduction
- Lao PDR' unique economic growth model
- Framework for ASEAN regional integration and development of the Mekong Region
- Fostering confidence and pride among people of the Lao PDR for voluntary socio-economic development

The basic policy of Japan's Country Assistance Program for the Lao PDR is to support self-reliant efforts of the Lao PDR towards poverty reduction and human resource development as well as realization of voluntary, independent and sustainable economic growth for integration with global and regional economy. Based on this policy, three Assistance Goals and Six Priority Areas are set out.

Japan's Country Assistance Program will soon be updated in order to align with new *Five-year National Socio Economic Development Plan* that covers 2011-2015.

<b>FY (Jan - Dec)</b>	<b>Total Commitments<sup>6</sup> (USD millions) Planned:</b>	<b>Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:</b>
<b>2006</b>	-	54.06
<b>2007</b>	-	64.05
<b>2008</b>	-	84.46
<b>2009</b>	88.6	Not available
<b>2009/2010 (estimate)</b>	-	

<sup>6</sup> Note: These figures do not include Japan's financial contributions to the Lao PDR through UN agencies such as WHO, UNICEF, and WFP, Japanese trust funds such as Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) and other Japanese trust funds in the United Nations (UN Human Security Fund), World Bank (Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF), Japan Policy Human Resource Development Fund (PHRD), and ADB (Japan Special Fund (JSF), Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR), Investment Climate Facilitation Fund (ICFF), Asia Clean Energy Fund (ACEF). Therefore, when those contributions are taken into account, Japan's contributions to the Lao PDR become significantly larger. Confirmed disbursements for 2009 will be available in mid 2010 (estimated amount is 88.6)

## Republic of Korea



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### **Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:**

The Korean Government undertakes its development services based on the lessons Korea has learned through its own development experience. Korea sees human resource development as the key element underpinning the country's success, and as such it gives top priority to enhancing the capacity of the Lao PDR to foster skilled human resources and strong institutions.

Korea focuses its programs in areas where Korea has the competence and ability to make the greatest difference, providing knowledge and skills where necessary, while at the same time supporting the Lao PDR's firm committed to leading and taking ownership of its development process.

### **Priorities:**

KOICA has three priority sectors in the Lao PDR - education, health and rural development. KOICA supplies facilities, equipment and textbooks for basic education and vocational training to address the shortage of educational opportunities in the Lao PDR. KOICA also works to lower the infant and children mortality rates and to provide safe drinking water and sanitation facilities. KOICA executes rural development projects with the objective of raising the agricultural productivity by delivering essential infrastructure such as irrigation facilities and roads.

Project-based soft loans, called Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) are provided with the goal to help developing countries spur industrial growth and economic stability.

**Key focus areas:**

- Education
  - Project for publishing textbooks and teacher’s guidebooks for secondary school
  - Project for construction of a boarding school for orphans and disadvantaged students, Vang Vieng district in Vientiane Province
  
- Health
  - Construction of Lao-Korea national children’s hospital
  - Project for Bolikhan small town water supply system and sanitation in Bolikhamxay Province
  
- Rural Development
  - Project for canal construction in Phonehong district Vientiane Province
  - Project for canal construction in Meun district Vientiane Province

<b>Lao FY (Oct – Sept)</b>	<b>Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:</b>	<b>Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:</b>
<b>2005/06</b>	5.88	5.88
<b>2006/07</b>	19.56	19.56
<b>2007/08</b>	34.45	34.45
<b>2008/09</b>	33.69	33.69
<b>2009/2010 (estimate)</b>	83.29	



## Luxembourg

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### **Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:**

From a geographical viewpoint, Luxembourg cooperation has a policy of concentration of interventions in a restricted number of priority partner countries in order to optimize efficiency and impact. As such in Asia, the Lao PDR and Vietnam are priority countries, and cooperation with these countries distinguishes itself by a strong sense of partnership with the national and local authorities. Ownership of programs and projects by the beneficiaries is at the heart of multi-annual development cooperation programs.

The development cooperation program between Luxembourg and the Lao PDR is governed by a General Cooperation Agreement which was signed in Vientiane on 12 February 2000. A first Indicative Cooperation Program (ICP) was signed in 2003 and implemented over the period of 2003-2006. A second ICP for the period 2007-2010 was signed during the visit in September 2006. During the four-year period 2007-2010, a total of 35 million Euro are being allocated to different areas of cooperation, representing almost doubling that of the previous four years.

Luxembourg also strongly supports the UN system in the Lao PDR through: WFP, UNDP, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, ILO and IFAD. Support is also provided to national and international NGOs and local associations in order to strengthen civil society in the Lao PDR. Luxembourg's development cooperation continues to refine its aid efficiency by enhancing coordination with other donors

**Key focus areas:**

Luxembourg's development objectives are fully in line and shaped by the Government's developments goals as stated in the NSEDP (Poverty Reduction, UXO, Drug Control, Governance, Science and Technology, Agriculture Development, Rural Development, Education, Health, Tourism, Regional Development).

<b>Lao FY (Oct – Sept)</b>	<b>Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:</b>	<b>Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:</b>
<b>2006/07</b> (exchange rate = 1.4655)	<b>11.86</b> (8.09 EUR)	<b>11.86</b> (8.09 EUR)
<b>2007/08</b> (exchange rate = 1.4655)	<b>12.37</b> (8.44 EUR)	<b>12.37</b> (8.44 EUR)
<b>2008/09</b> (exchange rate = 1.4390)	<b>8.14</b> (5.65 EUR)	<b>8.14</b> (5.65 EUR)
<b>2009/2010</b> (estimate) (exchange rate = 1.4390)	<b>12.56</b> (8.72 EUR)	

## Mekong River Commission (MRC)



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### Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

The mission of the MRC is to promote and coordinate sustainable management and development of water and related resources for the countries' mutual benefit and the people's well-being.

Within the Strategic Plan 2006-2010, the fundamental strategic direction of the MRC, remains as "A world-class, financially secure, International River Basin Organization serving the Mekong Countries to achieve the basin vision of an economically prosperous, socially just and environmentally sound Mekong River Basis.

