

# National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSEDP)

## SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN



### Description

The programme aims to assist the Government in the implementation of the 5-year National Development Plan, the "Sixth National Socio Economic Development Plan (NSEDP)" which covers the period 2006-2010 and in monitoring and evaluating the results. New to the programme in 2009 is the support to the formulation of the 7<sup>th</sup> NSEDP.

### Main Objectives and Activities

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The programme aims to help the Government with the following:

- Incorporation of poverty reduction and MDG priorities and programmes of the Sixth NSEDP(2006-2010) in the annual plan and budgets of selected Ministries and three pilot provinces;
- Ensure that the NSEDP VII is formulated in a participatory manner and is results-oriented, enables effective monitoring and integrates the MDGs and other national priorities
- Enhance the capacities of the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), selected Ministries and three pilot provinces for improved implementation monitoring and evaluation (M&E) and reporting for NSEDP VI and NSEDP VII;
- Establish a research network comprising the National Economic Research Institute (NERI) and selected Ministries and Agencies to undertake policy research to support planning, and M&E.

#### Main Activities in 2009

- Support to ensure that the pro-poor and MDG focus of the NSEDP 2006-2010 is integrated into the annual plans and budget for FY2009-2010.
- Support the Government's targeted poverty reduction programs in the poorest and poor districts, through supporting participatory planning at the sub-district (or "village cluster") level. This includes support to the government in the revision of the national poverty line criteria.
- Support to the formulation process of the next NSEDP (2011-2015), through technical background papers and a full MDG costing will be conducted.
- Support the government in its efforts to mainstream environmental considerations into the 7<sup>th</sup> Plan through the UNDP supported Poverty-Environment Initiative (PEI).
- Support the improvement of the NSEDP M&E systems and capacities at both the national and sub-national level.
- The research activities to reinforce the work in the other components by improving the coordination and dissemination of research as input to policy making and planning.

#### Agreement Signed with Government

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

### Duration

1 October 2006- 30 September 2010

### Location

Vientiane Capital, and two pilot provinces: Khammouane, Attapeu

### Budget

Total budget: USD 2,454,500

Current year budget: USD 907,034 (excl. PEI funds)

### Partners

#### Implementing Partner:

- Ministry of Planning and Investment, Department of General Planning
- National Economic Research Institute (NERI) for the research component

#### Other Partners:

- All line Ministries
- Provincial authorities
- SNV – Country Engagement Plan
- UNEP – Poverty Environment Initiative

### Other Contributions

- UNDP – USD 745,043
- UNDP/SNV – USD 178,000
- UNDP/TTF – USD 130,534
- UNDP/PEI - USD 80,114
- UNEP – USD 154,000

### Contributing Donor

- Stora Enso – USD 85,106

### Delivery

Expenditure from start date till end of 2008: USD 827,038

## Key Results, Reports and Publications to date

- Key interim results from October 2006 to September 2009
  - The Government successfully integrated the localized Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper, the “National Growth and Poverty Eradication Strategy”, and the MDGs into the country’s NSEDP for 2006-2011.
  - Facilitated and coordinated the mid term review process of the NSEDP (2006-2010) in a participatory manner. It is the first time that development partners have had an opportunity to provide inputs and comments to the Government on the progress and challenges in the implementation of the current five year plan. The results of this mid term review have guided the formulation process of the next five year plan (NSEDP 2011-2015) and the Government has confirmed its willingness through the Round Table Mechanism toward the participatory planning process and integration of critical MDG related programmes into the plan;
  - In the support to the formulation of the next NSEDP (2011-2015), an initial training on MDG needs assessment and costing has been conducted with key technical staff from 10 line Ministries and Agencies;
  - Annual NSEDP incorporating poverty reduction and MDG priorities and programmes were published and disseminated in a timely fashion in 2007 and 2008;
  - A initial review of the participatory planning manual was completed and recommendations have been discussed within Ministry of Planning and Investment on the future direction of the manual;
  - Refresher courses held on participatory planning and the concept of monitoring and evaluation for national and local officials through partnerships with different stakeholders such as the World Bank, SNV, JICA;
  - A diagnostic review of the current M&E framework at national and provincial levels has been conducted and the draft report has been shared with line Ministries, WB, JICA, and SNV. Also an assessment of the current M&E framework at district and village levels has been completed in two piloted provinces (Khammoune and Attapeu);
  - Research network with support from the secretariat unit has been established in 2007.
- List publications, evaluations and other reports:
  - NSEDP (2006-2010)
  - Annual NSEDP (FY2006/2007, FY2007/2008, FY2008/2009)
  - Mid term review of 6<sup>th</sup> NSEDP - Executive Summary
  - Participatory Planning Assessment (2<sup>nd</sup> Draft)
  - Assessment of the NSEDP Monitoring and Evaluation System at the Village and Districts Levels

## 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 at the central and local levels for MDG based development strategies, policies and planning that combine a pro-poor and equitable approach to development processes; and effective implementation of public investment programmes in poor areas.

## Millennium Development Goal

All MDGs

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