

International Law - Phase III

Accelerated Capacity Development for the Lao PDR in International Law

Project Description

The Government of the Lao PDR, in its policy paper on Governance Issues (presented to the Roundtable in March, 2003) reaffirmed its commitment to establish and develop a coherent, credible and predictable legal framework in a transparent and participatory manner. A cornerstone of this legal framework is the country's integration into the international legal system including the progressive realization of basic human rights and the alignment of domestic legal instruments.

From 2001-2005 (Phase I) the Ministry's capacities were developed to effectively negotiate, sign, ratify, and monitor international legal instruments. Phase II (2005-2008) focused on harmonization with the domestic legal framework, treaty implementation and international reporting obligations.

Phase III (2009-2012) will further enhance the participation of Lao PDR in the international legal system by accelerating capacity development for the implementation of international treaty and human rights obligations.

Main Objectives and Activities in 2009

- Enhanced capacity of MoFA and line ministries to negotiate, analyze, implement, monitor and report on treaties
- Support for international law forums and UN annual treaty events
- Capacity development of the judiciary, law enforcement and border cooperation agencies
- Awareness raising on international law and human rights for provincial administrations, associations and mass organizations
- Strengthening of programme implementation capacity of MoFA

Agreement signed with Government

Web: www.undplao.org/whatwedo/programmes.php, Project website <http://www.ilp.gov.la/>

Key Results, Reports and Publications to date

- Staff of MoFA and line ministries attended intensive courses in international law
- Training workshop on treaties reporting conducted
- Specific support to the reporting under UPR, CEDAW, ICESCR
- Two days international workshop on the implementation of treaties
- Training workshops for National Assembly officials and prosecutors

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 1-7: through improved governance and accountable use of public resources

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Duration

January 2009 - December 2012 (4 years)

Location

Vientiane Capital City

Budget

Total budget: USD 3,825,000

2009 budget: USD 987,320

Partners

Implementing Partner: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Responsible Party: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Other Partners: National Assembly, Ministry of Justice, Provincial Administrations, National University, UNDP

Contributing donor(s)

UNDP: USD 525,000

Finland: USD 2,250,000

EU: USD 625,000

Delivery

N/A

Funding Shortfall

USD 425,000