### Key focus areas:

- Natural Resources and the Environment
- Regional Development

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions)	Total Disbursements (USD millions)
	Planned:	Actual:
2005/06	-	3.06
2006/07	-	3.86
2007/08	-	3.86
2008/09	-	5.28
2009/2010 (estimate)	6.0	

# New Zealand Agency for International Development (NZAID)



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## Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR

NZAID strategy for the Lao PDR is to 'pursue NZAID'S mission of eliminating poverty through a focus on sustainable rural livelihoods. This strategy sits within the framework of NZAID's Asia strategy and the Government of Lao PDR's National Growth and Poverty Eradication Strategy. This will be achieved through the following objectives:

- Reduce poverty and promote livelihoods through building skills and promoting income generation and sustainable resource management
- Empower those in poverty to understand and exercise their fundamental human rights through our partners

Sustainable Livelihoods will be promoted through the core sectors of pro-poor tourism and natural resource management. These sectors will be complemented by trade and private sector development, NGO partnerships and human resource development, with human rights and gender equity be integrated across these sectors and through discrete activities.

NZAID priorities in Lao PDR include:

- Pro-poor Tourism
- Natural Resource Management
- Human Resource Development
- Trade and Private Sector Development

Key focus areas include:

- Natural Resources

- Fighting Poverty in the Plain of Jars –NZAID provides funding support of US\$1.2m to UNESCO over a four-year period to implement a sustainable livelihoods programme in UXO clearance, pro-poor tourism and sustainable heritage and resource management in the Plain of Jars in Xieng Khouang province.
- National Tourism Strategy Implementation Support Programme (NTSISP) – NZAID is assisting the Lao National Tourism Administration to implement the country's tourism strategy in four provinces: Luang Namtha, Xieng Khouang, Bolikhamxay and Khammouane. NZAID support of NZ\$6.9 million over five-years will assist the LNTA to strengthen capacity of LNTA and Provincial Tourism Offices to expand and sustain pro-poor community based tourism and value chain supply.
- Education
  - New Zealand Development Scholarships – the scheme contributes to the human resource development of the government of Lao PDR. Each year NZAID offers up to ten awards to Lao citizen to pursue post graduate study in NZ.
  - The English Language Training for Officials (ELTO) – the programme is one of the longest running NZAID assistance to Lao PDR. Each year up to ten Government officials come to NZ to study English at an annual cost of NZ\$600,000.
  - Aid Effectiveness Agenda - NZAID contributes to the work by the World Bank on Supporting Capacity Development for Lao officials in alignment with the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness for the Government of Lao PDR.
  - Enhancing Girls Education – NZAID supports UNICEF through KOHA–PICD (a contestable funding mechanism for NGOs) to provide training programme that enhance girls education.
- Agriculture/Economic
  - Coffee farmers – supporting the Jhai Coffee Farmers Cooperative to improve the quality of the coffee using proven and affordable coffee processing technology.

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2005/06	-	1.97 (NZD 2.63)
2006/07	-	1.48 (NZD1.97)
2007/08	-	1.42 (NZD1.90)
2008/09	-	1.80 (NZD2.40)
2009/2010 (estimate)	-	2.85 (NZD3.80)

# International Non Government Organisations

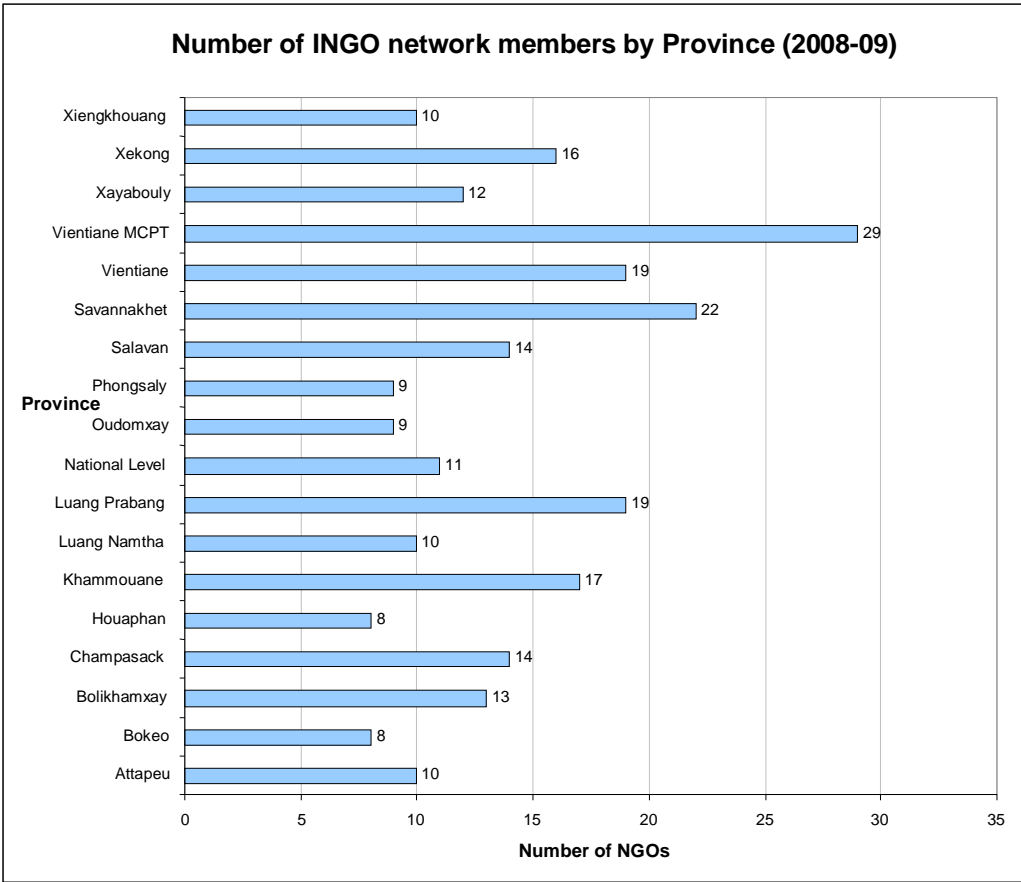
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**Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:**

