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LDC Graduation Smooth Transition Strategy

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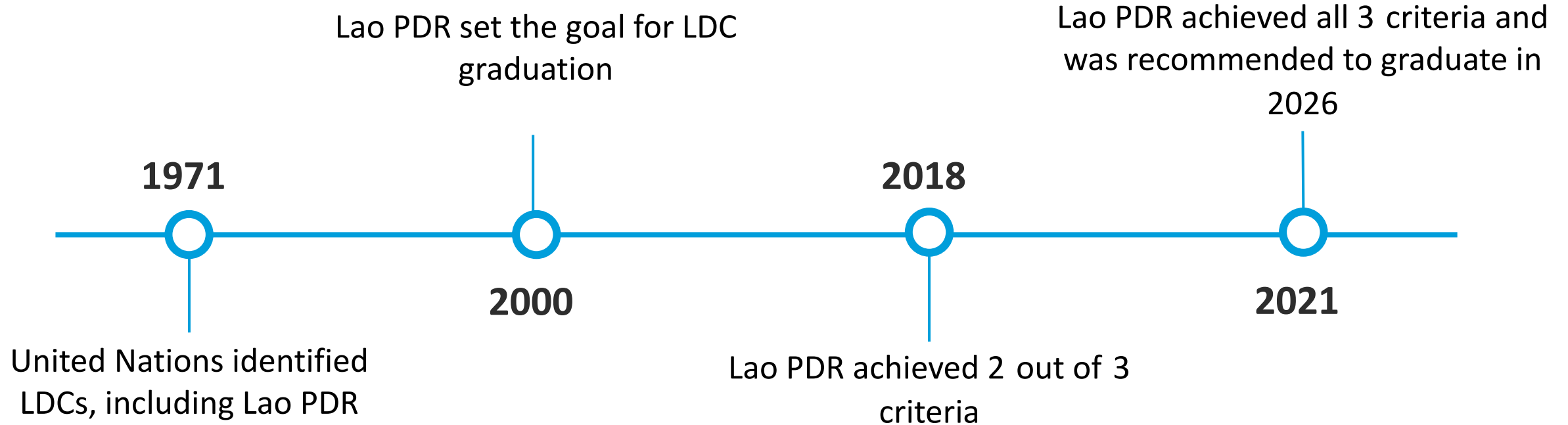


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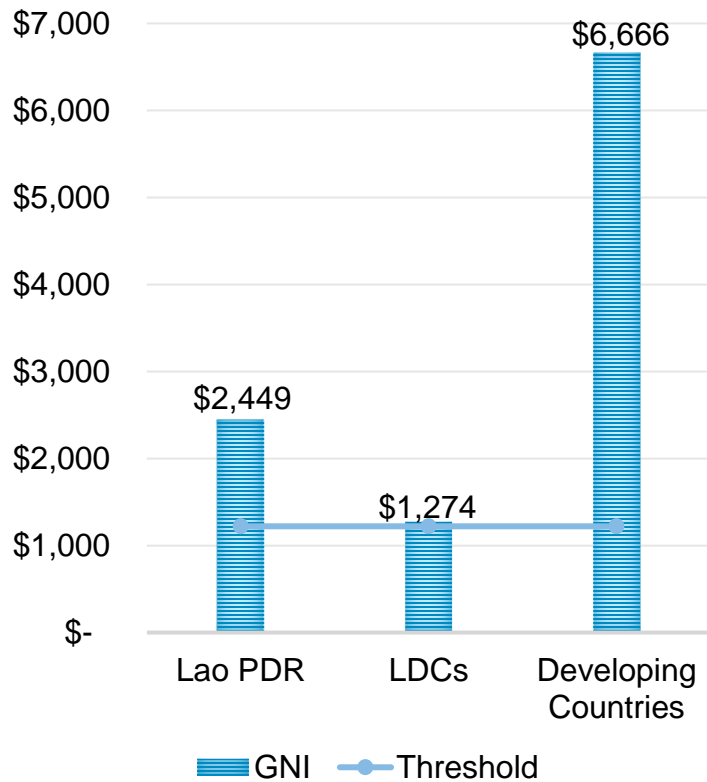
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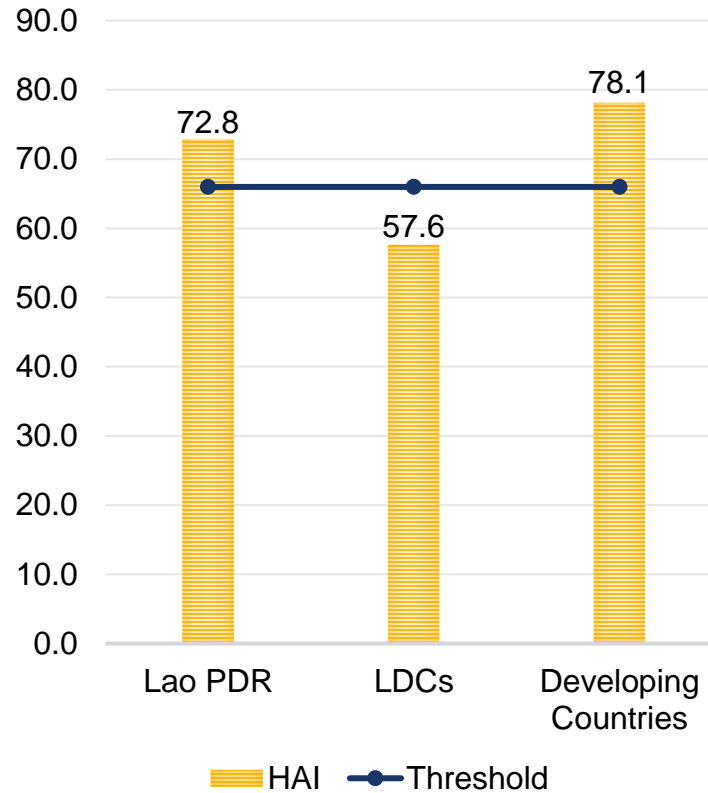
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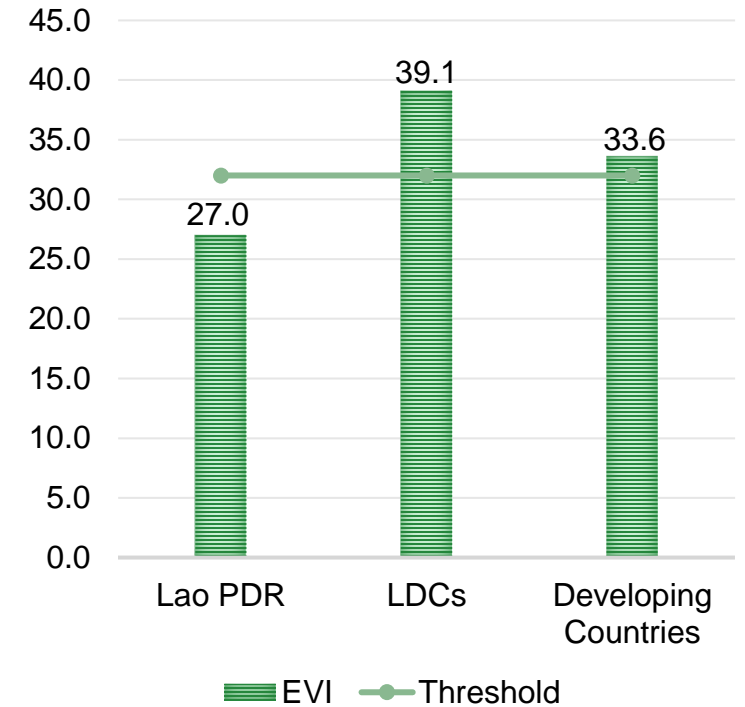
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Implications of Lao PDR's Graduation

