

# Reporting on Human Development

## STRENGTHENING CAPACITY FOR NATIONAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORTING



### Description

UNDP supports the Government in developing the understanding of the concept of human development and its challenges in the Lao PDR, through the process of preparing the National Human Development Reports (NHDRs). This includes research and analysis as well as setting appropriate dissemination strategies and outlining the advocacy tools through which the main findings of the reports can be used to raise public awareness and be integrated into policy discourse. The intervention also looks into the sustainability of the production of the NHDRs and its related development processes.

### Main Objectives and Activities

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- Capacity strengthening for human development reporting;
- Successful production of National Human Development Reports;
- Development and Implementation of dissemination strategies and advocacy tools.

#### Main Activities in 2009

- To continue capacity building on Human Development concepts for Project Staff, Department of Statistics and Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) staff and other partners
- To successfully produce and publish the 4<sup>th</sup> NHDR in English and Lao.
- To implement an effective dissemination strategy and produce advocacy tools for the 4<sup>th</sup> NHDR that are appropriate to the theme of the report and the target audience.
- To conduct a final project assessment that is gender sensitive and will take into consideration the future of national human development reporting.

### Agreement Signed with the Government

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

### Key Results, Reports and Publications to date

- Key interim results
  - English and Lao versions of the 3<sup>rd</sup> NHDR on the impact of International Trade on Human Development have been produced, launched and successfully disseminated in 2008
  - Adaptation of DevInfo 5.0 into a national statistical database version 5.0 in partnership with UNICEF
  - The 4<sup>th</sup> NHDR on the Employment and Livelihoods in Lao PDR is currently in the final stages of production
  - There is strong ownership and commitment from the Government through the system of co-authorship of the NHDR and the wide participation through the Board of the project from involved ministries such as Ministry of Planning and Investment, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare.
  - Developed targeted advocacy and communication tools for effective dissemination of the NHDR to the public and policy makers
- List publications, and other reports
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> NHDR International Trade and Human Development (2006)  
<http://www.undplao.org/whatwedo/bgresource/humandev/UNDP-NHDR06c.pdf>
  - Technical background paper 1: Out-migration from Lao PDR to Thailand: issues in raising human development
  - Technical background paper 2: Human Capital and Human Development: gaps in education and skills in Laos

### Duration

June 2004 to December 2009

### Location

Vientiane, and provinces for survey

### Budget

Total budget: USD 1,546,336

Current year budget: USD 395,938

### Partners

#### Implementing Partner:

- Department of Statistics within Ministry of Planning and Investment.

#### Other Partners:

- National Economic Research Institute
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare

### Other Contributions

UNICEF: USD 15,500

UNFPA: USD 2,500

### Delivery

Expenditure from start date till end of 2008:  
USD 1,482,676

- Technical background paper 3: Low-skill labor in Lao PDR: Status and Impacts on Human Developments
- Communication and Dissemination Strategy

## Thematic Area

**Corporate Thematic Area:** Poverty Reduction & MDGs

**UNDAF Outcome 1:** By 2011, the livelihoods of poor, vulnerable and food insecure populations are enhanced through sustainable development (within MDG framework)

**CP Outcome 1.4:** Enhanced ownership and capacity for pro-poor planning and implementation, harmonized aid coordination, and disaster management

**CP output:** Increased capacity in disaggregated data collection and analysis, research, dissemination and utilization of data for improved (or evidence-based) advocacy, policy and strategy development, planning and monitoring for population, poverty reduction, labour market policy formulation and sustainable development

## Millennium Development Goal

MDG Goal # 1: Poverty reduction, achieving productive employment and decent work for all , reduced malnutrition

MDG Goal # 3: Share of women in wage employment in the non-agricultural sector

MDG Goal # 7: Integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programmes; sustainable access to safe drinking water and sanitation

MDG Goal # 8: Market access

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