

Supporting the Private Sector Development

Promoting Private Sector Development Through Strengthening of Lao National Chambers of Commerce and Industry (LNCCI) And Business Associations (BAs)

Description

Private sector development is recognized as the engine of growth that is essential for poverty reduction. The project activities are rooted in Government policies on private sector development, commitments of the UN system articulated in the current United Nations Development Assistance Framework and the UNDP-UNIDO cooperation agreement on private sector development. Ultimately, the project will contribute to an improved enabling business environment, accelerated growth of private businesses, increased exports, and increase in the number and profitability of SMEs.

Main Objectives and Activities

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- optimized the use of research findings and recommendations in the areas of private sector development (PSD) and the business enabling environment;
- Strengthened management capacities in Lao Chambers of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) and Business Associations (BAs);
- Strengthened services to businesses from LCCI and BAs;
- Strengthened analytical and advocacy capacities at LCCI and BAs

Duration

June 2006 to Mar 2010

Location

Vientiane Capital

Budget

Total budget: USD 2,326,075
Current year budget: USD 7,000

Partners

Implementing Partner:

- Lao National Chamber of Commerce (LNCCI).

Other Partners:

- United Nations Industrial Development Organization.
- National Economic Research Institute.

Contributing Donors

UNDP TRAC: 273,692
UNIDO: USD 250,000

Delivery

Expenditure: USD 512,105

Agreement Signed with the Government

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

Key Results, Reports and Publications to date

- The study of bottlenecks limiting growth of SMEs is completed
- Final report of review of existing Private Sector Development (PSD) studies/reports is finalized
- Capacity of LNCCI to provide management training and online support services to provincial CCIs and BAs has been strengthened.
- The Decree on Organization and Operation of the Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LNCCI) has been prepared and approved following intensive consultations of LNCCI with the Government supported by the project.

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 1.5.1: improved advisory and service capability of public and private sector partners in the folds of institutional building and promotion of the domestic private sector with a focus on employment generation and pro-poor growth, and the long-term sustainability of micro, small and medium enterprises, towards a further transition to a market economy.

Millennium Development Goal

Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.

Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development

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