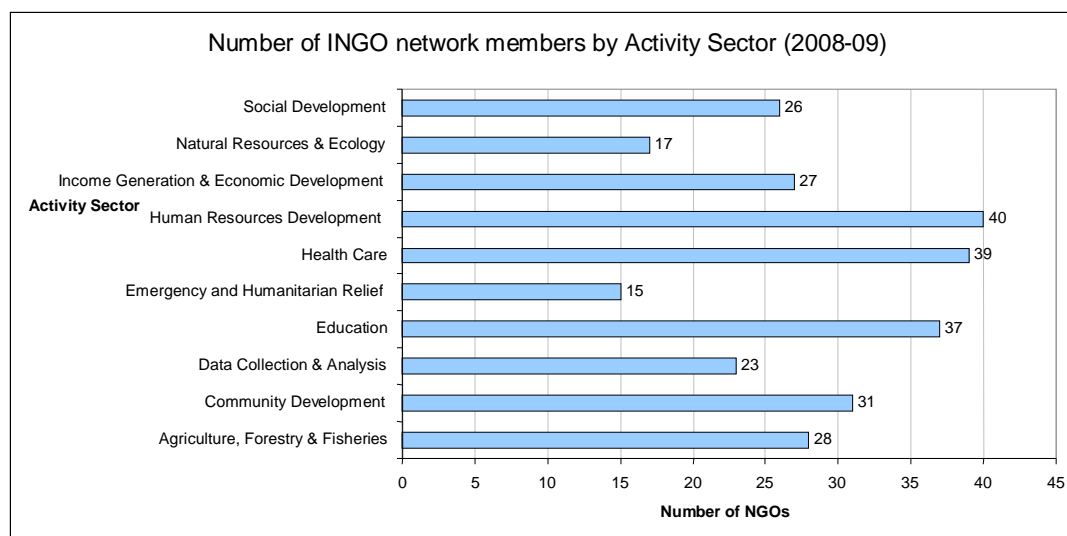
The majority of the INGOs in the Lao PDR, including the major ones, are members of the (informal) INGO network. The network had 66 members at 30 October 2009.

**Geographical spread**

The INGO network members are working in all districts in the country, including in all 47 poorest districts.



## Activity sectors



Whilst employing well over a thousand national experts, the number of foreign staff is less than 10% of this total, so this assistance has a very high level of Lao ownership. The members of the INGO network work in a participatory manner, aiming at practical results, transparency and sustainability. They are committed to supporting the Government in implementing its plans and policies, and to ensure that the Government can deliver quality services to people, in particular to communities in remote and rural areas.

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
	2008/09	-
2009/2010 (estimate)	-	

## Norway



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### Overview of assistance to the Lao PDR:

Norad is a centre of expertise for evaluation, quality assurance and dissemination of the results of the Norwegian Development Cooperation, jointly with partners in Norway, developing countries and the international community.

Norad ensures that the goals of Norway's development policy are achieved by providing advice and support to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Norwegian Foreign Service Missions.

Norad administers the agency's grant schemes so that development assistance provided through Norwegian and international partners contributes effectively to poverty reduction.

In the Lao PDR Norway provides assistance to the:

- Mine Action (UXO) Sector
- Water and Sanitation Sector
- Hydropower Development

Norad is currently discussing future support through the ADB and WB. Historically, support has also been provided through NGOs (including NPA) and these figures are not included in the table below.

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2005/06	-	1.00 (NOK 5.9)
2006/07	-	10.20 (NOK 63.86)
2007/08	-	1.15 (NOK 6.08)
2008/09	-	0.85 (NOK 4.54)
2009/2010 (estimate)	-	

# The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) (OFID)



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## Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

OFID provides support through the ADB for rural road development and the northern GMS transport network improvement project. The total amount of support over the seven-year period is USD\$17 million.

## Key focus areas:

- Infrastructure (rural roads)

FY (Jan - Dec)	Total Commitments (USD\$) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD\$) Actual:
2007	-	1.7
2008	-	2.2
2009	-	4.9
2010 (estimate)	-	

## Russia



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### Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

Historically Russia has provided an extensive amount of development assistance to the Lao PDR. Since 2006 ODA has been significantly reduced, with Russia currently focusing support on education (scholarships for study in Russia - 15 persons per year)

In 2010 Russia is repositioning itself to strengthen development assistance in the Lao PDR. They are in the process of negotiating a development assistance agreement with the Government of the Lao PDR, with support to the following sectors: Agriculture, Education, UXO, Drugs, Health.

### Key focus areas 2009:

- Education
- Capacity Building

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2008 / 2009	-	0.2
2009/2010 (estimate)	-	

## Singapore



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### Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

Singapore's assistance to the Lao PDR focuses primarily on developing Human Resources through the provision of long-term and short-term training courses. Besides sending Lao nationals to Singapore for training, the Singapore Government established the Lao-Singapore Training Centre in Vientiane in 2001 to facilitate the provision of more training programmes in a cost-effective and accessible manner to Lao officials.

Singapore undertakes Human Resource Capacity Building Programmes (USD11.3m, ongoing since 1992), and the Lao PDR is an active participant of the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP) - more than 6,500 Lao PDR officials have now been trained under the SCP in fields such as English language, public administration, IT, trade promotion and hospitality. Singapore also initiated a series of courses/workshops under the SCP aimed at: assisting the Lao PDR to prepare for the 2009 SEA Games; improving capacity; and expanding the English language training to National Assembly officials and the provinces. Under the SCP, Singapore also provides tertiary scholarships to deserving Lao students to read degrees in Singapore. So far there have been around 20 recipients.

The Lao-Singapore Training Centre (USD2.5m, 2001-2010) provides in-country courses for more than 4,200 Lao PDR officials in areas such as English language and communication skills, IT, trade and finance, tourism and hospitality, economic and finance, urban development and environment. Trade-related courses have been funded at USD1.8m, ongoing since 1992.

Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (SCE), in partnership with the World Bank (WB) and Temasek Foundation, has embarked on a Public Finance Modernisation and Governance Programme in Lao PDR. This programme is the first ever tripartite partnership between Singapore, the World Bank and Lao PDR. The programme will benefit some 235 officials

from the Treasury, Tax and Customs Departments over three years through Train the Trainers programmes. This project is supported by Temasek Foundation (TF) with a grant amount of USD 1 million.

Singapore International Foundation (which receives public and private funding) has also been active in the Lao PDR. The SIF has sponsored several training programmes in drug rehabilitation and in the health sector, like mother and child care and public health. These programmes are ongoing.

Following the flooding of the Mekong River in 2008, the Singapore Government contributed a sum of USD50,000 in humanitarian relief goods. Singapore again contributed to the victims of Typhoon Ketsana in 2009. In response to the Lao Red Cross request for 80 tons of rice and 1,000 sets of family kits valued at USD42,400 and USD26,200 respectively, the Singapore Red Cross provided a total sum of USD68,600 to the Lao Red Cross to buy the rice and the family kits.

Due to concern for the spread of H1N1, Singapore donated a thermal scanner to be deployed at the Wattay International Airport. The total cost of the equipment, installation and training was more than USD100,000.

**Key focus areas:**

- Human Resource Development
- Emergency Response

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2008/09 (estimate)	-	1.0
2009/2010 (estimate)	-	

# Sweden/Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)



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## **Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:**

Sweden has provided development assistance to the Lao PDR since the 1970's. For many years road and forestry were the two main sectors of support. Over the past two decades support has also been provided to health, education, natural resources and environment, human rights and good governance.

The Swedish Government has decided to phase out the assistance to the Lao PDR. During the phasing out period (2009 – 2011) funds will be channeled to five focus sector area and 18 projects and programmes will be gradually phased out. Sida's ambition is to find other donors to support continued phases of most of these projects and programmes.

## **Objectives:**

The two overarching objectives of the cooperation during the phase-out period are to:

- improve the living conditions of people living in poverty through more efficient public administration and the sustainable use of Lao's resources.
- help to increase understanding of and respect for the principles of democratic governance and human rights.

## **Key focus areas:**

- Poverty Reduction
- Gender
- Governance
- Natural Resources and the Environment
- Education
- Research

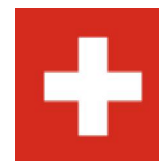
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<sup>7</sup> The SIDA office in Vientiane was closed in July 2010

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2006	149 899 107 (SEK)	<b>13.2</b> 139 535 087 (SEK)
2007	134 587 741 (SEK)	<b>16.7</b> 121 810 889 (SEK)
2008	120 031 711 (SEK)	<b>16.52</b> 120 031 709 (SEK)
2009	137 661 818 (SEK)	<b>19.08</b> 138 606 647 (SEK)
2010 (estimate) <sup>8</sup>	50 000 000 (SEK)	

<sup>8</sup> Based on exchange rate of 1 SEK = USD 0.137

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## Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

Swiss Development Cooperation has been active in the Mekong Region since the late sixties and the Mekong Region became a priority region from 1995. Swiss assistance to the Mekong Region 2007-2011 aims at facilitating global and regional socio-economic integration, improving human security and safeguarding natural resources in the region by supporting countries in implementing their national development strategies for sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction and by fostering related regional initiatives.

## Key Focus Areas:

In line with the Lao Government's development priorities, Swiss Cooperation assistance actively contributes to the country's development outcomes as defined in the National Socio-Economic Development Plan 2006-2010. The programme in The Lao PDR focuses on Governance and Rural Livelihood and Natural Resources Management.

In the area of Governance, Swiss cooperation focuses support towards advancing the basic concepts of accountability, transparency and people's participation. Public administration reform is considered a key element for improving public service delivery to the poor and for starting pro-poor institutional changes. Based on its experience in this

area, in particular in Vietnam, SDC develops its engagement in the sector, with the view to increasing effectiveness of public providers, strengthening accountability mechanism and fostering people's participation in decision making processes.

With regards to Rural Livelihood and Natural Resource Management, core areas of support include sustainable land-management, agro-enterprise promotion, agriculture extension, applied research and human resources development, mainly targeting the ethnic minorities located in the poorest upland regions. In addition, a programme emphasizing biodiversity has been established.

At the cross-road of the two sectors, SDC contributes to the efforts of the Lao Government to reduce the burden of Unexploded Ordinances (UXOs) on the development of the country, by financing clearance activities and supporting improvement of the governance of the sector.

In order to move forward on increased harmonisation in the Lao PDR, Swiss Cooperation pursues efforts on the implementation of the Vientiane Declaration Country Action Plan and participates as Co-chair in the sub-working groups on public service improvement and agribusiness.

<b>Lao FY (Oct – Sept)</b>	<b>Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:</b>	<b>Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:</b>
<b>2005/06</b>	1.8	3.9
<b>2006/07</b>	6.0	5.3
<b>2007/08</b>	4.6	6.1
<b>2008/09</b>	9.9	9.9
<b>2009/2010 (estimate)</b>	12.5	

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### Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

The Royal Thai Government's main assistance to the Lao PDR composes of two main pillars: technical cooperation by TICA and soft-loan assistance by NEDA. Assistance is provided by both grant ODA and concessional loans.<sup>9</sup>

The sectors and activities supported by Thai ODA not only intend to reduce income disparities and improve living standards in the Lao PDR, but also to share values and cultural roots in the sub-regional and the impact of regional agreement such as ASEAN, AFTA, and GMS.

In fiscal year 2009, TICA provided technical cooperation to the Lao PDR to amount of 73.18 million Baht. Due to the economic crisis in that year, overall TICA's budget was reduced, however TICA has committed 76 million Baht for Lao PDR the current fiscal year.