Impacts and Challenges

Trade

- Loss of trade privileges;
- Loss or decrease in Special and Differential treatment from WTO.



Development Assistance

- Terms and conditions for accessing to loan;
- Limited access to international funds for development and environment.



Others

- Loss of ceilings and discounts on budget contributions to UN entities;
- Loss of travel funding to some international meetings.

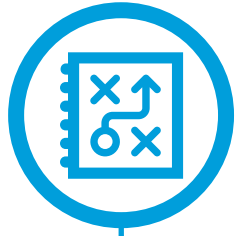




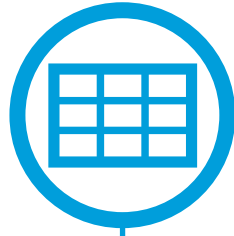
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Preparation for Lao PDR's Graduation

Objectives of the Smooth Transition Strategy



Identify **pathways of Graduation**



Identify the **parameters that will require management**



Determine the most **prioritized smooth transition measures, timelines, and responsibilities**



Summarize **existing information on the impacts of losing LDC-specific international support measures** and identify and address any remaining information gaps



Identify **mitigation measures for specific significant impacts of graduation**

Involvement of Stakeholders



Ministry of Planning and Investment



Ministry of Finance



Ministry of Industry and Commerce



Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry



Ministry of Health



Ministry of Education and Sport



Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment



Ministry of Public Works and Transport

Transition Strategy Pillars

Trade

- Analysis and search for new markets for exports;
- Research on special/niche policies for Laos;
- Economic diversifications;
- Private sector strengthening.

Development Assistance

- Linkage between strategy and annual 9th NSEDP implementation plan;
- Monetary strengthening;
- Debt management and improved macro economic sustainability.

Others

- Integrated between COVID-19 recovery plan;
- Environmental protection and increased capacity for disaster risk reduction;
- Integrated and promotion of gender work, mother and child protection.

Development of LDC Graduation Transition Strategy

Milestones from now till 2022

No	Action	Timing
1	National consultation with key stakeholder on key recommendations	December 2021
2	Availability of the first draft	February 2022
3	National consultation on the first draft	March 2022
4	Validation workshop with all partners	April 2022
5	Finalization of Strategy	May 2022
6	Annual report on LDC Smooth Transition Strategy during the 2022 RTIM	November 2022



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Thank You!

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