

**Grant 0599-LAO: Second Greater Mekong Subregion Tourism Infrastructure for
Inclusive Growth Project**

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Location map of subprojects

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Vientiane Province

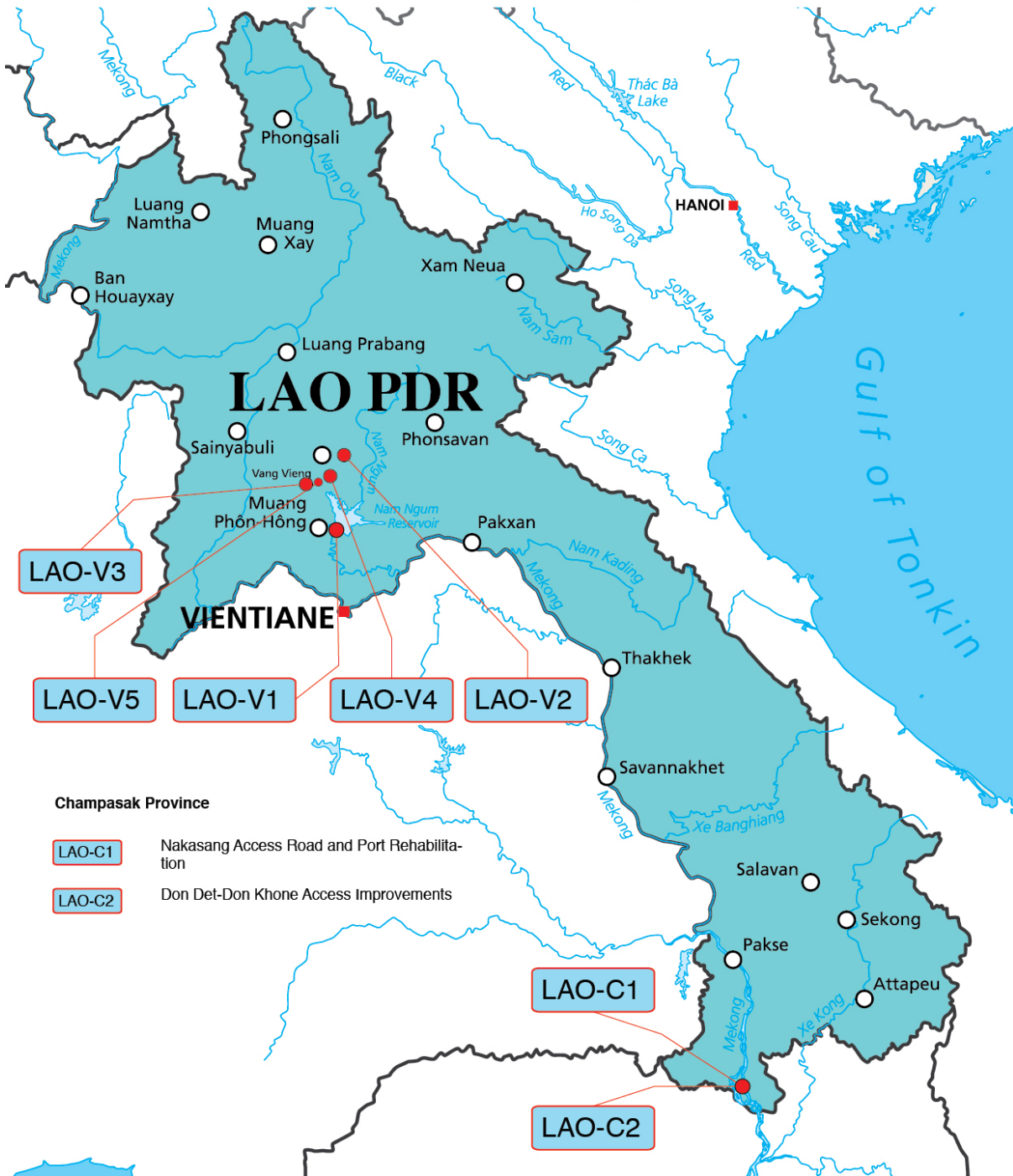
LAO-V1 Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements

LAO-V2 Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements

LAO-V3 Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements

LAO-V4 Vang Vieng Urban Renewal (street beautification etc)

LAO-V5 Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements



Champasak Province

LAO-C1 Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation

LAO-C2 Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements

LAO-C1

LAO-C2

1. Basic Data

Grant number:	0599-LAO
Grant Amount:	USD 47,000,000
Board Approval:	31 August 2018
Financing Agreement Signed:	16 October 2018
Grant Effectiveness:	25 December 2018
Physical Completion Date:	31 December 2024
Grant Closing Date:	30 June 2025
Elapsed Grant Period:	24 months/72 months (33.3%)
Project Overall Progress:	31.70%
Recipient:	Ministry of Finance, Lao PDR
Executing Agency:	Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism, Lao PDR
Implementing Agency:	Departments of Information, Culture and Tourism of Champhasak, Luang Prabang, and Vientiane Province, and the Vang Vieng Urban Development Administration Authority
Date of Last Review Mission:	Inception Mission, 29 August to 3 September 2019

2. Financing Plan and Allocation of Grant Proceeds

Financing Plan:

Source	Amount (\$mill)	Share of Total (%)
ADB Special Funds Resources	47	96.3
Government of Lao PDR	1.8	3.7
Total Project Costs	48.8	100

Detailed Cost Estimates by Expenditure Category and Financier:

The PAM table showing the Detailed Cost Estimates by Expenditure Category and Financier table is reproduced overleaf (page 5) for reference.

3. Status of Grant Utilization

Contract Awards and Disbursements:

As of 31 December 2020, based on LFIS

	2019 (\$ mln)					2020 (\$ mln)				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
CA Projections	1.375	0.239	4.029	4.648	10.292	4.108	6.770	0.500	0.810	12.188
Cum CA Projections	1.375	1.614	5.643	10.292		14.400	21.170	21.670	22.480	
Actual CA	1.375	0.188	4.232	4.495	10.290	0.547	0.595	0.715	1.653	3.510
Actual Cum CA	1.375	1.563	5.795	10.290		10.837	11.432	12.417	13.800	
Disb Projections	0.000	1.000	0.315	1.298	2.613	0.837	3.150	1.300	1.700	6.987
Cum Disb Projections	0.000	1.000	1.315	2.613		3.450	6.600	7.900	9.600	
Actual Disb	0.000	1.000	0.315	1.297	2.613	0.367	1.234	1.119	1.471	4.191
Actual Cum Disb	0.000	1.000	1.315	2.613		2.980	4.214	5.333	6.804	

CA = Contract Awards; Cum = Cumulative; Disb = Disbursement; LGFIS = Loan and Grant Financial Information Services; mln = million; Q = quarter.