### Key focus areas:

- Agriculture
- Education
- Infrastructure

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<sup>9</sup> Thailand has a bilateral agreement with the Government of the Lao PDR as well several other ASEAN and regional agreements

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions)Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2007/2008		<b>135.56</b> (4,338.20 Thai baht)
2008/09 <sup>10</sup>		<b>87.91</b> (2,313.13 Thai Baht)
2009/2010 (estimate)		

<sup>10</sup> 2009 funding comprised of both grant and concessional loan from NEDA/ TICA and other Thai Government agencies:

1. Road Development HueyKon–Muang Gyen -Pak Beng Start from Muang Gyen, Xaiburi to Ban Pak Beng49.22 km. 840 million Baht.
2. Pakse Airport Improvement Project 320 million Baht.
3. Feasibility Study for Railway Linkage Project Tha NaLang - Vientiane, Lao PDR 10 million Baht.
4. Feasibility Study for Road Development Project (R 11) 8 million Baht.
5. Feasibility Study for Road Development Project (Ban Phudu – Pak lai) 8 million Baht
6. TICA 73.13 million Baht
7. SEA Games – 20 million Baht
- 8 SEA games broadcasting 17 million Baht
9. SEA Games – gymnasium – 85 million Baht
9. Lao – Thai Friendship bridge – Khammouan – Nakhon Phanom (1,432 million Baht)

**Total 2313.13 million Thai Baht (USD87.91m)**

# UNAIDS – Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS



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## Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

UNAIDS operates in the Lao PDR through the Joint UN Team on AIDS, in which all UN Agencies and organizations are represented. The main tasks of the team includes joint programming in support of the national response, effective coordination and technical support.

The Joint UN Programme of Support to AIDS (JUPSA) for the Lao PDR operationalises the HIV-related outputs of the UN Development Assistance Framework. The overall country program objective is to increase coverage of quality HIV and AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support, focusing on the most vulnerable groups as defined in the national strategy of HIV/AIDS/STI.

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2005/06	0.075	0.075
2006/07	0.079	0.079
2007/08	0.020	0.020
2008/09	0.12	0.12
2009/2010 (estimate)	0.25	

# United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)



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## **Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:**

UNCDF's mission and strategy in the Lao PDR is to enhance capacity and empowerment of the local authorities to plan, budget, procure and manage finance. Improved fiscal decentralization and public finance management (intergovernmental fiscal transfer systems) with transparency, accountability and equitable manner are the expected outputs of the support.

After withdrawing its support on microfinance/microcredit from the Lao PDR during early 2000s, UNCDF came back to the Lao PDR with a pilot project on the support to local development. The current project was designed to pilot the basic block grant – District Development Fund (DDF) modality in Saravane province through the Governance and Public Administration Reform (GPAR) project and Decentralized Service Delivery. The project started in 2005 and will be completed by September 2010 with co-financing by UNCDF, UNDP and EC covering eight districts. The mission objective is to strengthen the fiscal decentralization and enhance the capacity and empowerment of the district authorities in participatory planning, budgeting, procuring and financial management.

## **Key focus areas:**

The experiences of the pilot project in Saravan province proved very successful and should be scaled up in other four provinces under GPAR Support for Better Service Delivery (GPAR SBSDB) administered by the Public Administration and Civil Service Authority (PACSA). The support to the GPAR SBSDB is co-financed by UNCDF, UNDP, SDC and Luxembourg with the same objective but expanded to cover 27 districts across the four provinces.

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2005/06	0.05	0.05
2006/07	0.32	0.28
2007/08	0.56	0.43
2008/09	1.98	1.68
2009/2010 (estimate)	2.20	

## United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)



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### **Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:**

UNICEF established initial cooperation in the Lao PDR in 1952 and opened a country office in Vientiane in 1973. In 1981, the Government and UNICEF established their first Basic Cooperation Agreement. The total resource allocation by UNICEF for the five-year period 2007-2011 for the Lao PDR is USD39,275,000 which forms part of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF).

The 2007-2011 Country Programme aims to assist the Lao PDR in: Formulating child- and women-friendly policies and strengthening national capacities to produce operational strategies and to monitor implementation; and providing increased and more equitable access to and utilization of quality prioritized basic social services, benefiting children and women in focus districts in six provinces and thereby contributing towards universal access.

### **Strategies:**

The strategies of the country programme include: (i) evidence-based advocacy, awareness-raising and partnerships to leverage resources for children and women; (ii) capacity-building and technical assistance for development and implementation of policies and laws, setting standards and monitoring realization of child rights; (iii) strengthening of capacities for enhanced delivery of basic social services; (iv) strengthening participation of children, young people, women, families, communities and ethnic groups; (v) gender mainstreaming; and (vi) improving disaster preparedness and response.

### **Key focus areas:**

- Young Child Survival and Development
- Basic Education and Gender Equality
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Child Protection
- HIV/AIDS and Children
- Child Policy, Advocacy and Communication

<b>Lao FY (Oct – Sept)</b>	<b>Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:</b>	<b>Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:</b>
2005/06	5.6	6.2
2006/07	9.2	7.9
2007/08	9.2	12.1
2008/09	13.8	13.4
2009/2010 (estimate)	13	

# United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)



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## Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

The UNCTAD support areas aim to improve the capacity of the Lao PDR to produce, attract investment and export dynamic new products and services, as well as: increasing awareness of market support condition, including reduction of tariff and non-tariff barriers; supporting WTO accession process through policy advice; supporting ICT legal framework development, proposed ICT policy review and STIP review; and supporting training needs of ERIT (School) in particular through the implementation of activities in the area of sustainable tourism.

## Key focus areas:

The thrust of UNCTAD's technical cooperation is capacity development in the following main areas.

- Globalization and Development
- International Trade in Goods and Services and Commodities
- Investment and Enterprise Development
- Trade Logistics and Technology
- Services Infrastructure for Development and Trade Efficiency

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2008/09	-	0.33
2009/2010 (estimate)	-	

# United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)



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## **Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:**

UNDP aims at improving the lives of all Lao people by building partnerships, sharing knowledge and resources, and providing impartial support in order to contribute to a country where all people, protected by the rule of law, have opportunities to build their lives true to their aspirations and cultural identity, preserving the environment for future generations.

