

IF National Implement Unit

Institutional Strengthening of the IF Coordination and Implementation Structures

Description

Strengthening the Integrated Framework National Implement Unit has been identified as one of the four priority projects by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, to be funded by the Integrated Framework Trust Fund (Window II) managed by UNDP in Geneva. (UNDP supports additional three Window II projects: Capacity Building & Technical Support to Lao PDR in the World Trade Organisation Accession Negotiations; Implementation of the Rules of Origin, and Support to exports from the garment industry). The intended overall objectives of the project are to strengthen trade integration and coordination mechanisms in Laos

Main Objectives and Activities

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- Enhanced institutional capacity to coordinate and implement trade related policies and projects within the government of GOL
- Enhanced coordination mechanism and management capacity within GOL
- Enhanced national capacity to assess the policy implication of trade on growth, economic development, and poverty alleviation

Main Activities in 2010

- Significant increase in efficient implementation of the DTIS Action Matrix
- Increased inter-ministerial coordination
- Increased Government-Donor Coordination
- GOL officials trained project management
- Trade mainstreamed into the National Social Economic Development Plan

Agreement Signed with the Government

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

Key Results, Reports and Publications to date

- The IF Government structures, which include IF National Steering Committee, IF Focal Point, the Lao IF Secretariat and the IF National Implement Unit, have been set up
- A Lao PDR and Integrated Framework (IF) leaflet has been published
- The inter-ministerial coordination has been strengthened through the regular meeting of IF Sec, IF task force, and the Government Sub Execution Unit (GSEU).
- The government and donor coordination has been strengthened through the establishment of Trade and Private Sector Development Sub Working Group (TPSDWG).
- Capacity of the NIU staff has been strengthened through the provision of part time English, as well as other technical training for NIU staff.

Duration

June 2007 to June 2010

Location

Vientiane Capital

Budget

Total budget: US\$ 220,000

Current year budget: US\$ 47,171

Partners

Implementing Partner:

- Foreign Trade Policy Department (FTPD), Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

Other Partners:

- N/A

Contributing Donors

Window II Trust Fund

Delivery

US\$ 212,505.35 (as of May 2010)

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 1.5: Enabled environment for growth with equity

CP output 1.5.2: Enhanced capacity building for service delivery and strengthened negotiation skills and policy advice on trade and poverty policies, including global and regional agreements such as the ASEAN Free Trade Agreement (AFTA), accession to the World Trade Organization and investment promotion (UNCTAD, ITC, UNIDO, UNDP)

Millennium Development Goal

Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.

Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development

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