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Strengthening Cooperation for Effective Development

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Outline



I. Key Achievements

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III. The way forward to enhance effective cooperation

I. Key Achievements



1. Improved quality and inclusiveness of development consultation process
2. Strengthened capacity and functionality of the SWGs
3. Enhanced focus from 'aid effectiveness' to 'cooperation for effective development' (Busan 2011)
4. Increased accessibility to aid information and transparency (AMP)

1. Improved quality and inclusiveness of development consultation process



- *Local consultation on the Northern region in Xiengkhouang in May 2012*
 - Bring stakeholders closer to the direct beneficiaries
 - Increase ownership and capacity of local authorities in terms of management of ODA and development cooperation
 - Enable wider range of stakeholders' participation by engaging Non Profit Associations (NPAs) and INGOs

2. Strengthened capacity and functionality of the SWGs



- Focused discussions at Chair and Co-chair SWG meetings:
 - Enable extensive consultation over RTIM agenda items
 - Clear guidelines on SWG involvement/contributions
 - SWG reports are linked to the RTIM 2011 Recommendations, and *highly* reflected in the RTIM 2012 Background Document

- Establishment of the SWG Helpdesk to support SWG secretariats:
 - Increased efficiency of communication and information sharing
 - Provision of generic SWG ToR to guide the development of SWGs specific TOR and operational structures
 - Formulation of a clear template to guide SWG contributions for the RTIM

- Establishment of 2 new SWGs: (1) Trade and Private Sector; (2) Natural Resources Management and Environment

3. Enhanced focus from 'aid effectiveness' to 'cooperation for effective development' (Busan, 2011)



1. Revision of VDCAP:

- Simplified framework
- Monitoring action plan linked to clear and available of indicators
- Greater alignment to localise the Busan outcomes on 'cooperation for effective development'

2. Study of the use of Country System:

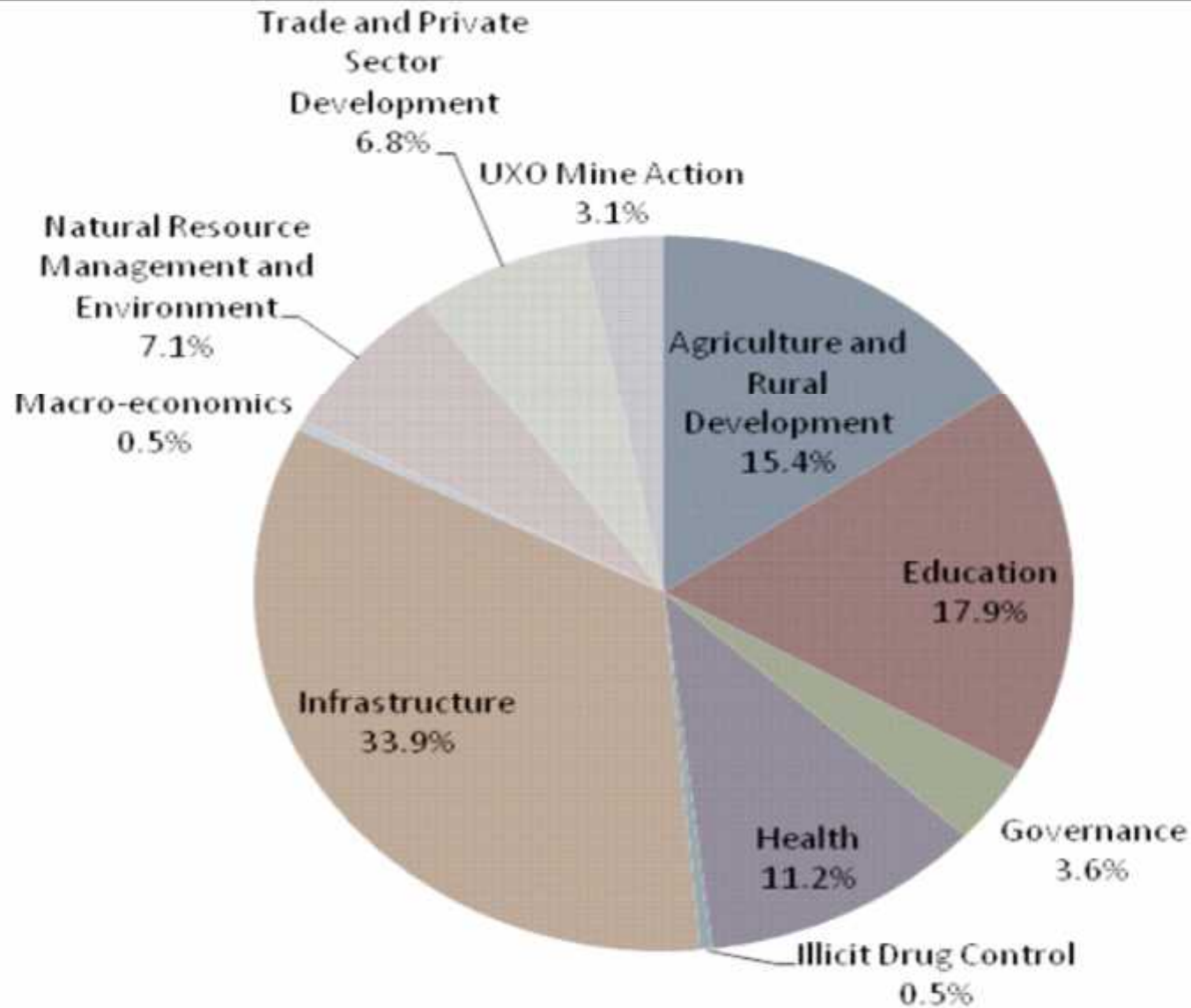
- Take stock of [progress on the use of National system by Development Partners
- Suggest practical recommendation to promote and increase

4. Increased aid accessibility and transparency (AMP)



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- *Full implementation of AMP Database - Aid Management Platform (AMP):*
 - Enhance Government's ability to monitor and analyze the ODA flows to the Lao PDR
 - Achieve active participation from DPs in the provision of up to date information in the AMP
 - Provide an important opportunity to move forward collectively on the commitment to strengthen mutual accountability
 - Ongoing developments
 - Public Portal to grant public access of AMP data
 - Geo-coding to further support ODA coordination

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II. Challenges



- Further enhance the capacity of local authorities in aid management within the RTP, and in light of Sam Sang
- Support the capacity of the SWG secretariats in ensuring timely and effective contributions to the RTIM/RTM
- Increase stakeholder participation by involving emerging DPs, civil society and the private sector in the RTP
- Further focus on aid effectiveness commitments, such as the use of country system and active participation by all DPs in the provision of up to date information in the AMP

III. The way forward



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- Further consultation to enhance the localisation of the RTP
 - Set up a training plan/calendar to improve the capacity of SWG secretariats in ensuring timely and effective contribution to the RTIM/RTMs
 - SWGs to engage a wider range of stakeholder in their technical discussions
 - In light of the revised VDCAP, regularly monitor progress in implementation
 - Through RTP forum, discuss and identify practical measure for DPs to gradually move towards greater utilisation of Country Systems
 - Encourage full participation from all DPs including non traditional



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