Weighted Progress, Contract Awards and Disbursement against Elapsed Time:

A graph showing cumulative weighted progress, contract awards and disbursement in percentage of total against elapsed time (by quarter) is presented on Page 6.

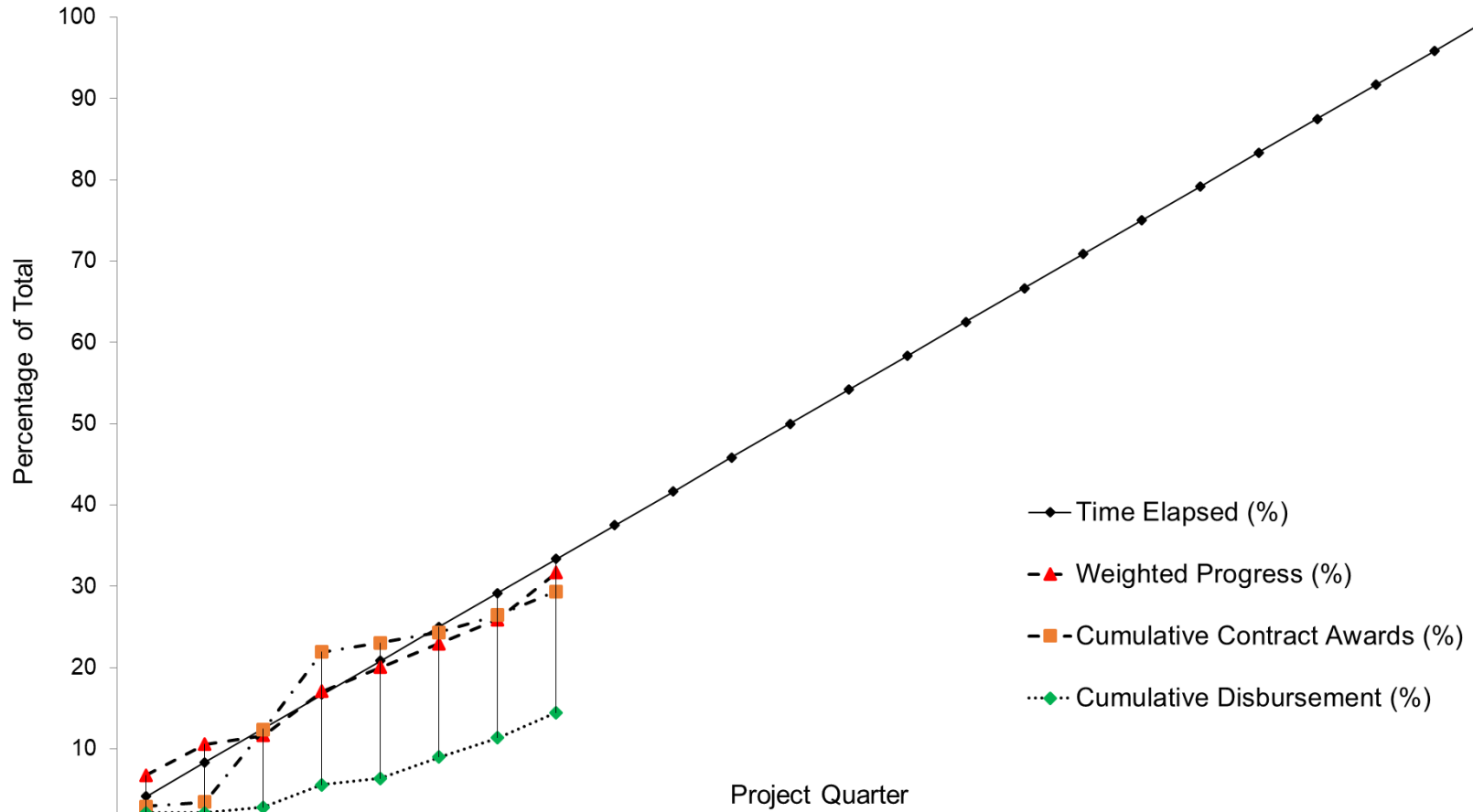
Detailed Cost Estimates by Expenditure Category and Financier

Item	ADB				Government of Lao PDR				Total Cost
	Amount	Amount (Taxes & Duties)	Total	% of Cost Category	Amount	Amount (Taxes & Duties)	Total	% of Cost Category	
A. Investment Cost									
1. Civil Works	26.98	2.70	29.68	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	29.68
2. Equipment and Vehicles	1.61	0.16	1.77	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	1.77
2. Consulting Services	4.01	0.40	4.41	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	4.41
4. Project Management	0.73	0.07	0.80	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	0.80
5. Capacity Building	3.13	0.31	3.45	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	3.45
6. Land Acquisition and Resettlement	-	-	-	0.0%	0.12	-	0.12	100.0%	0.12
Subtotal (A)	36.46	3.65	40.10	99.7%	0.12	-	0.12	0.3%	40.23
B. Recurrent Cost^a									
1. PCU and PIU Staff Cost	0.51	0.05	0.56	37.1%	0.87	0.09	0.96	62.9%	1.52
2. PCU and PIU Operations ^b	1.27	0.13	1.39	70.7%	0.52	0.05	0.58	29.3%	1.97
3. PCU and PIU Vehicles and Office Equipment	0.29	0.26	0.54	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	0.54
Subtotal (B)	2.06	0.44	2.50	62.0%	1.39	0.14	1.53	38.0%	4.03
Total Base Cost (A+B)	38.52	4.09	42.60	96.3%	1.52	0.14	1.65	3.7%	44.26
D. Contingencies									
Physical Contingency	1.89		1.89	97.0%	0.06		0.06	3.0%	1.95
Price Contingency	2.50		2.50	96.7%	0.09		0.09	3.3%	2.59
Sub-total (D)	4.40	-	4.40	96.8%	0.15	-	0.15	3.2%	4.54
Total Project Cost (A+B+C+D)	42.92	4.09	47.00	96.3%	1.66	0.14	1.80	3.7%	48.80
% of Total Project Cost			96.3%				3.7%		100.0%

^a The recurrent costs financed by ADB are in-cash and recurrent costs financed by the Government of Lao PDR are in-kind; ^b Externally hired staff, office supplies, and fuel.
Source: Project Administration Manual (PAM).

