COUNTRY PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK

The World Bank Group’s Country Partnership Framework in Lao PDR (2017-2021) supports the Government’s 8th National Socio-Economic Development Plan (2016-2020). It focuses on three main areas and one cross-cutting theme:

- Supporting inclusive growth
- Investing in people
- Protecting the environment

The cross-cutting theme is strengthening institutions to establish a rules-based environment.

PORTFOLIO IN LAO PDR

The World Bank financed portfolio in Lao PDR includes:

- Studies / Advisory Services and Analytics
- 25 projects (as of April 8, 2020)

Funding for projects

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<td>World Bank / IDA funding</td>
<td>USD 692.7 million</td>
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**Total project budget commitment** USD 744.8 million
## Project Name

### Lao PDR Competitiveness and Trade Project
- **Approval Date:** 27 Sep 18
- **Closing Date:** 31 Dec 22
- **Budget (million USD):** 13.0
- **% Disbursed:** 21%
- **Undisbursed Balance (million USD):** 9.7
- **Implementing Agency:** Ministry of Industry & Commerce
- **Objective:** Simplify business regulations, facilitate trade, and improve firm-level competitiveness

### Small and Medium Enterprise Access to Finance Project
- **Approval Date:** 9 Jun 14
- **Closing Date:** 30 Jun 20
- **Budget (million USD):** 20.0
- **% Disbursed:** 99%
- **Undisbursed Balance (million USD):** 0.1
- **Implementing Agency:** Ministry of Industry & Commerce
- **Objective:** Provide long-term funding sources for banks to enhance long-term credit to SMEs

### Power Grid Improvement Project
- **Approval Date:** 23 Jun 15
- **Closing Date:** 31 Mar 21
- **Budget (million USD):** 30.0
- **% Disbursed:** 73%
- **Undisbursed Balance (million USD):** 7.7
- **Implementing Agency:** Electricité du Laos, Ministry of Energy & Mines
- **Objective:** Improve efficiency and reliability of power distribution in the selected load areas served by Electricité du Laos

### Road Sector Project II
- **Approval Date:** 13 Dec 16
- **Closing Date:** 31 Dec 25
- **Budget (million USD):** 50.0
- **% Disbursed:** 23%
- **Undisbursed Balance (million USD):** 37.9
- **Implementing Agency:** Ministry of Public Works & Transport
- **Objective:** Strengthen maintenance systems to improve reliable road connectivity and provide immediate and effective response in case of crisis or emergency

### Poverty Reduction Fund III
- **Approval Date:** 24 May 16
- **Closing Date:** 30 Jun 24
- **Budget (million USD):** 52.5
- **% Disbursed:** 57%
- **Undisbursed Balance (million USD):** 22.7
- **Implementing Agency:** Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry
- **Objective:** Improve access to basic services for poor communities

### Agriculture Competitiveness Project
- **Approval Date:** 26 Apr 18
- **Closing Date:** 28-Jun-24
- **Budget (million USD):** 25.0
- **% Disbursed:** 36%
- **Undisbursed Balance (million USD):** 15.0
- **Implementing Agency:** Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry
- **Objective:** Increase the competitiveness of selected agricultural value chains

### National Road 13 Improvement and Maintenance Project
- **Approval Date:** 18 May 18
- **Closing Date:** 31 May 23
- **Budget (million USD):** 40.0
- **% Disbursed:** 2%
- **Undisbursed Balance (million USD):** 34.1
- **Implementing Agency:** Ministry of Public Works & Transport
- **Objective:** Improve the road condition, safety and climate resilience of critical sections of Road 13

### Enhancing PFM through Information and Communication Technology and Skills Project
- **Approval Date:** 14 Mar 19
- **Closing Date:** 31 Aug 25
- **Budget (million USD):** 20.0
- **% Disbursed:** 6%
- **Undisbursed Balance (million USD):** 18.5
- **Implementing Agency:** Ministry of Finance
- **Objective:** Contribute to the coverage, timeliness, and transparency of financing reporting, and enhance public financial management (PFM) skills

### Financial Sector Safety Net Strengthening
- **Approval Date:** 30 Mar 20
- **Closing Date:** 30 Sep 24
- **Budget (million USD):** 35.0
- **% Disbursed:** 0%
- **Undisbursed Balance (million USD):** 35.0
- **Implementing Agency:** Bank of Laos
- **Objective:** Strengthen the financial and institutional capacity of the Deposit Protection Office to fulfill its deposit insurance mandate

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1. Inclusive of active co-financed Trust Fund
2. SDR converted to USD at spot rate.
### Focus area 2: Investing in people

