

EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION – LAO PDR Portfolio

COUNTRY PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK

The World Bank Group’s Country Partnership Framework in the Lao PDR (2023-26) supports the government’s Ninth National Socio-Economic Development Plan (2021-25) and focuses on three main areas:

- Stabilizing the economy, so that ordinary people’s standard of living can increase.
- Improving equity through more jobs and better government services by supporting education, health, social protection, and a better business environment.
- Protecting natural resources and the environment.



PORTFOLIO IN THE LAO PDR

The World Bank financed portfolio in Laos includes:

- Studies / Advisory Services and Analytics
- 26 projects (as of September 22, 2023)

FUNDING FOR PROJECTS

World Bank / IDA funding	\$838.2 million
Trust Funds	\$47.6 million ¹
Total project budget commitment	<u>\$885.8 million</u>

¹ Excluding Co-Financing Trust Fund of \$60.5 million.

World Bank Portfolio in the Lao PDR, September 22, 2023

Project Name	Approval Date	Closing Date	Budget (\$ million) ²	% Disbursed	Undisbursed Balance (\$ million) ³	Implementing Agency	Project Development Objective
Agriculture Competitiveness Project	04/26/18	06/28/24	25.0	86.0%	3.3	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry	Increase the competitiveness of agricultural value chains
Lao PDR Priority Skills for Growth	03/01/22	06/30/27	46.0	7.0%	40.8	Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, Ministry of Education and Sports	Enhance access, quality and relevance of skills development and employment services for youth and other vulnerable groups in priority sectors
Lao PDR Global Partnership for Education III: Learning and Equity Acceleration Project	03/18/21	05/31/26	30.0	25.4%	20.8	Ministry of Education and Sports	Improve primary grade learning outcomes in target districts and strengthen teacher and system performance
Lao PDR Clean Cook Stove Initiative	06/26/19	10/31/25	1.2	51.6%	0.6	Ministry of Energy & Mines	Generate environmental and gender benefits through a switch to clean, energy efficient gasifier cookstoves using biomass pellets
Power Distribution Improvement Project	06/01/23	08/31/28	51.0	0.0%	50.8	Electricité du Lao (EDL)	Strengthen capacity and efficiency of distribution systems in project areas and improve EDL financial management capacity; respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency
Lao Landscapes and Livelihoods and GEF-Financed Landscape and Livelihood	02/23/21	09/30/27	34.0	15.7%	26.5	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry	Promote sustainable forest management, improve protected area management, enhance livelihood opportunities
FCPF Carbon Fund: Lao PDR ER Program	12/11/20	12/31/25	42.0	7.1%	39.0	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry	Payments for measured, reported and verified emission reductions from reduced forest loss and degradation, and enhanced forest carbon stocks in six provinces
Financial Sector Safety Net Strengthening	03/30/20	09/30/24	35.0	60.4%	13.6	Bank of Lao PDR	Strengthen the financial and institutional capacity of the Deposit Protection Office to fulfill its deposit insurance mandate
Micro, Small & Medium Enterprise Emergency Finance and Recovery Project	10/22/20	11/28/25	40.0	34.4%	24.6	Ministry of Industry and Commerce	Enhance access to finance for MSMEs in the context of the COVID-19 emergency and recovery
E-FITS: Enhancing PFM through Information and Communication Technology & Skills	03/14/19	08/31/25	20.0	15.9%	16.0	Ministry of Finance	Contribute to the coverage, timeliness, and transparency of finance reporting; enhance public financial management skills

² Inclusive of active co-financed Trust Fund

³ SDR converted to US dollars at spot rate.