Weighted Progress, Contract Awards and Disbursement against Elapsed Time

As of 31 December 2020



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Time Elapsed (%)	4.17	8.33	12.50	16.67	20.83	25.00	29.17	33.33	37.50	41.67	45.83	50.00	54.17	58.33	62.50	66.67	70.83	75.00	79.17	83.33	87.50	91.67	95.83	100.00
Weighted Progress (%)	6.78	10.55	11.64	17.09	20.02	22.96	25.88	31.70																
Cumulative Contract Awards (%)	2.93	3.43	12.33	21.89	23.06	24.32	26.43	29.36																
Cumulative Disbursement (%)	2.13	2.13	2.80	5.56	6.34	8.97	11.34	14.48																

Contract Awards by Category:

As of 31 December 2020

Category	Total ADB financing (\$ mln)	Contract Awards (\$ mln)	Uncommitted (\$ mln)
A. Investment Cost			
1. Civil Works	29.68	4.10	25.58
2. Equipment and Vehicles	1.77	0.22	1.55
2. Consulting Services	4.41	5.89	(1.48)
4. Project Management	0.80	0.11	0.69
5. Capacity Building	3.45	2.04	1.41
6. Land Acquisition and Resettlement	-	-	
Subtotal (A)	40.10	12.35	27.76
B. Recurrent Cost^a			
1. PCU and PIU Staff Cost	0.56	0.14	0.42
2. PCU and PIU Operations	1.39	0.24	1.15
3. PCU and PIU Vehicles and Office Equipment	0.54	0.27	0.27
Subtotal (B)	2.50	0.65	1.84
Total Base Cost (A+B)	42.60	13.01	29.59

^a The recurrent costs financed by ADB are in-cash and recurrent costs financed by the Government of Lao PDR are in-kind

ADB = Asian Development Bank; PCU is project coordination unit; PIU = project implementation unit.

Expenditure by Financier:

As of 31 December 2020

Expenditures	ADB (\$ mln)	Govt. (\$ mln)	Total (\$ mln)
Actual expenditure for Project Quarter 8 (Q4 2020)	1.471	0.031	1.502
Cumulative expenditure up end of Project Quarter 8 (Q4 2020)	6.804	0.251	7.056

ADB = Asian Development Bank; Govt. = Government; mln = million.

Government financing:

As per the PAM, the Government would finance: (i) government counterpart staff salaries and office space (in-kind); and (ii) land acquisition and resettlement (LAR) (in-cash). During Q3 2020 it was agreed that LAR costs will be financed from the grant proceeds rather than from the GOL budget. The main reason for this is that due to the economic impacts from the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Lao PDR is experiencing difficulties meeting its tax revenue targets, which, consequently, affects its ability to timely disburse the required LAR compensation payments to Project affected households, which would result in delays in implementation of the infrastructure subprojects and problems safeguards compliance.

The estimated cost of resettlement impacts, land acquisition and compensation is \$103,348, with the following breakdown:

Description	Compensation		Land Acquisition		Total	
	LAK	USD	LAK	USD	LAK	USD
TIIGP2-LAO-W01	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TIIGP2-LAO-W02	108,156,000	12,017	N/A	N/A	108,156,000	12,017
TIIGP2-LAO-W03 & W03a	58,750,000	6,527.78	685,623,800	76,180	744,373,800	82,708
TIIGP2-LAO-W04	77,600,000	8,622	N/A	N/A	77,600,000	8,622
Total	244,506,000	27,167	685,623,800	76,180	930,129,800	103,348

LAK = Lao Kip, USD = US Dollar; N/A = not applicable

4. Implementation Arrangements

The GMS Tourism Working Group functions as the project's subregional steering committee and coordinates joint marketing and regional tourism standards adoption. The executing agency is MICT. A 7-member National Project Steering Committee, comprising the Vice Minister for Tourism, MICT (Chair), the Director General, Tourism Marketing Department (Vice Chair) and five other senior officials representing various departments of MICT has been established and meets periodically to review progress. Members also serve, as appropriate, on the project's ad-hoc bid evaluation and consultant selection committees. A 11-member project coordination committee has also been established, chaired by the project director, with members from various departments and units in MICT involved in project implementation.

MICT has established a Vientiane-based Project Coordination Unit (PCU) to handle overall project coordination and management, comprising a project director, project manager, financial controller, chief accountant, office manager, and an internal auditor, and a tourism technical team consisting of a tourism training and standards specialist, and a marketing specialist, who will lead output 2 ASEAN Tourism Standards activities and select output 3 destination management activities. MICT has opened and is managing a project Advance Account and is responsible for overall financial management of the project. ADB has disbursed \$1mIn into the Advance Account to facilitate implementation of project activities identified in the approved 2019 costed annual workplan for the project using the Statement of Expenditure (SOE) procedure.

Provincial- and district-level implementing agencies have established Project Implementation Units (PIUs), embedded within the provincial DICTs of Champasak, Luang Prabang, and Vientiane Province, and the Vang Vieng UDAA to manage output 1 and select output 3 activities. Each PIU comprises a supervisor, director, manager, finance officer, accountant and secretary, and full-time technical teams. The PIUs at the Champasak and Vientiane Province DICTs and at the at Vang Vieng UDAA have both an infrastructure technical team to coordinate and support output 2 implementation and manage select output 3 activities. Since there are no infrastructure subprojects in Luang Prabang Province, the PIU there only has a tourism technical team. PIUs have opened and are administering project sub-accounts to facilitate day-to-day project administration. Reporting, financial management, safeguards and knowledge management is led by the PCU in close coordination with all PIUs.