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<td>Second Global Partnership for Education</td>
<td>14 Apr 15</td>
<td>31 Dec 20</td>
<td>16.8</td>
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<td>Ministry of Education &amp; Sports</td>
<td>Support the government in improving pre-primary and primary education quality</td>
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<td>Scaling-Up Water Supply, Sanitation, and Hygiene Project</td>
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<td>25.0</td>
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<td>Ministries: Public Works &amp; Transport; Health</td>
<td>Provide access to improved water supply, sanitation &amp; hygiene services in nutrition convergence areas and strengthen capacity to improve service delivery</td>
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<td>Lao PDR’s Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Project</td>
<td>30 Mar 20</td>
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<td>Ministry of Home Affairs</td>
<td>Improve coverage of civil registration of vital events with the establishment of a functional electronic management information system</td>
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<td>Health Governance and Nutrition Development Project</td>
<td>23 Jun 15</td>
<td>31 Dec 20</td>
<td>41.4</td>
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<td>Ministry of Health</td>
<td>Increase coverage of reproductive, maternal and child health, and nutrition services</td>
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<td>Early Childhood Education Project</td>
<td>2 Apr 14</td>
<td>31 Dec 20</td>
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<td>Ministry of Education &amp; Sports</td>
<td>Increase coverage and improve the quality of early childhood education services</td>
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<td>Reducing Rural Poverty and Malnutrition Project</td>
<td>14 Mar 19</td>
<td>31 Mar 24</td>
<td>27.0</td>
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<td>Ministry of Agriculture &amp; Forestry</td>
<td>Improve nutrition behaviors and enhance the convergence of nutrition-focused interventions</td>
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<td>Health and Nutrition Service Access Project</td>
<td>12 Mar 20</td>
<td>31 Dec 25</td>
<td>23.0</td>
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<td>Ministry of Health</td>
<td>Improve access to quality health and nutrition services in targeted areas of Lao PDR</td>
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<td>6 Apr 20</td>
<td>31 Dec 22</td>
<td>18.0</td>
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<td>Ministry of Health</td>
<td>Respond to the COVID-19 outbreak and strengthen national systems for public health emergency preparedness in Lao PDR</td>
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### Focus area 3: Protecting the environment

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<td>Second Lao Environment and Social Project</td>
<td>02 Apr 14</td>
<td>30 Jun 21</td>
<td>38.8</td>
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<td>Environment Protection Fund</td>
<td>Strengthen environmental protection management systems for protected areas conservation, enforcement of wildlife laws, and environmental assessment management</td>
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<td>Scaling-Up Participatory Sustainable Forest Management</td>
<td>31 May 13</td>
<td>31 Aug 21</td>
<td>36.8</td>
<td>86%</td>
<td>Ministry of Agriculture &amp; Forestry</td>
<td>Execute REDD+ activities through participatory sustainable forest management and pilot forest landscape management</td>
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*Public Finance Management Reform Project*  
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<th>Technical Assistance for Capacity Development in Hydropower and Mining Sector</th>
<th>12 Jan 10</th>
<th>30 Sep 20</th>
<th>28.3</th>
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<th>Ministry of Energy &amp; Mines</th>
<th>Increase human capacity and improve the performance of Government oversight institutions for the hydropower and mining sectors</th>
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<td>Mekong Integrated Water Resources Management</td>
<td>8 Mar 12</td>
<td>31 Mar 21</td>
<td>52.1</td>
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<td>13.8</td>
<td>Ministries: Natural Resources and Environment; Agriculture &amp; Forestry; Mekong River Commission</td>
<td>Establish key examples of integrated water resources management practices in the lower Mekong Basin</td>
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<td>6 Jul 17</td>
<td>31 Dec 24</td>
<td>56.0</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>52.5</td>
<td>Ministries: Finance; Natural Resources &amp; Environment; Public Works &amp; Transport; Planning &amp; Investment</td>
<td>Reduce the impacts of flooding in Muang Xay and enhance the government’s capacity to provide hydro-meteorological services and disaster response</td>
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<td>Lao PDR Green Resilient Growth Development Policy Operation 2</td>
<td>28 May 19</td>
<td>31 Dec 20</td>
<td>40.0</td>
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<td>Ministry of Finance</td>
<td>Support the government in achieving fiscal sustainability and consolidating its path towards green growth</td>
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<td>Lao PDR Clean Cook Stove Initiative* *(Small Recipient- Executed Trust Fund)</td>
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<td>1.2</td>
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<td>Generate environment and gender benefits for targeted households through a switch to clean, energy efficient gasifier cookstoves using biomass pellets across selected provinces</td>
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| Environment, Natural Resources & the Blue Economy | Resilient Green Growth Programmatic Analytical and Advisory Services  
Lao PDR Landscapes Valuation  
Forest Note for the Lao People’s Democratic Republic | 2022 |
| Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation | Lao PDR Payment Systems (FIRST)  
Lao PDR Financial Sector Development ASA Program | 2021, 2021 |
| Governance | Lao PDR Programmatic Public Finance Management Reform Program  
*Budget preparation and execution  
PFM Reform Coordination  
Domestic Revenue Mobilization  
Public Procurement Reform* | 2023 |
| Health, Nutrition & Population | Lao PDR Health Sector Programmatic ASA | 2021 |
| Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment | Lao PDR Programmatic Macroeconomic Monitoring  
Lao PDR Business Climate TA | 2020, 2023 |
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