

National Implementation Capacity Development

For more effective and efficient management of nationally implemented projects

Description

A recent study indicates that improving the operational efficiency of development programmes and projects could save up to 20% of aid resources. These saved resources can be utilized for development activities, thus enriching the quality and scope of the project concerned. In this context, building and further developing national capacities for project implementation, including those for operational and administrative functions, is critical in successfully delivering desired development results. Especially so in Lao PDR, as all the development projects supported by UNDP are nationally implemented by the government institutions. A substantial increase in management capacity would be crucial for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and other planned national development goals.

The immediate objective of this project for **Capacity Development for National Implementation (NIM Project)** is to further develop the institutional and management capacities of the Implementing Partners, including UNDP's Government Coordinating Agency, the Department of International Cooperation of Ministry of Planning and Investment (DIC/MPI), in key areas ranging from results-based management including monitoring and evaluation, to financial management, human resources management, procurement and asset management, to international standards. The longer-term objective is to make it possible for development partners, in particular among UN Agencies but beyond, to fully use national systems, procedures and institutions for ODA management in line with the Vientiane Declaration on Aid Effectiveness as well as with the UN global initiative for Harmonized Approach for Cash Transfer (HACT) to the implementing partners.

Main Objectives and Activities in 2010

- The project is assisting DIC/MPI with preparing a well-functioning office with for a "Results-Based Management (RBM) Capacity Development One Stop Service Centre" to be fully operationalized by the end of 2011, from which all Government agencies, national institutions and development partners are able to obtain support in all aspects of the ODA programme/project management.
- The project is also supporting the development of Capacity Development strategies for DIC/MPI and other Implementing Partners, as well as providing continuous training for better results-based management, financial management, procurement, human resource management, assets management, etc.
- Supporting FY2009 NIM audit and FY2008 Audit Follow-up
- A new user guide for UNDP-supported projects in Lao PDR is being developed to revise the current manual issued in 1997
- Supporting UNDP-Government CPAP Mid-Term Review

Key Results to Date (June 2009 – May 2010)

- A functional project management team has been set up, and recruitment of key advisor and other staff is underway.
- The project is supporting all the UNDP-supported projects in following up with the recommendations made by the auditors, through Spot Checks.
- Successfully support the FY2009 NIM audit and FY2008 Audit Follow-up.
- Successfully supported the UN HACT Micro Assessments of 19 Implementing Partners.

Duration

Ongoing: Jun 2009- Dec 2011 (2.5 years)

Location

Various locations throughout the countries

Budget

Total needs:	USD 1,748,000
2009 budget:	USD 350,000
2010 budget:	USD 500,000
2011 budget:	USD 400,000

Contributing donor(s)

UNDP (from Regular Resources)	
2009:	USD 350,000
2010 (plan):	USD 450,000
2011 (plan):	USD 300,000

Funding shortfall

USD 648,000

Partners

Implementing Partner: Department of International Cooperation (DIC), Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI)

Delivery

Expenditure from the project start date till the end of last fiscal year (2009): USD 308,728

Thematic Area

UNDAF Outcome: 3 - By 2011, strengthened capacities of public and private institutions to fulfil their duties and greater people's participation in governance and advocacy for the promotion of human rights in conformity with the Millennium Declaration

UNDP corporate Focus Area: Democratic Governance

UNDP Country Programme Action Plan (CPAP) Outcome: 8 - Increased efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, and accountability of the public administration at both central and local levels

UNDP CPAP Output: 8.3 - Strengthened capacities of UNDP Implementing Partners to effectively plan, manage, implement and monitor ODA, including strengthened capacities of Financial Departments to manage ODA

Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1-7: through improved project management needed for MDG achievement

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