5. Implementation Progress

Project scope:

The project is designed to help transform secondary GMS central and southern corridor towns into economically inclusive, competitive international tourism destinations by improving road and water transport infrastructure, urban environmental services, and capacity to sustainably manage tourism growth. It will boost trade in services and deepen regional cooperation and integration among the GMS and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). About 88,000 residents are expected to directly benefit from climate-resilient infrastructure development and increased access to economic opportunities.

The project impact is sustainable, inclusive, and more balanced tourism development achieved. The outcome is tourism competitiveness of secondary towns in Cambodia and the Lao PDR increased. By 2025, Cambodia and Lao PDR's share of ASEAN's international visitor arrivals will increase from 8.0% to 8.3% and project areas will receive 700,000 more international tourists. This will increase aggregate annual visitor expenditure from \$0.55 billion to \$0.91 billion.

The project has three outputs: (i) urban-rural access infrastructure and urban environmental services improved; (ii) capacity to implement ASEAN tourism standards strengthened; and (iii) institutional arrangements for tourism destination management and infrastructure O&M strengthened. Project areas in Lao PDR include Champasak, Luang Prabang and Vientiane provinces, all located along the GMS Central Economic Corridor.

Progress to date:

Overall progress, progress towards outcome and outputs

The project baseline report was finalized and during Q2 2020 following completion of the project performance management system (PPMS), and includes updated 2018/2019 data for the outcome and output indicators, which are reflected in the project's design and monitoring framework (DMF) (Annex 3).

Output 1: Urban-Rural Access Infrastructure and Urban Environmental Services Improved

Output 1 will upgrade transport infrastructure and improve environmental conditions at tourist destinations to boost tourist arrivals and receipts and catalyze additional private investment in accommodations and other tourism-related enterprises.

The Project includes the following seven infrastructure subprojects, which were originally packaged into four works packages, as follows:

Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements

Subproject C1: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation

Subproject C2: Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements

Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements

Subproject V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements

Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Vang Vieng Urban-Rural Access Improvements

Subproject V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements

Subproject V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements

Subproject V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal

Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements

Subproject V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements

For Works Packages TIIGP2-LAO-W01 and TIIGP2-LAO-W04, detailed engineering design (DED), bill of quantities (BOQ), technical specification, bidding documents, updated safeguards documents, and recommendations for equipment for O&M were prepared during the Project Preparation Technical Assistance (PPTA) by NorConsult under a direct contract with ADB. These two packages (for subprojects C1, C2 and V5) are referred to as "Stage 1" packages/subprojects.

For Works Packages TIIGP2-LAO-W02 and TIIGP2-LAO-W03, feasibility studies, preliminary designs, preliminary cost estimates and safeguards documents were prepared during project preparation by the PPTA Consultant PM Group under a direct contract with ADB. These two packages (for subprojects V1, V2, V3 and V4) are referred to as "Stage 2" packages/subprojects.

The Project Management and Civil Engineering Support (PMCES) Consultant - Ramboll Danmark A/S in association with Specity Solutions Consulting Co. Ltd., mobilized on 5 August 2019 to assist the PCU and PIUs with (i) review and update DED for Stage 1 subprojects; (ii) preparation of DED for Stage 2 subprojects, (iii) safeguards document updating and compliance monitoring, (iv) construction supervision, (v) preparation of operations and maintenance (O&M) plans and asset management technical training, and (vi) project management and administration.

As mentioned above, Subproject V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal was originally included in Package TIIGP-LAO-W03. However, during the course of 2020 it became clear that coordination and alignment with the ADB-financed Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project in Vang Vieng was needed to minimize LAR impacts and streamline processes. The Water

Supply and Sanitation Sector Project is still in its detailed design phase. To not delay Subprojects V2 and V3, it was decided in September 2020 to separate Subproject V4 from Works Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03 and create a new Works Package for V4, namely TIIGP2-LAO-W03a. Once DED for the Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project is done, preparation of safeguards documents will be undertaken in close coordination and collaboration between the two projects, after which tendering of the two projects will be done in parallel. This is now foreseen towards the end of 2021. Revised Works Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03 and new Works Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a are as follows:

Works Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements

Subproject V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements

Subproject V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements

Works Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal

Subproject V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal

Stage-1: TIIGP2-LAO-W01 and TIIGP2-LAO-W04 (subprojects C1, C2 & V5)

Stage 1 subprojects are packagesd as follows:

Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements

Subproject C1: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation

Subproject C2: Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements

Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements

Subproject V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements

TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements

The commencement letter was issued to the Contractor on 12 May 2020 and the construction work commenced on 26 May 2020. The period of performance is 731 calendar days, and the Intended Completion Date shall therefore be 25 May 2022.

During this reporting period, the Contractor progressed the construction of (i) Nakasang Access Road including earthworks, pavement works, drainage and culvert works; and (ii) Don Det-Don Khone Access Roads including earthwork and soil investigation for 3 bridges. Detailed of work executed during quarter 4 is shown in the table below. The PMCES national experts (a Resident Engineer and a Supervisor) continued supervising the construction work on site to assist PIU Champasak. The pre-works survey for Don Det-Don Khone Access Roads was completed during this reporting period. The overall construction progress for this contract, as of the end of this reporting period, was 11.78% against the schedule of 11.60% including 10.35% of work progress made in Q4 2020.

The project needs to implement strict preventive measures and monitor these in accordance with the Prime Minister's Office Order No.06/PM regarding COVID-19 regulations. In response, detailed specific measures in relation to COVID-19 to ensure health and safety for workers and inhabitants of the sub-project area were developed and included in the Contractor Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). CEMP training was conducted during 21-23 December 2020 by the PMCES Environment Specialists.

