



Round Table Implementation Meeting 2014
***“Accelerating the achievement of the 7th NSEDP/ MDGs
and LDC Graduation”***

**Enhancing partnerships for effective
development cooperation and better
development results**

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Presentation Outline

- I. Effective development cooperation framework in Lao PDR**
- II. Achievements for fostering effective development cooperation in 2014**
- III. Results of the VDCAP implementation**
- IV. The way forwards**

II. Achievements for fostering effective development cooperation in 2014

- 1. Create common understanding in the implementation of the Decree No. 75/PM dated 20 March 2009 on ODA Management and utilization (national and provincial levels)**
- 2. Develop the 2014 RTIM Road Map based on the RTP Retreat – April 2014**
- 3. Conduct the revision of the VDCAP in according to regional and global development contexts**
- 4. Develop the VDCAP monitoring framework which is integrated into SWGs activities to ensure common understanding among various stakeholders.**
- 5. Create enabling environment for local authorities and private sector to continuously engage and participate in the Round Table Process by organizing the Round Table Provincial Consultation in Saravane (September 2014) and the Lao Business Forum which will be organised at the end of this year.**

II. Achievements for fostering effective development cooperation in 2014

- 6. Initiate a discussion on the Implications of the Programme-based Approaches (PBA)**
- 7. Create a plan for the Development Finance and Aid Assessment (DFAA) study**
- 8. Carry out an internal government discussion to review the monitoring system and improve SWGs mechanism**
- 9. Organise an Internal government consultation on the current process and system for ODA information management**
- 10. Participate in various global and regional events on partnerships for effective development cooperation (Mexico, South Korea and Germany)**

III. Results of the VDCAP implementation

3.1 Ownership

Achievements

- **The Government takes lead in formulating the NSEDP in each cycle including implementation, monitoring and reporting especially active participation of the involvement of line Ministries, SWGs and Provincial authorities**

Challenges

- **Although the Government had allocated budget in accordance to the plan, the linkage with the Mid-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) remains a work in progress**
- **Active participation and coordination mechanism of related stakeholders in the implementation of the 7th NSEDP and the formulation of the 8th NSEDP need to be strengthened**

