



**13TH HIGH-LEVEL
ROUND TABLE MEETING**

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Assessment of Development Cooperation Effectiveness and Efficiency

through the Vientiane Declaration Country Action Plan (VDCAP) Mid-Term Review
and progress under Sector Working Groups

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**Statement of Confirmation
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VDCAP Implementation

Relevance

GOL and Partners reconfirm:

- **VDCAP - A spirit of mutual understanding, transparency and accountability** of all relevant development stakeholders
- **8 principles** - Guiding framework to ensure how we (GOL, development partners, private sector, civil society, and other stakeholders) work together
- **Maximization of Development Finance** - VDCAP implementation helps accelerate efforts to maximize different sources of development finance to support the 8th NSEDP (2016-2020) & 9th NSEDP (2021-2025)

VDCAP Implementation

Effectiveness

GOL and Partners assess the implementation and reconfirm:

- **14 Actions** – Pace of progress is at moderate level – certain actions progress well and some other actions need particular attention.
- **Joint responsibilities of GOL and Partners** - VDCAP implementation needs to be mutual responsibility between GOL and partners who signed and adhered to it.
- **Monitoring and reporting** – needs to be more systematic, regular & rigorous
- **Flexibility and rooms for adjustments needed** – VDCAP is not a set in stone – it is a tool as a learning process that needs refinement, adjustment, flexibility due to uncertainties and unforeseen events.

VDCAP Review

Process and Contributions from National and International Partners

- 1. VDCAP Secretariat (DIC/MPI (Lead), NA, Line Ministries, ADB, EU, WB, Korea, UNDP, and UNRCO)**– Main engine of the VDCAP monitoring and reporting
- 2. VDCAP Secretariat Meetings** (May, Sept, Nov 2021) – covering all aspects of the VDCAP desk review
- 3. Document Review and Discussions** with all 10 Sector Working Groups
- 4. 12th November 2021 (HL RTM Pre-Consultation on the VDCAP Desk) Review** – Presentation of the Second Draft and Identification of Key Messages for the 13th HL RTM

VDCAP in the global context

2019

- Partnership global survey published
- 10 key actions
- Global High Level Forum

2020

- Revision of the VDCAP M&E framework
- 14 key actions

2021

- VDCAP Review
- HL RTM
- Global Partnership M&E framework revised
- Action Dialogue

2022

- New Global Partnership M&E framework to be adopted
- Global High Level Forum



02

Highlights of Key Progresses made to enhance Effective Development Cooperation

1. VDCAP Desk Review
2. Reports from Sector Working Groups

Highlights

Principle	Progress of key actions
I. Ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Planning Framework – Good progress made National planning and budgetary processes – Further efforts needed
II. Alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development cooperation on budget – Further actions needed Use of Country Systems – Further action needed
III. Harmonization & Simplification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme Based Approaches/Sector Wide Approaches – Further action needed Donor joint efforts – Good progress made
IV. Inclusive Partnership for Development Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role of National Assembly and Provincial People Assemblies – Good progress made Development Cooperation Process (RTP and SWGs) – Further actions needed Engagement of Civil Society – Further actions added
V. Transparency, Predictability, ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Budget – Good progress Development Cooperation Data – Further actions needed
VI. Domestic Resource Mobilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A plan on government contribution – Further actions needed
VII. South-South Cooperation, ..	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination and reporting mechanism - Further actions needed Improving understanding an the nature and modalities through a clear coordination and reporting mechanism – Good progress
VIII. Business as a Partner in Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination and reporting mechanism – Further actions needed

Reports from Sector Working Groups

Key areas covered by SWG progress reports	Highlights
Implementation of the 2019 RTIM key recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All SWGs report progresses made toward RTIM key recommendations – current reporting is more toward activity base rather than milestones and outputs.• Regular and systematic monitoring and reporting needed and they need to be based on the PM’s instruction on the RTIM implementation• There is a need to ensure common understanding between the RTP Secretariat and SWG on reporting
Sectoral Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most SWGs seem to face challenges on internal and external communication.• Capacity and coordinated approach to SWG operation much needed.
Cross cutting (VDCAP, Innovation, Gender and Youth, and impact of COVID on sector coordination)	<p>Narratives on cross cutting issues are limited across the board. More efforts needed from the RTP Secretariat to facilitate the integration of these cross cutting themes into SWG overall programming.</p>



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Priorities of the VDCAP implementation (2021-2025) - To support the implementation of 9th NSEDP including SDGs, LDC graduation, and Green Growth)

VDCAP Key actions and responsible parties (2021-2025)

I. Ownership

1. Annual, mid-term, and final 9th NSEDP based on M&E framework which could be digitalised and focus on result based practice - MPI
2. Budget allocation in accordance to prioritized development priorities and programs – MPI and MOF
3. Consistency across annual sectoral plans and annual NSEDP – MPI and Line Ministries

II. Alignment

1. Faster pace of PFM reforms - MOF
2. Quality assurance and digitisation of the ODAMIS – MPI and DPs
3. Strengthening the national systems (budget, financing reporting, audit, and procurement) to increase confidence in the use of the national systems – MPI and MOF, BOL, Audit Office, NA and DPs

VDCAP Key actions and responsible parties (2021-2025)

III. Harmonization..

1. Ensure a common understanding of PBAs/SWAp with causes of flexibility in case of uncertainties and unforeseen events - MPI
2. Complementarity and a division of labour– MPI, Line Ministries and DPs using SWGs and RT(i)M as a platform
3. Annual plan of joint activities at national and sectoral levels – MPI, Line Ministries, and DPs using SWGs and RT(i)M as platforms

IV. Inclusive Partnerships

1. Instituting broad-based and robust consultation mechanisms – MPI, Line Ministries and Provinces
2. Capacity assessment of RTP Secretariat and SWG secretariat to further enhance the functionality of RTP and SWG mechanism – MPI, Line Ministries, and DPs
3. Creating common tools and practical platforms for cross-sectoral coordination – MPI and Line Ministries and DPs.

VDCAP Key actions and responsible parties (2021-2025)

V. Predictability, Transparency..

1. Create a rule of engagement based on the ODA Decree – MPI
2. Systematic and digitalised publication of annual budget and budget execution reports, with disaggregated information - MOF
3. Quality assurance and regular data entry into ODA databased “ODAMIS” and publication of high quality Annual Foreign Aid Report – MPI and DPs

VI. Domestic Resource Mobilization

1. Agreed upon methodology to quantify Government’s contribution of development cooperation projects and programmes – MPI, MOF, MOFA and Line Ministries

VDCAP Key actions and responsible parties (2021-2025)

VII. South-South Cooperation..

1. Capacity Need Assessment and Capacity Development Plan - [MPI](#)
2. Creation of coordination mechanism and agreed upon reporting requirements – [MPI and MOFA](#)
3. Engagement of South-South Partners in RT(i)M and SWGs – [MPI, Line Ministries and DPs](#)

VIII. Business as Development Partner

1. Monitoring and reporting on issues raised at the Lao Business Forum and RT(i)M and SWGs – [MPI, MOIC, Line Ministries](#)
2. Ensure full range of private sector actors engaged in the RT(i)M and SWGs – [MPI and Line Ministries](#)
3. Agreed upon on private sector involvement beyond Public Private Dialogue – Possibility of creating Public Private Citizen Dialogue – [MPI, MOIC, NA](#)



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