The current UNDP Country Programme for the Lao PDR for 2007-2011 aims to support the national priorities identified in the sixth *National Socio-Economic Development Plan* 2006-2010, which incorporates the Millennium Development Goals and the Brussels Plan of Action for the Least Developed Countries. The Country Programme is also guided by the national goal of uplifting the country from the status of a LDC by 2020.

The Programme shall contribute to achieving the development results desired by the entire United Nations system operating in and for the Lao PDR, as stipulated in the *UN Development Assistance Framework 2007-2011*.

**Key focus areas:**

In accordance with the corporate focus areas and comparative advantages set forth in the UNDP Strategic Plan 2008-2013, the current Country Programme focuses on three key thematic areas:

- Poverty Reduction and Equitable Growth, including UXO and Environmental Sustainability
- Cross-cutting Issues including Gender Empowerment and HIV/AIDS
- Democratic Governance

UNDP Lao PDR Country Program outcome areas are as follows:

- Improved and equitable access to land, markets and social and economic services, environmentally sustainable utilization of natural resources
- Enhanced ownership and capacity for pro-poor planning, implementation and harmonized aid coordination, and disaster management
- Enabled environment for growth with equity
- Strengthened capacity for policy and practice related to gender empowerment and poverty reduction
- Increased coverage of quality HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support, focusing on the most vulnerable groups as defined in the national strategy on HIV/AIDS/STI
- Greater people's and community participation in and contribution to public policy, local development and nation building
- Increased and more equitable access to justice and strengthened rule of law
- Increased efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, and accountability of the public administration at both central and local levels
- Progressive realization of international treaty obligations, including protection of human rights, in accordance with the Lao Constitution and the Millennium Declaration

<b>Lao FY (Oct – Sept)</b>	<b>Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:</b>	<b>Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:</b>
<b>2006</b>	15.2	12.1
<b>2007</b>	16.0	12.7
<b>2008</b>	17.2	13.8
<b>2009</b>	19.1	15.9
<b>2010 (estimate)</b>	11.4	

# United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)



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## **Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:**

UNESCO Bangkok promotes international co-operation, sets standards and disseminates information in the fields of education, natural sciences, social and human sciences, culture and communication in the Asia and Pacific region.

UNESCO programmes focus on: promoting education for all; supporting the expression of cultural identities; protecting and enhancing the world's cultural and natural heritage; engaging in a new social contract between science and society at all levels; developing and promoting social policies; promoting the free flow of information, press freedom and the development of a pluralistic media; and strengthening communication capacities in developing countries.

## **Key focus areas:**

In the field of education, UNESCO contributes to capacity-building in teacher training, secondary education, technical and vocational education and training, non-formal education; gender equality; inclusive education; teacher training; and literacy through technical assistance, workshops and information sharing.

In the field of communication and information, UNESCO contributes to the development of Science and Technology through the Asia Pacific Information Network (APIN) – Science and Technology for Development Study Center and by organizing ICT workshops. It also makes a contribution in the areas of media and information literacy and digital libraries.

In the field of social and human sciences, UNESCO makes a contribution in various sectors such as Poverty Reduction, Gender, Governance, Natural Resources and the Environment, Ethics of Science and Technology, Values Education.

In the field of culture, UNESCO contributes to poverty alleviation through pro-poor community-based tourism, sustainable management and UXO-clearance of the Plain of Jars Archaeological Landscape

<b>Lao FY (Oct – Sept)</b>	<b>Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:</b>	<b>Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:</b>
<b>2005/06</b>	0.33	0.33
<b>2006/07</b>	0.41	0.41
<b>2007/08</b>	0.95	0.95
<b>2008/09</b>	0.73	0.73
<b>2009/2010 (estimate)</b>	0.90	

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### **Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:**

In the Lao PDR, UN-Habitat has supported the preparation of an integrated urban planning and institution building for local authorities and introduced community participation models for in-situ upgrading during the 1990s. Currently UN-Habitat is running two programmes in the country – the Water for Asian Cities (WAC) Programme and the Mekong Region Water and Sanitation Initiative (MEK-WATSAN), aimed at supporting achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) on water and sanitation. The two programmes are funded by the Water and Sanitation Trust Fund established in UN-Habitat shortly after the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002 with support from the Governments of Canada, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden.

### **Key focus areas:**

- Rapid Assessment of Water and Sanitation Situation
- Capacity Building and Awareness Raising of Water Utility Staff and Community
- Community Mobilization and Participation in Project Implementation
- Provision of Water and Sanitation Facilities
- Establishment of Revolving Funds for Water Connections and Latrine Construction
- Stakeholder Consultations
- Development of Water Conservation and Demand Management strategy
- Monitoring and Evaluation

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2005/06	0.10	0.10
2006/07	0.69	0.60
2007/08	0.97	0.55
2008/09	0.67	0.59
2009/2010 (estimate)	1.76	0.69

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## Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

Before 2001 UNIDO provided technical assistance and funds to the Lao PDR on an ad hoc 'project by project' basis. In 2001, the policy was changed from ad hoc to 'integrated programme' in order to become more aligned with social economic development goals and current circumstances of the Lao PDR. With the phase I implementation of the Lao-UNIDO integrated programme, UNIDO together with the Government of the Lao PDR conducted a SWOT analysis on potential industrial development projects.

## Key focus areas:

- Industrial Governance and Enabling Environments
- Private Sector Development and SME Promotion
- Manufacturing Productivity and Environment Soundness
- Market Access, Investment and Trade Facilitation

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2005/06	-	0.64
2006/07	-	1.06
2007/08	-	0.66
2008/09	-	0.38
2009/2010 (estimate)	-	0.37

# United Nations Development Fund for Women

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## Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

UNIFEM works to promote gender equality between women and men and to advance the status of women. In particular, we focus on implementing the Beijing Platform for Action and other UN global commitments through political and economic empowerment of women, and through the full realization of women’s human rights. We work with governments, NGOs, community and other organizations, as well as individuals.

UNIFEM also promotes gender mainstreaming and sensitivity to the different needs of men and women in UN programmes by providing technical support to other UN agencies, and through our active participation in the activities of the UN System. This includes participation in the Common Country Assessments and the UN Development Frameworks that provide the context for collaboration among UN agencies at the country level.