III. Results of the VDCAP implementation

3.2 Alignment

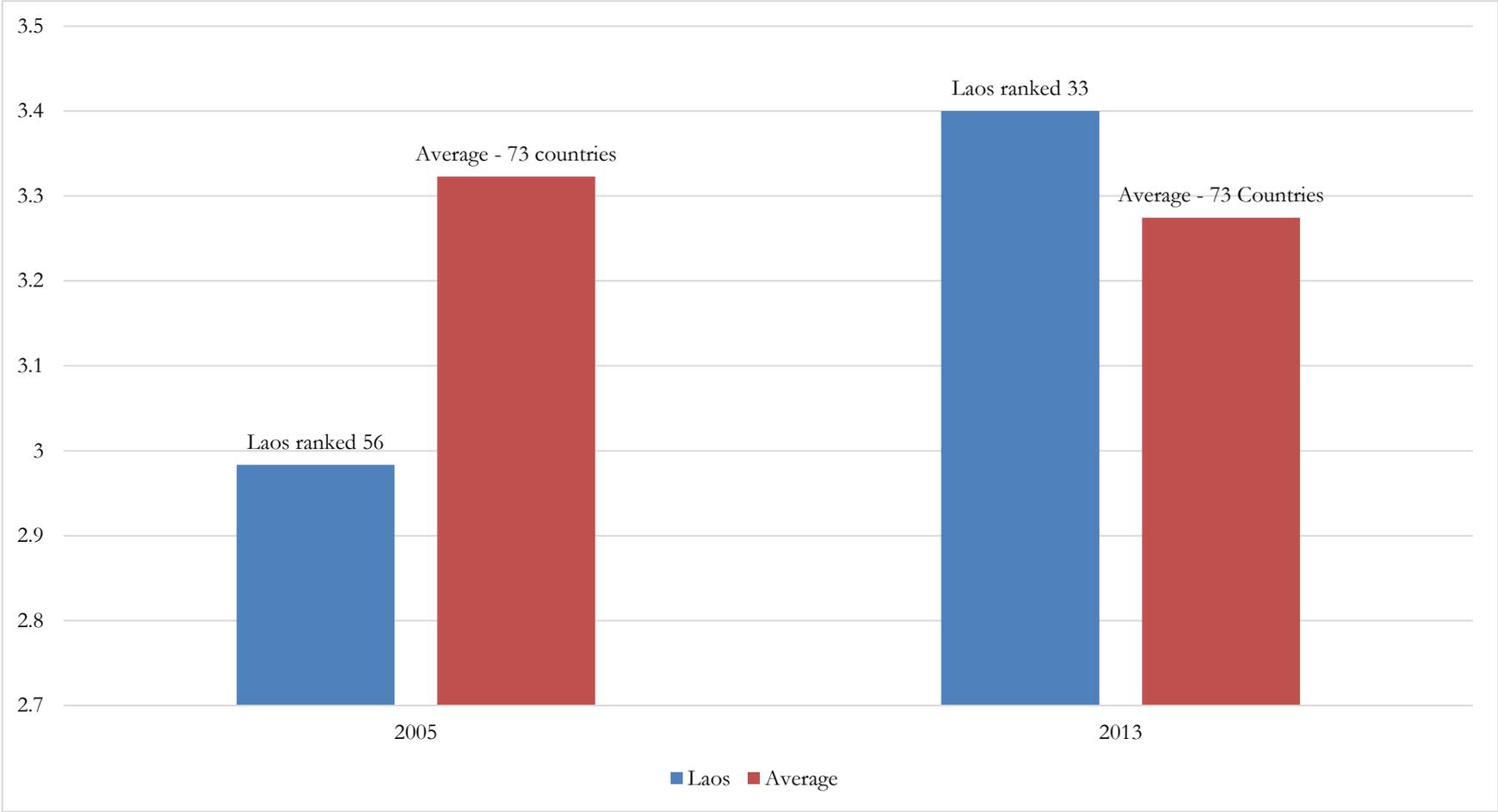
Achievements

- There is an effort to strengthen the country systems supported and coordinated by DPs
 - Among 70 odd-developing countries, Lao PDR' World Bank Country Policy and Institutional Assessment (CPIA) score improved from 2.98 in 2005 to 3.40 in 2013
 - Over this period, Lao PDR went from one of the lowest ranked developing countries (in the bottom quarter) to being ranked slightly above average. Improvements can be seen across the board.

Challenges

- Possibility of DPs adopting /integrating with the national procedures and systems
- Stronger efforts by the government to strengthen the use of country system

CPIA scores, Laos and developing country averages (2005 and 2013)



III. Results of the VDCAP implementation

3.3 Harmonization

Achievements

- Attempt to implement Programme-Based Approaches (PBAs) has increased
- Joint missions – increased from 18% in 2007 – 26% in 2011 – more than 50% in 2013 (estimation)
- Coordinated analytical work – 25% in 2007 – 53% in 2011 – over 55% in 2013 (estimation)

Challenges

- PBAs have become a new challenge for the Government and DPs
 - Common understanding
 - Reporting
 - Implementation arrangement (the budgetary framework)
- DPs needs to commit to use country systems.

III. Results of the VDCAP implementation

3.4 Managing for results

Achievements

- Focus of development cooperation has been based on the NSEDP goals including MDGs
- The annual NSEDP M&E framework has been developed
- DPs and other stakeholders such as private sector and CSOs have been taking part in the NSEDP formulation and review process.

Challenges

- There is a need to strengthen monitoring and evaluation process for NSEDP implementation (approach, system, tools, etc)
- Human and technical capacity limitations (quality and quantity)
- The progress reports by stakeholders need to be better prepared
- Quality of data and various reports are still limited.

III. Result of the VDCAP implementation

3. 5 Mutual Accountability

Achievements

- **Mutual assessment structure has been in place at the national, sectoral and provincial levels (the RTMs/RTIMs including provincial consultation, SWGs, and the VDCAP)**
- **There has been a strong commitment to promote south-south cooperation and mutual accountability at country and regional levels.**

Challenges

- **To be well prepared for information sharing and movement toward International Aid Transparency Initiatives (IATI)**
- **Delegation of power and responsibility for decision making from headquarters of some DPs to country offices still limited.**

IV. The way forward

- On-going efforts are needed to ensure that partnerships for effective development cooperation are inclusive as much as possible – we need to have a shared principle to ensure inclusiveness of development**
- Enhance consultations among public-private dialogues to create an enabling environment for investment and business operation**
- Continue active consultations among stakeholders to enhance the use of country systems for better results**
- Continue improving Information and knowledge sharing which will increase capacity and transparency, for instance**
 - common understanding of PBAs, PIUs, etc for fostering partnership for effective development cooperation**
 - Improve system and mechanism of disclosing ODA information and monitoring across agencies**

IV. The way forward (cont'd)

- The SWGs' Secretariats is strengthened to ensure a good coordination and linkage to the Round Table Process.**
- Considering the key discussion points from the RTMs/RTIMs including provincial consultation, and SWGs which need to be reflected and fed into the development of M&E framework of the next NSEDP**
- Jointly prepare and organize the 12th High Level Round Table Meeting to present the 8th NSEDP including strengthening the mechanism of the Round Table Process**

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