

GPAR Sekong Project

Governance And Public Administration Reform: Sekong
Improving Access to Service For The Multi-Ethnic People Of Sekong

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Project Description

The GPAR Sekong Project focuses on the goal of the Government of Lao PDR to "build an effective, efficient, well-trained, honest and ethical public service that is able to meet the needs of the multi-ethnic people in Sekong Province". The main objective of the programme is to increase efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, and accountability of the public administration at the local level from the Office of the Governor, Districts, the Kumbans (village cluster) and Bans (villages) by strengthening oversight capacity of the staff and institutions in participatory approach and in decentralized planning, management & efficient and effective service delivery.

Duration

April 2007 to March 2011

Location

Sekong Province (Southern Part of Laos)

Project budget

Total budget: USD 1,265,400

2009 budget: USD500,00

Project Partners

Implementing Partner: Office of Governor;
Sekong Province

Main Objectives and Activities in 2009

- The proposal to install software and carry out staff training on encoding data and system maintenance for payroll (ESSS) and personnel information systems (PIMS) will be submitted to PACSA for approval. In the mean time, data will be updated and encoded using available software (Excel)
- Improvement of administration in pilot offices, as a result of functional analysis, survey and reorganization of the Office of the Governor and DPI.
- Speed up District Development Fund implementation in two districts
- Continue the zoning activities of ban and Kumban boundaries using GIS, GPS and Arcview computer software in 11 out of 12 Kumbans to come up with 60-70 village maps for 2009 out of the total of 28 districts (Kumbans and village maps)
- Support the Department of Information and Culture to produce the next edition of the magazine, Sekong Today, with expanded readership (1,500 copies for 5,000 readers or 1: 5 ratio)
- Continue to set-up a community radio stations and installation of loudspeaker system in 20 villages in the two districts Thateng and Dakchueng. Install 10 billboards in Dakchueng district.
- Continue to support the provincial scholarship programme committee project.
- Implement the recommendation of GPAR to improve capacity of Naibans (village chiefs) by providing support to the revised curriculum on training in village administration in Lamam district
- Continue to produce the manual of Village Statistic Training and operation
- Improve and establish Village Negotiation Unit in 56 villages of provincial focal point
- Disseminate accomplishment of the sixth regularly meeting of National Assembly in four districts, Thateng, Lamam, Kaluem and Dakchueng

Contributing donor(s)

UNV: USD 545,400

UNDP: USD 720,000

Project Delivery

Estimated till December 2008: USD 488,753

Funding Shortfall

N/A

Project Document

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

Key Results, Reports and Publications to date

- Completed training on **ESSS/ PIMS** for 126 staff in 4 districts across the province
- Completed orientation on " Vientiane Declaration and on the Law on Local Governance and Administration" from 2003

in Dakchueng, Kaluem, Thteateng districts.

- Completed Orientation on the Law on Financial Management for line departments and private business sectors in Sekong Province, Lamam and Thateng districts
- Completed GPS village boundary readings and mapping in Kumban Houiysai with its eight villages, Thateng District.
- Produced 2,800 copies of quarterly magazine "Sekong Today"
- District Planning Team (DPT) & DPCs drafted five project proposals of two districts- two in Kaluem and three in Dakchueng
- Completed Naiban training in Thateng district and in Lamam
- Completed training of Village Statistic Volunteer from 55 villages of seven Kumbans Thateng district

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 livelihoods opportunities will increase.

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