

## 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.

### Main Objectives and Activities in 2010

- 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 4 districts
- Continue the zoning activities of ban and Kumban boundaries using GIS, GPS and Arcview computer software. Conduct GPS reading in 1 Kum ban and Ban Donsa boundaries using GIS, GPS and Arcview software to come up with 01 Kumban and 05 Ban maps by 2010.
- 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. Mobilize 10 village information committees in Dakchung district.
- Official launch of Thateng Ethnic Community Radio for Development (TECRD) and complete the construction of Community Radio in Dakchung district and officially launch its operations.
- Continue to support the provincial scholarship programme committee project. Also monitor and evaluate of Sekong 40 scholarship students in Champassack province.
- 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 operations. Submit the Village Statistics Manual as Good Practice to the MoIC.
- Establishment of pilot community basic service delivery information system (SDIS) after study tour from Luangprabang.
- Continue capacity development strategy of village administration and LNFC on participatory processes.
- Implementation of the simplified Naiban training curriculum for those who are not well versed in Lao language and conduct training by Q1 2010.
- Official launching of One Door Service in the Office of the Governor

### 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, Ththateng districts.
- Completed Orientation on the Law on Financial Management for line departments and private business sectors in Sekong Province, Lamam and Thateng districts

### Duration

April 2007 to March 2011 (4 years)

### Location

Sekong Province (Southern Part of Laos)

### Project budget

Total budget: USD 1,265,400  
2010 budget: USD250,00

### Project Partners

Implementing Partner: Office of Governor;  
Sekong Province

### Contributing donor(s)

UNV: USD 545,400  
UNDP: USD 720,000

### Project Delivery

Estimated till December 2010: USD 1,228,091

### Funding Shortfall

\$50,000-70,000

- Completed GPS village boundary readings and mapping in Kumban Houiysai with its eight villages, Thateng District.
- Produced more than 3,000 copies of quarterly magazine "Sekong Today" and distributed to wider audience
- District Planning Team (DPT) & DPCs established and functioning in 4 districts: Kaluem, Dakchueng, Lamam and Thateng to implement the DDF investment projects.
- Completed Naiban training in Thateng district and in Lamam
- Completed training of Village Statistic Volunteer from 55 villages of seven Kumbans Thateng district
- Official launching of Thateng Ethnic Community Radion for Development (TECRD) in Thateng district and start live broadcasting.
- 09 Speakerphone boots established and operationalized in 09 villages of Thateng district.
- Official launching of One Door Service Center in the Office of the Governor to provide services to clients.
- Several scholarship students have completed their courses and return to work in different office. Assessment of those scholars is planned for 2010.
- Village statistics books and manual developed and implemented.

## 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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