



Round Table Process Retreat
National Plan: 8th NSEDP conclusion and 9th NSEDP direction,
implementation arrangements (M&E and Financing Strategy) and
COVID-19 Recovery Framework

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13th HL RTM Workstream 2.1

8th NSEDP Conclusion and 9th NSEDP direction



The 8th NSEDP

(the central document for national development from 2016 to 2020)

- Accomplishments:
 - the fulfilment of all three LDC graduation criteria,
 - the development of the National Green Growth Strategy, and
 - SDG localization and Paris Agreement ratification.
 - Overall achievements including positive growth, social indicators improved and green growth more streamlined.
- Challenges remained, among others, in terms of:
 - the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic - threatens to halt and potential reverse Lao PDR's development progress,
 - the development gap,
 - the role of the private sector, both domestically and internationally
 - environmental degradation and climate change, and



The 9th NSEDP (2021-2025)

- The drafting process of the 9th NSEDP started in 2018
- Adapted to the changing context of the COVID-19 pandemic - A multi-stakeholder taskforce was formed in response to the pandemic – inputs needed for revising policy options and priorities of the NSEDP.
- A final draft was presented to and endorsed by the National Assembly in March 2021.
- The 9th NSEDP embeds four overarching directions for development: quality, focused, green and sustainable while ensuring the central framework will bring
 - the country closer to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 - to the edge of LDC Graduation,
 - successful recovery from the pandemic.
- There are six outcomes and 25 outputs, which are as follows:
 1. Continuous quality, stable and sustainable economic growth achieved;
 2. Improved quality of human resources to meet development, research capacity, science and technology needs and create value-added production and services;
 3. Enhanced well-being of the people;
 4. Environmental protection enhanced and disaster risks reduced;
 5. Engagement in regional and international cooperation and integration is enhanced;
 6. Public governance and administration improved, and society more equal, fair, and protected by the rule of law.

Agenda Item at the 13th HL RTM

	Objectives	Deliverables	Progress as of 29 September 2021
8 th NSEDP conclusion and 9 th NSEDP direction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present the document as the reference on national development priorities • Present the formulation process • Reflect on best practices on national planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th NSEDP, Lao and English • Presentation • Visuals 	<p><u>Work done so far</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final version in Lao (ready) • Final edit of English translation (sent out – October 6) <p><u>Work to be done</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive summary 2. Key presentation 3. Visualization/leaflet



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13th HL RTM Workstream 2.2 – 9th NSEDP

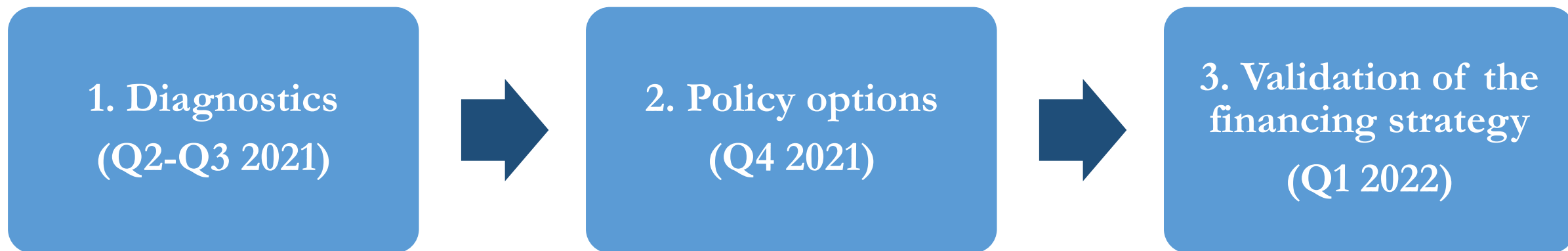
Implementation arrangements (M&E framework & Financing strategy)

M&E framework

- The 9th NSEDP is complemented by the development of a comprehensive Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) framework
- The process to develop M&E framework
 - started at the end of 2018 – after an advanced draft of the 8th NSEDP Mid-Term Review
 - a number of consultations at various levels established
- The current M&E framework contains around 168 indicators, with a combination of outcome-level indicators and output-level indicators.

Financing Strategy

A clear process: three structured dialogues



	Tentative dates	Topics addressed
Structured dialogue 1: diagnostics	14 th and 15th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment needs across the NSEDP (costing) Development Finance Assessment (DFA) and resource envelope
Structured dialogue 2: policy options	Early-Mid-November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financing options for each source of finance Sectoral financing options
Structured dialogue 3: finalization of financing strategy	1 st Quarter 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced set of financing policy options

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Financing Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financing options for discussion Assess progress and prepare for finalization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background documents on diagnostics and financing options Clear process and timeline for finalization Comms products Structured dialogues 	<p><u>Work done so far</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inception workshop in April 2021 Bilateral and multilateral meetings and consultations on diagnostics <p><u>Work to be done</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> First structured dialogue on diagnostics mid-October Second structured dialogue on financing options (discussion) by the RTM
M&E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present the M&E framework Reflect on best practices, assess RBM gaps and challenges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation Short briefing note 	<p><u>Work done so far</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M&E framework is finalized <p><u>Work to be done</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Main presentation Briefing note



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13th HL RTM Workstream 2.3 – A plan for development of COVID-19 recovery framework

In 2020, MPI with the support of the UN convened a Multi-Stakeholder Taskforce to Support a Determination of the 9th NSEDP and SDG Localization due to the Impact of COVID-19.

- Taskforce consisted of key national policymakers and development partners
- Work was structured across five themes (five background papers produced) – followed a thematic policy dialogue
- A set of key recommendations to inform the 9th NSEDP and for consideration by Sector Working Group Chairs and Co-Chairs were drafted
- Building on this, the Government has **requested the taskforce to review and revise** – as a means to provide an up-to-date situational report on the reverberating effects of the pandemic and priority areas that will require attention to ensure a successful recovery.

Five themes of the COVID-19 Multi-Stakeholder

1. Financing for sustainable development and effective development cooperation (led by MoF, WB and NIER);
2. Trade and private sector, value chains and tourism (led MOIC and ITC);
3. Green growth, resilience and risk management with respect to potential environmental, health, and economic shocks (led by MoNRE, NIER, CDR, ADB, GGGI, UNDRR, UNEP and WB);
4. Manage changes and enhance policy preparedness for decent work (led by MoLSW, ILO and IOM); and
5. Human capital including health and education (led by MoES, MPI, UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO).

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	Objectives	Deliverables	Progress todate
<p>COVID-19 recovery strategy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitize decision makers and development partners to COVID-19 health and socio-economic impacts; • Agree on the development of the formulation of a nationwide COVID-19 recovery strategy in 2022. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated background documents • Workplan and mapping of stakeholders • Pre-consultation 	<p><u>Work done so far</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five background papers from 2020 available <p><u>Work to be done</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formulating a work plan for COVID-19 recovery strategy 2. Information and email to taskforce members 3. Background papers update, including five technical-level consultations 4. Mapping of stakeholders that can contribute to the drafting of the strategy



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