



Country Action Plan
for the Implementation of the Vientiane Declaration
on Partnership for Effective Development
Cooperation (2016-2025)

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Principles	Action Areas	Key Indicators	Indicative baseline & targets		Data Source	Responsible parties
			2015 Baseline	Target		
I. Ownership & II. Alignment	1. Greater aligning and tailoring development finance to the national development agenda and context through results-based planning practices	(a) Extent of adaptation of results based planning practices by line ministries and provinces (b) Extent of alignment and use of country results framework by providers of development cooperation	Result based planning applied by MPI for the 8 th NSEDP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 95% alignment in objectives • 63% alignment in results • 56% use of national M&E systems • 60% planned final evaluation with government contribution 	By 2020, evaluation of the application of the result based practices through a review of the 8 th NSEDP implementation. By 2025, adoption of results based planning practices by all line ministries & provinces and villages including Sector Working Groups (SWGs) 100% in all four dimensions by 2025 <u>Note</u> Global target – all providers of development cooperation use country results frameworks	VDCAP review and global survey reports	DIC/MPI, DOP/MPI, line ministries, and provinces in consultation with UNDP, UNRC, 10 SWGs and other related partners
	2. Strengthening linkages between national budget and national planning processes	Effective and practical application of Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) for the achievement of 8 th NSEDP including SDGs	MTEF is being developed	MTEF available by 2018 MTEF application (2019-2020) Review and adjustment of MTEF (2020)	MOF report on Public Financial Management Programme	MOF in consultation with WB, ADB and Macroeconomic Working Group and other related partners

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	3. Ensuring ODA and Other Official Flows are on budgets which are endorsed by the National Assembly	% of ODA and Other Official Flows scheduled for disbursement are recorded in the annual budgets approved and endorsed by the national and provincial Assembly	19% (ODA only)	Not less than 59.5% by 2025 (Year on Year % increase by 4.05%) <u>Note:</u> Global target – Halve the gap The gap for Laos is 81%. Therefore, target for Laos is = $19\% + 81\%/2 = 59.5\%$	MOF report on Public Financial Management Programme MPI report on 8 th NSEDP to the NA	MOF & DIC/MPI in consultation with line ministries, WB, ADB, Macroeconomic Working Group and other related partners
	4. Within the national regulatory framework, strengthening country systems which are used by providers of development cooperation to extent possible: budget execution, financial reporting, audit and Procurement	Percentage of development cooperation using the country Public Financial Management and procurement systems building on regular assessments of the systems within the national regulatory framework.	22% (Overall) 27% (Budget) 22% (Finance) 19% (Auditing) 21% (Procurement)	Not less than 48% <u>Note</u> Global target – reduce the gap by one-third where CPIA score between 3.5 and 4.5	MOF report on Public Financial Management Programme Global survey on partnership for effective development cooperation	MOF in consultation with line ministries including 10 SWGs, WB, ADB, and other related partners
III. Harmonisation & Simplification	5. Adopting Programme-Based Approaches (PBAs) and Sector Wide Approaches (SWAp) to support the implementation of the NSEDPs including SDGs	Extend of adoption of PBAs and SWAp in key development sectors as per NSEDP framework including SDGs: Education, Health, Agriculture, UXO, and others as appropriate	No fully effective application of PBAs/SWAp in place	National PBAs and SWAp guidelines adopted by 2018 By 2019, TBA By 2022, TBA By 2025, TBA	VDCAP and global survey reports	DIC/MPI in consultation line ministries including 10 SWGs with UNDP, UNRC, EU, and other related partners

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	6. Under Government leadership, providers of development cooperation coordinate their strategies and actions, simplify procedures vis-à-vis the Government and enhance collaboration to avoid duplication.	Joint programming of providers of development cooperation	Some joint programming activities existed e.g. within EU member states, and UN agencies	Great use of joint programming within PBAs/SWAp	VDCAP monitoring and global survey reports	DIC/MPI in consultation with UNDP, UNRC, EU, 10 SWGs and other related partners
IV. Inclusive Partnership for Development Results	7. Enhancing capacities of the National Assembly (NA) including the newly established Provincial People's Assembly (PPA) to approve and monitor national development plans and budget for greater development results	NA and PPA exercise more effectively oversight functions over development policies/strategies, regulations and budgets at national and provincial levels	Capacity development plan for NA and PPA is being developed	By 2018, finalisation of capacity development plan By 2019 - 2021, operationalization of the capacity development plan By 2022, capacity assessment of NA and PPA	Annual report by NA and PPA on their activities	NA and PPA in consultation MPI and MOF, Governance SWG and related partners
	8. Advancement of the Round Table Process - moving towards greater partnership for effective development cooperation	Greater partnership for effective development cooperation with clear outcome indicators	Fair participation of various stakeholders in the Round Table Process which focuses on broad development agenda	From 2017-2020, transition toward effective partnership cooperation process From 2021-2025, greater participation of various stakeholders in the effective partnership cooperation process focusing on specific/thematic development issues.	Review and assessment of the Round Table Process Reports of Round Table Meetings and Round Table Implementations meetings	DIC/MPI in consultation with UNDP, UN RC, all 10 SWGs and other related partners