Lao PDR Public Financial Management Reform Project	06/29/23	08/31/27	1.8	0.0%	0.0	Ministry of Finance	Improve the legal framework and institutional capacity for public expenditure and revenue management, public procurement and human resources management
Health and Nutrition Service Access Project	03/12/20	06/30/24	21.8	53.4%	10.1	Ministry of Health	Improve access to quality health and nutrition services
Civil Registration and Vital Statistics	03/30/20	03/31/25	25.0	40.9%	14.4	Ministry of Home Affairs	Improve coverage of civil registration of vital events with a functional electronic management information system
Lao PDR COVID-19	04/06/20	12/31/23	28.0	77.5%	6.1	Ministry of Health	Respond to COVID-19 outbreak and strengthen national systems for public health emergency preparedness in Lao PDR.
Lao PDR Competitiveness & Trade Project	09/27/18	12/31/24	10.0	81.6%	1.8	Ministry of Industry & Commerce	Simplify business regulations, facilitate trade, and improve firm-level competitiveness
Lao PDR Strengthening the National Statistical System	12/16/22	02/15/28	21.0	7.6%	20.3	Ministry of Planning and Investment	Improve the capacity of the Lao statistical system to produce and disseminate good quality statistics in a timely manner and to enhance use of key statistics; respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency
Reducing Rural Poverty & Malnutrition	03/14/19	03/31/24	27.0	78.0%	5.9	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry	Improve nutrition behavior and enhance the convergence of nutrition-focused interventions
Poverty Reduction Fund III	05/24/16	06/30/24	52.5	88.6%	6.0	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry	Improve access to basic services for poor communities
Community Livelihood Enhancement and Resilience	06/15/23	12/31/27	45.0	0.0%	44.8	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Improve rural livelihoods and consumption of diverse foods for targeted vulnerable communities, and to respond promptly and effectively in case of eligible crisis or emergency
Road Sector Project 2	12/13/16	12/31/25	50.0	81.8%	9.0	Ministry of Public Works & Transport	Strengthen maintenance systems to improve road connectivity and provide immediate and effective response to crisis or emergency
National Road 13 Improvement and Maintenance Project	05/18/18	03/31/25	40.0	82.1%	6.7	Ministry of Public Works & Transport	Improve the road condition, safety and climate resilience of critical sections of Road 13
Southeast Asia Regional Economic Corridor and Connectivity Project	05/18/22	05/31/28	131.9	5.2%	119.6	Ministry of Public Works and Transport	Improve regional, domestic trade and transport connectivity along a SE Asia east-west corridor, with climate resiliency, crisis response

Lao PDR Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Management Project	07/06/17	12/31/24	55.0	49.2%	27.3	Ministries: Natural Resources & Environment; Planning & Investment; Finance; Public Works & Transport	Reduce the impacts of flooding in target areas; and enhance government capacity to provide hydro-meteorological services and disaster response
Enhancing Systematic Land Registration	09/02/21	09/30/26	25.0	23.2%	17.8	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Support the Lao PDR in improving tenure security and land administration services
Public Information & Awareness Services for Vulnerable Communities	06/30/21	07/31/24	2.5	36.8%	1.6	Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation	Improve access to legal information and counseling services for 15,000 poor and vulnerable persons
Scaling-Up WASH Project	03/14/19	03/31/24	25.0	37.5%	15.0	Ministry of Public Works & Transport; Ministry of Health	Provide access to improved water supply, sanitation & hygiene services in nutrition convergence areas and strengthen capacity to improve service delivery
Total			885.8	39%	542.4		

STUDIES / ADVISORY SERVICES AND ANALYTICS (ASA)

Global Practice	ASA Name	Completion Year
Education	Korea-Lao PDR Partnership for Better Skills Development and Job Matching	2024
Education	Lao PDR Human Capital Review	2024
Energy & Extractives	Lao PDR: Power Sector Sustainable Development Support	2025
Environment, Natural Resources & the Blue Economy	Supporting Action on Climate Change and Green Growth in Lao PDR	2024
Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation	Financial Sector Development	2025
Health, Nutrition & Population	Building a Resilient Health System for Universal Health Coverage	2024
Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment	Lao PDR macroeconomic, trade, and business environment analytics	2025
Poverty and Equity	Lao PDR Poverty and Equity Programmatic ASA	2025
Transport	Lao Road Sector Financing Review	2024
Water	Lao PDR Dam Safety and Management ASA	2024

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