In the Lao PDR, UNIFEM focuses on facilitating the implementation of CEDAW by the Government of the Lao PDR through building greater knowledge and technical expertise in the Government to translate the provisions of CEDAW into policies and programmes for the advancement of gender equality and women’s human rights.

As part of the economic empowerment programme, UNIFEM also works with the Government in promoting information on and opportunities for safe migration, protection of women migrant workers through policies, MoUs and the empowerment of women migrant workers.

**Key focus areas:**

- To empower women politically
- To empower women economically
- To ensure the full realization of women's human rights

<b>Lao FY (Oct – Sept)</b>	<b>Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:</b>	<b>Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:</b>
2005/06	0.22	0.22
2006/07	0.18	0.18
2007/08	0.11	0.11
2008/09	0.21	0.21
2009/2010 (estimate)	0.31	0.31

# UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)



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## Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR

UN OCHA does not have country presence in the Lao PDR. The OCHA Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok supports UNRCO and IASC Country Team for strengthening response preparedness in collaboration with regional partners.

In September 2008, the UN launched a USD10 million appeal in response to the floods of the Mekong River and its tributaries. The floods and landslides affected some 200,000 people. OCHA Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP) deployed its staff to assist the UNRCO in developing the appeal. OCHA's CERF Secretariat provided USD2,024,378 grant as a jump start for immediate activities in priority sectors including Health and Nutrition, Water and Sanitation, Food Security and Agriculture, Protection, and Education.

In October 2009, OCHA ROAP dispatched a team to assist the UNRCO in a CERF application and the development of a Flash Appeal for Typhoon Ketsana floods response. The CERF rapid response window approved a total of USD3,849,917 grant to the USD10,153,872 Appeal. OCHA helped launch the Appeal and its subsequent revision. The UN and international humanitarian community sought USD12,808,836 to address the immediate needs of 180,674 people affected by Typhoon Ketsana over the next six months, until April 2010.

## Key focus areas:

- Emergency and Humanitarian Assistance

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2007/08	-	2.02
2008/09	-	3.85

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## Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

To combat the recent rise and proliferation of illicit drug production, trafficking, abuse and related criminal activity in the Lao PDR, the Lao government with support from UNODC has developed the new Comprehensive National Drug Control Master Plan (2009 – 2013).

The Master Plan responds to the heightened risks these activities pose to the country's social order and national stability through a comprehensive strategy. It aims to ensure a secure and stable environment for development growth nationwide and will support the implementation of the Government's 6th and 7th National Socio-Economic Development Programmes as well as goals of the Lao National Growth and Poverty Eradication Strategy.

The UNODC Country Programme Framework (CPF) will directly support the implementation of the National Drug Control Master Plan which is a national priority and contribute to the socio-economic development goals as well as poverty alleviation efforts of the Lao PDR by Contact Detailing critical cross cutting issues among the drug and crime sector that undermine the achievement of the MDG.

## Key focus areas:

In 2010, UNODC will support the following priority sectors:

- Agriculture, Poverty Reduction and Rural Development
- HIV/AIDS
- Drug Control and Governance

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2005/06	1.23	1.23
2006/07	1.12	1.12
2007/08	2.03	2.03
2008/09	2.4	2.4
2009/2010 (estimate)	2.35	

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## **Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:**

In line with UNFPA Mission Statement, the programme was developed in close cooperation with the Lao PDR Government based on the updated common country assessment (CCA) and aims to contribute to the achievement of national goals. It is an integral part of *United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2007-2011* and is aligned with the *6<sup>th</sup> National Social Economic Development Plan 2006-2010* (NSEDP). The UNFPA programme in the Lao PDR contributes to the achievement of the national goal of reducing poverty through enhanced livelihood and improved access to social services, and realization of particularly MDGs 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 by 2015.

UNFPA Lao PDR centers its strategy on supporting the Government in implementing and monitoring national policies and strategies, such as the National Socio-Economic Development Plan, MDGs, the National Strategy for the Advancement of Women, the Strategy and Planning Framework for the Integrated Package of Maternal Neonatal and Child Health Services, the Skilled Birth Attendance plan and the National Strategy and Action Plan on HIV/AIDS/STI. Key programme strategies include: (i) policy dialogue; (ii) advocacy; (iii) national systems development and human capacity building approach; (iv) integrated service delivery; (v) result based management; (vi) a rights-based and social cultural and gender sensitive approach (vii) the use of sectoral approaches; (viii) joint programmes and collaborative initiatives with United Nations agencies and sector related development partners; and (ix) a focus on decentralized level where appropriate.

**Key focus areas:**

- Poverty Reduction
- Health and Education Sector
- Gender – both by project and as a cross-cutting issue

<b>Lao FY (Oct – Sept)</b>	<b>Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:</b>	<b>Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:</b>
<b>2006</b>	2.08	2.03
<b>2007</b>	2.10	2.00
<b>2008</b>	2.1	2.02
<b>2009</b>	2.8	2.60
<b>2010 (estimate)</b>	2.17	

## UN Volunteers (UNV)



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### **Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:**

Volunteerism brings benefit to both society at large and the individual volunteer. It makes important contributions, economically as well as socially. It contributes to a more cohesive society by building trust and reciprocity among citizens. The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is the UN organization that supports sustainable human development globally through the promotion of volunteerism, including the mobilization of volunteers. It serves the causes of peace and development by enhancing opportunities for participation by all peoples. It is universal, inclusive and embraces volunteer action in all its diversity. It values free will, commitment, engagement and solidarity, which are the foundations of volunteerism.

UNVs are placed with all UN Agencies and across all Provinces.

Total UNV contribution for the period 2008-2011: US\$545,000

# United States of America<sup>11</sup>



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## Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

The United States Government's focus is on increasing Laos' integration with its neighbours and the world; building Lao governmental capacity to prevent and fight transnational crime and disease; removing unexploded ordnance left over from the Indochina War; and encouraging free-market reforms and good governance.