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	9. Reviewing legal and regulatory frameworks for NPAs and INGOs as necessary and improving engagement of NPAs and INGOs in national and provincial development planning and coordination, including the implementation and reporting of development results in accordance to the national legal and regulatory framework	<p>(a) Improved legal and regulatory frameworks for NPAs and INGOs and enhanced engagement of NPAs and INGOs in the formulation, consultation and implementation of national development policies and programmes</p> <p>(b) Extent to which development effectiveness principles implemented by NPAs and INGOs</p>	<p>Legal and regulatory environment exist</p> <p>Moderate engagement</p> <p>There is a guideline to facilitate an application of the principles by NPAs and INGOs</p>	<p>Over time, increased in effectiveness of enforcement/implementation of improved legal and regulatory environment that enable effective registration and operation of different INGOs and NPAs</p> <p>Systematic process and publically available information on the involvement in development of both INGOs and NPAs</p> <p>All INGOs and NPAs are adhered to development effectiveness principles</p>	<p>Reports by MOFA and MOHA</p> <p>VDCAP and global survey reports</p>	<p>MOFA, MOHA in consultations with line ministries, Governance SWG INGOs, NPAs, and other related partners</p>
V. Transparency, Predictability, and Mutual Accountability	10. Ensuring a more predictable and accountable national budget that becomes the principle tool of effective development cooperation	More predictable and accountable national budget produced and annual report of budget execution systematic issued, including increasing amounts of 'ODA and Other Official Flows on budget'	There is a process in place which needs further improvements	By 2019, systematic release of the national budget and availability for public use	MOF report on public financial management programme	MOF in consultation with line ministries, WB, ADB, Macroeconomic Working Group and other related partners

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	11. Ensuring availability and public accessibility of information on development cooperation and other development resources (commitments, actual disbursements and results)	On line availability of reports on development cooperation and other development resources (commitments, actual disbursements and results) via functionality of a national ODA database	National ODA database not operationalized Quality inputs for Aid Management Platform (AMP) are not timely entered	By 2018, national ODA database established based on AMP experience By 2019, systematic process in place for high quality of data on development cooperation From 2020 onwards, public availability of high quality relevant information on development cooperation	Foreign Aid Report and a report on overall development cooperation	MPI in consultation with line ministries including 10 SWGS and UN/UNDP and other relevant DPs as appropriate
VI. Domestic Resource Mobilization	12. To the extent possible, ensuring adequate mobilization of government revenues which is required for leveraging development cooperation funds for investments in various development activities	To the extent possible, percentage of government contribution to development activities funded by providers of development cooperation	Mostly in kind	By 2025, to the extent possible, a mechanism is in place to quantify government contribution (percentage) for development activities funded by providers of development cooperation	MPI report to the NA	DIC/MPI in consultation with line ministries including SWGs and other related partners
VII. South-South Cooperation, Triangular Cooperation, and Knowledge Sharing	13. Improving understanding on the nature and modalities of south-south cooperation partners and their significant participation in development cooperation management through a clear coordination and reporting mechanism	Extent of engagement of south-south partners in national development policy and programme consultations, including extent of support for implementation through a clear coordination and reporting mechanism	Engagement level of south-south partners including ASEAN and regional partners has been modest but growing	Over time, the profile of the development partnership with south-south partners has clear coordination and reporting mechanism	VDCAP and global survey reports	DIC/MPI and MOIC in consultations with line ministries including 10 SWGs, LNCC and International Chamber of Commerce and related partners

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VIII. Business as a Partner in Development	14.Improving engagement of private sector in national and provincial development planning and coordination, including the implementation, reporting and oversight of development results and outcomes through a proper analytical framework/mechanism.	Extent of coordinated engagement of private sector in national and provincial development policy processes through a proper analytical framework/mechanism (linkage between RTP and Trade & Private Sector Working and Lao Business Forum)	Participation and engagement of private sector has been at moderate level with an effort to link RTP & Trade and Private Sector Working with Lao Business Forum)	Strong mechanisms and coordination process reflecting a effective partnership with private sector (Strong linkage between RTP and Trade & Private Sector Working and Lao Business Forum)	VDCAP and global survey reports on partnership for effective development cooperation	MOIC and MPI in consultations with line ministries including 10 SWGs and related partners