Works executed in Q4 2020 (October-December)

Item	Description	Unit	Quantity	Rate (US\$)	Amount (US\$)	Remarks
Bill No.1	GENERAL PROVISION					
102-1	Maintenance of Road, Bridges and Culvert	month	3.60	300.00	1,080.00	
102-2	Contract Sign Board	nos	6.00	450.00	2,700.00	
102-3	Maintenance of Traffic	month	3.60	300.00	1,080.00	
102-4	Diversion Road Type B/Detou	m	50.00	5.00	250.00	
103-2	Maintenance of Contractor's Establishments	month	3.60	1000	3,600.00	
105-2	Maintenance of Main/Field Laboratory	month	3.60	250	900.00	
BILL No.2	NAKASANG ACCESS IMPROVEMENT					
200	Earthworks					
200-1	Clearing and Grubbing	m2	9,698.50	0.2	1,939.70	
200-2	Common Excavation	m3	1,830.70	1.00	1,830.70	
200-3	Unsuitable Excavation and Backfilling	m3	240.00	3.50	840.00	
200-4	Embankment from Borrow Materials	m3	1,563.74	3.50	5,473.09	
200-5	Structural Excavation for Pipe Culverts, Inlet & Outlet	m3	43.02	2.00	86.04	
300	Pavement Works					
300-1	Sub-base	m3	2,760.00	9.00	24,840.00	
300-2	Sand Layer	m3	213.00	10.00	2,130.00	
300-4	Reinforced Concrete Pavement, 230 mm thick	m2	2,130.00	26.00	55,380.00	
400	DRAINAGE AND CULVERT WORKS					
400-1	Pipe Culvert, 1000 mm diameter	m	16.00	140.00	2,240.00	
400-2	Concrete (Grade 25) for Headwalls, Wing-walls and Aprons	m3	5.46	110.00	600.60	
400-3	Reinforcing Steel in Headwalls, wing-walls and Aprons	Tonne	0.33	760.00	250.80	
400-4	Concrete (Grade 25) For U-Drain, V-Drain Shapes	m3	864.02	112.00	96,770.24	
400-5	Reinforcement Steel For U-Drain, V-Drain Shapes	Tonne	63.31	720.00	45,586.08	
BILL No.3	DET AND KONE ISLANDS ROAD AND FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENT					
200	Earthworks					
200-1	Clearing and Grubbing	m2	34,528.56	0.25	8,632.14	
PPS2	Bridge No.1 (Sta 4+097.32)					
1.1	Soil Investigation report	day	15	1,305.94	19,589.04	
1.2	Detailed Photography Survey Report	day	2.5	1,958.90	4,897.26	
PPS2	Bridge No.2 (Sta 4+667.43)					
2.1	Soil Investigation report	day	15	1,484.02	22,260.27	
2.2	Detailed Photography Survey Report	day	2.5	2,226.03	5,565.07	
PPS2	Bridge No.3 (Sta 5+055.78)					
3.1	Soil Investigation report	day	15	1,543.38	23,150.68	
3.2	Detailed Photography Survey Report	day	5	2,315.07	11,575.34	
	Total executed amount				343,247.06	

TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements

Review findings of the DED for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04 (Subproject V5) carried out in Q3 2019 for the landfill subproject revealed that the existing design required revision, entailing substantial alterations to the design, drawings, BoQ and technical specifications. It was further decided that an environmental compliance audit (ECA) needed to be conducted to test the design information. The PMCES Consultant engaged an ECA sub-consultant team to carry out this work, and the ECA report was approved by ADB on 22 March 2020.

The design revisions commenced during Q2 of 2020. A day-long stakeholder consultative meeting on the Draft Design was held on 26 June 2020 in Vientiane in the presence of the Vice Minister Mr. Ounthouang Khoaphanh, National Project Steering Committee, Head of DICT, Head of UDAA, Department of Housing and Urban Planning, Chief of Villages, other private and public sectors. The stakeholders provided feedback including the need for an O&M capacity needs assessment for solid waste management as a basis for the development of an O&M capacity building program for the Vang Vieng landfill and a financial assessment of the Vang Vieng landfill viability to be undertaken for the analysis of economical sustainability to form basis for the site management modality to be selected.

The final detailed design, safeguards documents and bidding documents were submitted for ADB's review during Q3 of 2020 and ADB cleared the design modification, safeguards and

bidding documents in September, which were then sent for provincial approval. The invitation for Bids (IFB) for this Package was published on 14 September 2020, with a submission deadline and bid opening on 27 October 2020.

During this reporting quarter, the following activities were completed:

- Bid opening conducted on 27 October 2020
- DED clearance certificate issued by DPWT/Vientiane Province on 04 November 2020
- GRM training for PIU and the resettlement committee conducted (Vang Vieng District) on 14 December 2020
- UXO clearance certificate issued by the Vang Vieng District Governor/Vientiane Province on 16 Dec 2020
- Compensation payment to the affected people made on dated 17 December 2020
- Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) on (IEE/EMP) issued by PONRE/Vientiane Province on 22 December valid for the period of 21 Dec 2020 to 20 Dec 2021.

The Works consist of:

- Construction of 2 (two) controlled landfill cells out of a total of 5 (five) cells;
- Preparatory earthworks and installation of a perimeter runoff interceptor drainage system;
- Construction of capped cell for the old waste;
- Construction of non-mechanical type material recovery facility (MRF);
- Construction of leachate collection, storage, and treatment system;
- Construction of treated leachate recirculation system;
- Construction of Faecal Sludge Treatment Plan (FSTP)/Septage Treatment Facility
- Construction of office, workshop, electrical and security buildings at the landfill site;
- Installation of Weighbridge and construction of office building
- Upgrading and elevating 0.8 km of the access road to the landfill site to be above flood levels;
- Construction of internal road and rainwater drainage system along with peripheral embankments;
- Construction of boundary wall and entrance gate:
- Construction of car washing facility;
- Construction of hazardous waste storage and landfill facility; and
- Construction of Incineration Facilities

The BER has been submitted to the EA for review and awaiting approval.