### Key focus areas:

- Health: USD6.6 million
- UXO: USD3.4 million
- Counternarcotics: USD1.3 million
- Human Rights, Democratic Governance and Economic Integration: USD1.7 million
- Education and Culture: USD1.45 million (sending up to 12 undergraduate students on one-semester or one-year programs at a US university)
- Food Security: USD4.4 million (working with WFP and Humpty Dumpty Institute to fund school feeding activities and promote greater school attendance, particularly for girls, throughout rural Lao).

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2007/2008	-	18.00
2008/2009	-	18.85
2009/2010 (estimate)	18.85	

<sup>11</sup> The United States of America does not currently have a bilateral agreement with the Government of Lao PDR

## Vietnam



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### Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:

The Economic and Cultural Counsellor's Office represents the Ministry of Planning and Investment of the Vietnam Government, which performs the functions related of Vietnam's ODA Management to the Lao PDR. The Counsellor's Office summarizes and produces periodical reports on the country development situation and the effectiveness and efficiency of Vietnam's ODA to the Lao PDR. This same office also has the function to support investment promotion for Vietnamese companies investing in the Lao PDR.

Grant assistance is agreed on an annual basis and is signed between the Vietnam Government and Government of the Lao PDR. Concessional loans are managed by the Ministry of Finance of Vietnam and the Lao Government. On 5 February 2009 the countries signed a USD43 million Credit Agreement for Road No 2E Improvement Project in North Lao to build 68.3km of road.

### Key focus areas:

- Education (comprising more than 50 per cent of Vietnam's ODA grant to Lao PDR)
- Agriculture and Rural Development
- Health Care
- Infrastructure

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2008/09 <sup>12</sup>	-	15.1
2009/2010 (estimate)	-	

<sup>12</sup> The figures only represent official ODA from the central Government of the Vietnam and do not include all concessional loans and or grant support provided and or negotiated at the provincial level within Vietnam or within the Lao PDR



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**Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR:**

The World Bank in the Lao PDR aims to implement their mission to fight poverty with passion and professionalism for lasting results, as well as to help people help themselves and their environment by providing resources, sharing knowledge, building capacity and forging partnerships in the public and private sectors. This is undertaken by supporting the people and the Government of the Lao PDR in achieving their vision of graduating from Least Developed Country status by 2020 and pursuing the Millennium Development Goals, as prioritized in the National Socio Economic Development Plan for 2006-2010.

**Strategy:**

The World Bank strategy is articulated in the Country Assistance Strategy paper for FY05-11, which is based around four pillars:

- Sustaining growth through regional integration and private sector development, rural development and natural resource management
- Improving social outcomes and reduce vulnerability through strengthened public financial management, service delivery capacities, and targeted poverty reduction programs
- Adopting a strategic approach to capacity development and partnerships to support a more effective poverty reduction strategy
- Supporting the implementation of Nam Theun 2 as an example of an area-based, sustainable natural resource development program that contributes to growth, social outcomes, capacity development, and stronger partnerships.

**Key focus areas:**

- Poverty Reduction and Governance
- Natural Resources and Environment
- Rural Development
- Agriculture Development
- Education
- Health
- Industry and Minerals
- Infrastructure

<b>Lao FY (Oct – Sept)</b>	<b>Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:</b>	<b>Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:</b>
<b>2005/06</b>	178.44	42.21
<b>2006/07</b>	169.65	48.22
<b>2007/08</b>	187.96	57.67
<b>2008/09</b>	171.14	33.90
<b>2009/2010 (estimate)</b>	219.64	40.00

# World Food Programme (WFP)



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## Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR

WFP began providing emergency assistance to the Lao PDR in 1976 in response to natural disasters. Since opening a Country Office in 2000, WFP has increasingly focused on recovery and development programmes aimed at relieving seasonal rice shortfalls. WFP's goals are to help communities achieve food security and to improve access to primary education in remote areas.

The high chronic malnutrition rate of children below five is alarming and poses a challenge to WFP for the years to come - in rural Lao every second child is chronically malnourished.

WFP's strategy is to assist the Government of the Lao PDR to reduce malnutrition and food insecurity in the most vulnerable areas of the country.

### Key focus areas:

- WFP School Meals
- Food for Work Development Project
- Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO)
- Feeding the Future project

Lao FY (Oct – Sept)	Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:	Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:
2005	3.0	3.8
2006	4.9	3.5
2007	6.9	6.0
2008	11.1	12.1
2009	23.55	11.9
2009/2010 (estimate)	14.64	

## World Health Organisation (WHO)



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### Overview of Assistance to the Lao PDR

The mission of WHO is to attain the highest possible level of health for all people. Key areas in which the Organization works and which are currently most relevant to the Lao PDR include:

- Strengthening of country health systems
- Building national health capacities
- Committing to develop and implement more pro-poor health policies
- Ensuring equitable access to good quality health services for all

Commitment to primary health care is a global priority and is central to WHO's work. WHO is also committed to assist countries to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), in particular those related to health. In addition, leadership is provided through regional frameworks. An example of such a regional framework endorsed by the WHO Regional Committee is the 'People at the Center of Care Initiative'.

Adding to the WHO country focus initiatives, this framework focuses on developing more balanced, people-centred health care that considers the broader psychological, cultural, ethical and social determinants of health.

### Key focus area:

The Country Focus Policy of WHO puts country priorities at the core of its work. It articulates the need to base WHO's work at the country level and within national frameworks in order to improve national health systems and health outcomes in a sustainable way

In the health sector WHO's country office extends technical support in the following areas:

- Health Systems Development (Policy, Financing, Information, Human Resources, Medical Products and Technology, Service Delivery)
- Non-communicable diseases, Mental Health and Injuries
- Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health

- Immunization
- Communicable Disease Surveillance and Response
- HIV, TB, Vector-borne diseases (Malaria and Dengue)
- Environmental Health and Nutrition

<b>Lao FY (Oct – Sept)</b>	<b>Total Commitments (USD millions) Planned:</b>	<b>Total Disbursements (USD millions) Actual:</b>
2005/06	1.9	3.9
2006/07	2.7	2.0
2007/08	2.7	2.0
2008/09	6.32	4.9
2009/2010 (estimate)	6.32	4.9

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