

## Legal Sector Master Plan

### Support to the Implementation of the Legal Sector Master Plan (Initiation Plan)



#### Description

The "Master Plan for Law Development to 2020" drafted by the Ministry of Justice in 2006 lays out a comprehensive sectoral reform agenda to support the country on its way of becoming a state fully governed by the rule of law. UNDP provides support to its implementation through preparatory assistance for a full-fledged programme of support. The Initiation Plan facilitates the formulation a sector-wide approach (SWAp) and sector programme in support of the implementation of key sectoral reforms during the next four years.

Two formulation missions were carried out in November 2008 and in March 2009. The mission reviewed and updated the situation regarding the status of the Master Plan in close consultation with stakeholders and potential donors and drafted a proposal highlighting the possible modalities and mechanisms suitable for the implementation the Plan. The mission also identified critical areas in need of immediate support to 'kick-start' a concerted effort in support of the implementation of the Master Plan. The formulation of the full-fledge Programme is expected to be completed in mid 2009 and implementation is scheduled to commence in late 2009/beginning of 2010. As part of the overall support to the implementation of the LSMP access to justice and customary law surveys will be carried out in 2009/10 through related programmes.

#### Main Objectives and Activities in 2009

- Drafting of a Sector approach and formulation of a implementation support programme
- Support to the establishment of coordinating mechanisms
- Commencement of startup activities such publication and dissemination of legal materials, targeted capacity development activities for judges, prosecutors and other legal practitioners

#### Agreement signed with Government

Web: <http://www.undplao.org/whatwedo/programmes.php>

#### Key Results, Reports and Publications to date

- Concept note on the implementation of the Legal Sector Master Plan (December 2008)
- Wide stakeholder consultations etc
- Draft Costing for the Implementation Support Programme (4 years)
- Programme Outline (April 2009)

#### Thematic Area

Corporate Thematic Area: Democratic Governance

UNDAF Outcome 3: By 2011, strengthened capacities of public and private institutions to fulfill their duties and greater people's participation in governance and advocacy for the promotion of Human Rights in conformity with the Millennium Declaration

UNDP Country Programme Action Plan Outcome 7: Increased and more equitable access to justice and strengthened rule of law

#### Millennium Development Goal

MDGs 1 -8 : as a cross-cutting issue strengthened governance and in particular the establishment of a full rule of law state is expected to contribute to the achievement of all MDGs

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#### Duration

October 2008 - September 2009 (1 year)

#### Location

Vientiane Capital City

#### Budget

Total budget: USD 205,690

2009 budget: USD 190,548

#### Partners

Implementing Partner: Ministry of Justice  
 Other Partners: Supreme People's Court, Office of Supreme People's Prosecutor, Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UNDP

#### Contributing donor(s)

France: USD 46,750

#### Delivery

2008: USD 15,142

#### Funding Shortfall

None