Status of Stage-1 Works Packages:

Sub-project	Status at start	Progress to date	Outstanding Works
TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvement • C1: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation • C2: Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DED prepared • IEE/EMP prepared • Social DDR prepared 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DED approved • IEE and EMP approved • IFB issued on 18 September 2019 • Bid opening, on 30 October 2019 • Bid Evaluation Report, 16 December 2019 • ADB No Objection to the Bid Evaluation Committee's recommendation to award the contract, on 23 December 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of shop drawings for Don Det-Don Khone Access improvements • Geo-technical Investigation of 3 Bridge Location • Survey work for additional access roads in Don Det • Conceptual design for (i) Nakasang Port rehabilitation; (ii) Don Det Port improvement; and (iii) Hang Khone area improvement

Sub-project	Status at start	Progress to date	Outstanding Works
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract Awarded on 26 December 2019 • Contract Signed on 30 December 2019 • Kick-off meeting on 20 January 2020 • Site possession on 7 January 2020 • CEMP approved on 12 May 2020 • Revised Work Program approved on 12 May 2020 • Notice to proceed issued on 12 May 2020 • Commencement of Works on 26 May 2020 • Water quality tests carried out in September 2020 • CAP No Objection for the Safeguards Non-compliance at Nakasang River Port on 25 November 20 • CEMP revised based on comments from ADB and resubmitted to ADB on 06 December 2020 • CEMP training conducted during 21-23 December 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed Engineering Design for 3 bridges in Don Khone
<p>TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DED prepared • IEE/EMP prepared • IP drafted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DED Reviewed in September 2019 • ECA completed on 12 March 2020 • DED and BD Submission by PMCES on 18 August 2020 • ADB No Objection to the DED on 8 September 2020 • ADB No Objection to the Bidding Document on 11 September 2020 • ADB No Objection to the IEE and EMP on 15 September 2020 • ADB No Objection to the EGDRP on 15 September 2020 • IFB issued on 15 September 2020 • Bid opening on 27 October 2020 • DED clearance certificate by DPWT/Vientiane Province on 04 November 2020 • Follow-up GRM training conducted on 14 December 2020 • UXO clearance by the Vang Vieng District Governor/Vientiane Province on 16 Dec 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation completion report (CCR) • Approval of BER for awarding the Contract • Attach IEE to contract

Sub-project	Status at start	Progress to date	Outstanding Works
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation Payment to the affected people on 17 December 2020 • Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) on (IEE/EMP) issued by PONRE/Vientiane Province on 22 December for the period 21 Dec 2020 to 20 Dec 2021 	

Stage-2: TIIGP2-LAO-W02, TIIGP2-LAO-W03 and TIIGP2-LAO-W03a (subprojects V1, V2, V3 & V4)

In parallel to the work on the Stage-1 subprojects, the PMCES Consultant completed the final detailed design, engineering related and safeguard related bidding document and updated safeguards documents, and provided inputs in the bidding documents, which have been prepared in collaboration with the Financial Management and Procurement Specialists (individual consultants engaged by the Project) for the stage-2 subprojects V1, V2, V3 & V4, packaged as follows:

Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements

Subproject V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements

Works Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements

Subproject V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements

Subproject V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements

Works Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal

Subproject V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal

TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements (Subproject V1)

During the period of Q2 2020, a stakeholder consultative meeting on DRAFT Design for the subproject Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements (V1) was held. The Detailed Engineering Design (DED), incorporating feedback from the consultation meeting, was submitted to MICT and ADB and was cleared by ADB in Q3 2020. The invitation for Bids (IFB) for this Package was published on 18 September 2020, with a submission deadline and bid opening on 30 October 2020.

During this quarter, the following activities were completed:

- Bid opening on 30 October 2020
- GRM training for PIU and the resettlement committee conducted on 7 December 2020
- Public consultations conducted at the village level with project beneficiaries and affected households on 8 Dec 2020;
- Obtain the Government approval on the use of the protected forest areas on 11 December 20
- Further update the IEE and EMP based on outcome of these consultations on 29 December 2020

The Works for TIIGP2-LAO-W02 Consists of:

- Construction of a 1200m² parking area which has a capacity of 4 buses and 34 cars and an overflow parking area, which has a capacity of around 27 cars.

- Improving the existing public marina to safely accommodate 50 to 60 local tour boats and launch small recreational vessels, e.g. kayaks and sailboats;
- Renovation of the existing walkway into a friendly walking path and boardwalk, with view decks and a step landscape allowing visitors to relax, improve the accessibility of disable.
- Redevelopment of unsanitary and poorly constructed market stalls and small shops/restaurants into new 3860m² public market and shop houses that incorporate Lao traditional architectural design
- Construction of five private pavilions, and one iconic circular pavilion, which is the landmark of this recreational area.
- Installation of septic tanks in all public buildings and a wastewater pump out station/ holding tank at the marina, wetland treatment and Construction new site storm drainage and slope protection
- Improve domestic water supply by construction new treatment tank.
- Install new outdoor lighting, landscape fixture and waste bins.
- Construction access road and install of floating ferry dock.
- Construction of 32 Nos of Shop houses

The BER has been submitted to the EA for review and waiting for the approval.

TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements (subprojects V2, V3)

During the period of Q2 2020, a stakeholder consultative meeting on DRAFT Design for the subprojects Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements (V2), Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements (V3), Vang Vieng Urban Renewal (V4) was held. The Detailed Engineering Design (DED), incorporating feedback from the consultation meeting, was submitted to MICT and ADB and was cleared by ADB the last reporting period. During this reporting quarter, the invitation for Bids (IFB) for this Package was published on 1 October 2020, with a submission deadline and bid opening on 12 November 2020.

During this quarter, the following activities also were completed:

- Bid opening on 12 November 2020
- DED clearance certificate by DPWT/Vientiane Province on 4 November 2020
- The Governor of Vang Vieng District issued a certificate of no risk of UXOs at site for the Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements subproject on 16 December 2020
- GRM training for PIU and the resettlement committee conducted (Vang Vieng District) on 14 December 2020
- Public consultations with affected people conducted on 15 and 16 December 2020
- Compensation Payment to the affected people on dated 16 December 2020

The Works for the updated TIIGP2-LAO-W03 Package (Subprojects V2 and V3) consists of:

Key Scopes	V2	V3	Total
Road Rehabilitation in Km	6.0 (Rigid pavement)	26.595 (Flexible pavement)	32.595 km Pavement
Pipe culverts Nos.	12 (5 nos. of 600 dia., 2 nos. of 800 dia., 4 nos. of 1000 dia., 1 no. of 1200 dia.)	52 (20 nos. of 600 dia., 11 nos. of 800 dia., 13 nos. of 1000 dia., 8 no. of 1200 dia.)	64 nos. pipe culverts
Causeway Culvert Nos.	1 (with sluice gate)	3	4 nos.
New Bridge	NA	1 no. bridge of 3 spans (27.9 x 3 = 83.70m) simply supported pre-stressed	1 no.

