

GPAR Xieng Khouang Project

GPAR Xieng Khouang – Strengthening Public Administration for Poverty Reduction and Equitable Growth

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Project Description

The expected outcome of the project is a contribution to poverty reduction and equitable growth in the province. The project will enable these results through strengthening of the operational capacities of selected government institutions at provincial and district levels to assist the government to:

- Respond to citizens' demands and needs, through inclusive participatory planning and priority setting and support to economic development, thereby ensuring equal access to public services and decision-making for women and men and all ethnic groups;
- Implement decisions and reach provincial and district objectives in a transparent, coordinated and cost-effective manner;
- Monitor progress in service delivery.

Main Objectives and Activities in 2009

- Establishment of a Citizen Information Centre in Paek District
- Continued strengthening of an effective and efficient agricultural extension service with improved management, planning and reporting tools
- Continued implementation of One-Stop-Shop on Paek District
- Establishment of public-private task force for trade promotion
- Establishment Office of the Governor as coordinating body in poverty reduction activities
- HR management system improved
- Functional Analysis & job descriptions
- Improved working environment and office structure
- NAS is rolled out across the provincial and district administration
- Internal financial control and awareness raising for increased tax collection
- Provincial GPAR Strategy finalized and disseminated
- Continue supporting the national reform initiatives at local levels to strengthen human resource development and financial management at provincial and district levels
- Progress and lessons learnt from the reform process are disseminated
- Pilot test public feedback system
- Establish M&E system to monitor administration reform process

Project Document

<http://www.undplao.org/whatwedo/programmesdemgov.php>

Key Results, Reports and Publications to date

- One Door Service in Paek District opened and operational – number of visitors/clienteles is increasing
- Agriculture Services Development Fund implemented and report produced
- Provincial GPAR strategy and action plan developed and in the process of discussions
- Initiation of concept of the public-private task force to deal with trade promotion, engagement of dialogue with business community
- Continued Implementation of NAS and ESSS
- Billboards installed in provincial capital town and nearby districts as part of the awareness raising campaign on revenue collection
- Manual on project formulation and proposal writing is available in English and Lao
- Several training sessions organized for sectoral offices and study tours organized to strengthen capacity of provincial, district and private agencies
- Mid-term evaluation by independent consultancy mission completed

Duration

July 2005 – December 2009

Location

Xiengkhouang Province (Central Part of Laos)

Project budget

Total budget: USD 2,000,000

Current year budget: USD590,000

Project Partners

Implementing Partner: Office of Governor;
Xiengkhouang Province

Contributing donor(s)

UNDP: USD 500,000

SDC: USD 1,500,000

Project Delivery

Estimated till December 2008: USD 1,524,646

Funding Shortfall

USD 50,000

Thematic Area

Corporate Thematic Area: Democratic Governance

UNDAF Outcome 3.3: Increased efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, and accountability of the public administration at both central and local levels.

UNCP/CPAP Outcomes:

Outcome 8: Increased efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability of the public administration at both central and local levels. Output 8.2: Strengthened capacities of provincial and district administration for decentralized planning, management and public service delivery.

Millennium Development Goal

Goals 1-7, through improved governance and accountable use of public resources. Governance and public administration is a cross-cutting theme that supports the provision of public goods and services to country citizens. If all citizens equally and transparently benefit from government services, their livelihood opportunities will be improved.

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