

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 2010

- 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

- Technical support to Lao PDR's ratifications of ICCPR, CRPD & UNCAC at September 2009 UN Treaty Event
- Support to implementation of ratified treaties and conventions
- Support to reporting under UPR (including CSO consultation), CEDAW, ICESCR, CERD and common core document,
- Support to implementation of UNCAC self assessment review
- Staff of MoFA and line ministries received intensive training in international human rights law and English language
- Support to international law bachelor and masters courses at Police Academy and Faculties of Law
- Support to Human Rights Center trainings and reporting
- Training for National Assembly officials, judges, lawyers, prosecutors, prison officers, border officials and labour ministry on international standards applicable to their professions
- Training on capacity development
- Provincial workshops held on principles and implementation of international human rights law
- Junior officials supported as interns to UN permanent missions in New York and Geneva
- Officials supported to attend and participate in international trainings, workshops and events
- Enhanced coordination with Regional OHCHR office and convention committee members

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.

Duration

January 2009 - December 2012 (4 years)

Location

Vientiane Capital City

Budget

Total budget: USD 3,825,000

2010 budget: USD 973,050

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

2009: USD 704,000

Funding Shortfall

USD 425,000

Millennium Development Goal

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

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