Key Scopes	V2	V3	Total
		concrete I-girder bridge of deck width 11.6m	
Nos. of Bridge Repair	1 no.	3 nos.	4 nos.
Existing bridge slope protection	2 nos.	3 nos.	5 nos.
Retaining Wall (m)	60m	NA	60m
Breast Wall (m)	520m	540m	1060m
Roadside Drains	V-shaped unlined, Lined trapezoidal and RCC Rectangular	V-shaped unlined, Lined trapezoidal and RCC Rectangular	
Landscape and building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Renovating dining pavilions, kitchen, public toilet - Building changing hut - Renovating suspension bridge - Building 2 arch bridge in reinforced concrete - Improving forest walkway (trekking and stone stairs) - Construction of new view deck near waterfall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove existing deck and its support - Install new decking and support frame - Install new railing 	

The BER has been submitted to the EA for review and waiting for the approval.

TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal (subproject V4)

DED for Subproject V4 was finalized and approved along with subprojects V2 and V3 (see above). The Works for package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a (Subproject V4) consists of:

- Rehabilitate 7.8 km of footpaths with suitable surfaces, drain rehabilitation, seating, car parking and soft landscaping;
- Install traffic calming measures in streets with high concentrations of tourists;
- Improve traffic management, including one-way traffic flows and shared surface concepts (2.6 km);
- Construction pavement (1.05km);
- Construction drains in residential areas (5.3 km);
- Construction new footpath (214m);
- Street lighting;
- Tree plantation and street furniture;
- Rehabilitation of 2 gates.

IEE/EMP and RP for W03a will be prepared in close coordination and in alignment with the ADB-financed Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project also working in Vang Vieng urban area. Bidding documents will be prepared with an advertising target of Q3 2021 and contract award in Q4 2021.

Status of Stage-2 Works Packages:

Sub-project	Status at start	Progress to date	Outstanding Works
TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum	• Preliminary design	• Conceptual design prepared and confirmed following consultation	• UXO clearance certificate

Sub-project	Status at start	Progress to date	Outstanding Works
<p>Reservoir Access Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improv 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IEE/EMP drafted • RP drafted • IPP drafted 	<p>with stakeholders on 15 August 2019 and 16 September 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Engineering Survey both Topographical and Geotechnical completed on 29 February 2020 • Updated FS cost on 31 March 2020 • DED and BD Submission by PMCES on 28 July 2020 • ADB No Objection to the DED on 14 August 2020 • DED clearance certificates by DPWT/ Vientiane Province on 04 September 2020 • ADB No Objection to the Bidding Document on 16 September 2020 • ADB No Objection subject to condition to the IEE and EMP on 17 September 2020 • IFB issued on 18 September 2020 • ADB No Objection to the RP on 25 September 2020 • Bid opening, on 30 October 2020 • DED clearance certificates by DPWT/Vientiane Province on 04 September 2020 • Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) on (IEE/EMP) by PONRE/Vientiane Province on 07 September for the period of 01 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 • GRM training for PIU and the resettlement committee conducted on 07 December 2020 • Public consultations conducted at the village level with project beneficiaries and affected households on dated 08 Dec 2020; • Obtain the government's approval on the use of the protected forest areas on 11 Dec 20 • Further updated the IEE and EMP based on outcome of these consultations on 29 December 2020 • • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB approval of IEE/EMP for disclosure • Compensation Payment to the affected people by 15 February 2021 • Compensation payment and closure report • Approval of BER for awarding the contract • Attach IEE in contract.
<p>TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Vang Vieng Urban-Rural Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements, • V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary design • IEE/EMP drafted • RP drafted • IPP drafted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceptual design prepared and confirmed following consultation with stakeholders on 16 August 2019 and 17 September 2019 • Technical Engineering Survey both Topographical and Geotechnical completed on 29 February 2020 • Updated FS cost on 31 March 2020 • DED and BD Submission by PMCES on 07 August 2020 • ADB No Objection to the DED on 24 September 2020 • ADB No Objection to the EGDRP on 28 September 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further update the IEE and EMP based on outcome of these consultations; • Environmental Compliance Certificate from PONRE • UXO clearance certificate for Kang Yui • Submit updated IEE/EMP for ADB endorsement and disclosure

Sub-project	Status at start	Progress to date	Outstanding Works
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB No Objection to the IEE and EMP on 29 September 2020 • ADB No Objection to the Bidding Document 29 September 2020 • IFB issued on 01 October 2020 • Bid opening on 12 November 2020 • DED clearance certificate by DPWT/Vientiane Province on 04 November 2020 • UXO clearance by the Governor/Vientiane Province on 16 Dec 2020 • GRM training to the Focal Point/provincial Safeguard team on dated 14-15-16 Dec 2020 • Conduct additional meaningful consultations at the village level with project beneficiaries and affected households on dated 15-16 Dec 2020; • Compensation Payment to the affected people on dated 16 December 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation payment and closure report • Approval of BER for awarding the Contract • Attach IEE in contract •
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceptual design prepared and confirmed following consultation with stakeholders on 16 August 2019 and 17 September 2019 • Technical Engineering Survey both Topographical and Geotechnical completed 29 February 2020 • Updated FS cost on 31 March 2020 • DED and BD Submission by PMCES on 07 August 2020 • ADB No Objection to the DED on 24 September 2020 • DED clearance certificate by DPWT/Vientiane Province on 04 November 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB No Objection to the DED • ADB No Objection to the RP • ADB No Objection to the IEE and EMP • ADB No Objection to the Bidding Document • IFB issuance • Bid opening • Approval of IEE/EMP • Compensation payment and closure report • Approval of BER for awarding the Contract

Detailed progress of Output 1 civil works subproject implementation as of 31 December 2020 is summarized in Annex 1.

Output 2: Capacity to implement ASEAN Tourism Standards strengthened

Output 2 will: (i) support the ASEAN Tourism Standards national implementation by establishing and strengthening certification bodies and assessment frameworks, promoting and facilitating adoption of the standards by the tourism sector, and establishing sustainable financing mechanisms; and (ii) support the implementation of selected ASEAN Tourism Standards and the ASEAN Sustainable Tourism Awards.

To date, there are seven ASEAN Tourism Standards: (i) ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard; (ii) ASEAN Homestay Standard; (iii) ASEAN Community-Based Tourism Standard; (iv) ASEAN Public Toilet Standard; (v) ASEAN Green Hotel Standard; (vi) ASEAN Spa Service Standard; and (vii) ASEAN MICE Venue Standard. The project is supporting the implementation of all seven standards in Lao PDR, including the ASEAN Spa Standard and

ASEAN MICE Venue and Exhibition Standard which were not fully finalized during project preparation but are now part of the full set of ASEAN Tourism Standards that ASEAN Member States are implementing.

Implementation of ASEAN Tourism Standards is coordinated by four departments within MICT:

<u>ASEAN Standard</u>	<u>Coordinating Department</u>
Homestay	Tourism Development Department (Ecotourism Division)
Clean Tourist City	Tourism Development Department
Community-Based Tourism	Tourism Development Department (Ecotourism Division)
Clean Public Toilet	Tourism Development Department
Green Hotel	Tourism Management Department
Spa	Tourism Management Department
MICE Venue	Institute of Mass Media, Culture and Tourism

The ASEAN Sustainable Tourism Award is also applied in Lao PDR as a mechanism or incentive to drive improved sustainability in selected destinations. Under two categories, Urban and Rural, the Sustainable Tourism Award encourages destinations to apply several of the ASEAN Tourism Standards in one location.

The first step of implementing the ASEAN Tourism Standards in Lao PDR is to translate documents related to the standards, which exist in English, into the Lao language. The second step is to adapt ASEAN Standards into national standards. These national standards provide more accessible, easier to obtain, certification requiring less than the “full” ASEAN Tourism Standards, and provide a stepping stone for future attainment of the full ASEAN standards.

The Green Hotel and Spa Service Standards are applied in Lao PDR as full ASEAN Standards (translated into Lao but without modification to the assessment criteria). All others are subject to (i) translation into Lao; (ii) adaptation to become a Lao National ASEAN Standard; (iii) translation of the National ASEAN Standard into English; (iv) approval by the Tourism Vice Minister; (v) publication of the approved National ASEAN Standards; (vi) preparation of assessment and certification manuals; (vii) dissemination to National and Provincial Assessment Committees; (viii) training of trainers; (ix) training of all members of Assessment Committees and National Steering Committees. Once these assessment frameworks are in place and operational, the standards will be widely promoted within the sector to encourage implementation leading to certification. The project will provide implementation support, prioritizing project target provinces.

Progress of ASEAN Tourism Standards Implementation Capacity Strengthening:

As of 31 December 2020

ASEAN Tourism Standard Adaptation	ASEAN Standard						
	Clean Tourist City	Homestay	Community-Based Tourism	Public Toilet	Green Hotel	Spa Service	MICE Venue
Translation of ASEAN Tourism Standard into Lao language	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
National ASEAN Tourism Standard adaptation	√	√	√	√	x	x	√
Publication of Lao language version of National or ASEAN Tourism Standard	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Translation of National Tourism Standard into English language	√	√	√	√	x	x	√
Approval of adapted Lao National Standard by Minister	√	√	√	√	x	x	√

Awareness / dissemination workshops with National and Provincial Assessment Committees	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Publication of Lao national standards in Lao and English language	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Preparation of assessment and certification manuals	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Training of national-level assessor trainers	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Training of national-level assessors	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Training of provincial/district-level assessors	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
ASEAN Tourism Standard promotion	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
ASEAN Tourism Standard implementation support	~	~	~	~			

√ = completed; ~ = ongoing; x = not required

2.1 National ASEAN Tourism Standards adaptation

Adaptation of all relevant ASEAN Tourism Standards to Lao National ASEAN Standards was completed by Q4 2019. Dissemination workshops with public and private sector were conducted during Q4 2019 for all seven ASEAN Tourism Standards in key target destinations (national and provincial). During Q1-2 2020, publication of the standards in Lao and English languages and assessment and certification manuals was completed and during Q1-Q4 2020 dissemination workshops were held for all seven standards. Surveys and mapping of locations for the implementation of the ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard were also conducted during this reporting period. Green Hotel, Spa and MICE (Exhibition category) standards will be updated in 2021 due to recent updates received from the ASEAN Secretariat.

2.2 Establishment of certification bodies and processes

National Steering Committees (also known as Certification Bodies) have been established to guide and certify each of the ASEAN Tourism Standards. The Clean Tourist City Standard is the only one to have two Committees – one for assessment and the other for implementation. The National Steering Committees consist of members drawn from a range of government departments with expertise in public health, transport and infrastructure, tourism, environment and police. Currently, the total number of national assessment committee members appointed is 72, out of which 19 (26%) are women (target: 30%).

Provincial Assessment Committees have also been established to implement the Standards at local levels. There is one Assessment Committee for each province. Most Assessment Committees have between 15 and 20 members drawn from relevant government departments within the Province. All Provincial Assessment Committees have been endorsed by the respective Provincial Governors.

During this reporting period, several rounds of meetings were held with national and provincial level steering and assessment committees on planning implementation of the standards, assessor training and to build institutional capacity. The focus of the Certification Bodies during 2020 was on the requirements of the unmodified ASEAN Tourism Standards. Now that all of the ASEAN Tourism Standards have been adapted to the Lao context, the focus of Certification Bodies in 2021 (and beyond) will be on the National ASEAN Tourism Standards.

2.3 Assessor Training

There are seven ASEAN Master Trainers within MICT who will continue to train trainers and assessors from the national and provincial Assessment Committees. During Q3 and Q4 2020, numerous provincial-level trainings were conducted for all seven ASEAN Tourism Standards

in project target provinces. Trial and actual assessments were also conducted to give assessors practical experience with the certification processes.

2.4 ASEAN Tourism Standards promotion

During this reporting period, awareness was raised among the tourism businesses in Vang Vieng about the National ASEAN Tourism Standards, and a consultation workshop was held for the Luang Prabang Provincial Assessment Committee on promoting the standards to the business sector. Hard copies of the Standards and the Training and Assessment Manuals were printed and distributed in Lao and English. Also, during Q4 2020, work commenced on the ASEAN Tourism Standards website. This will host all seven ASEAN Tourism Standards in Lao and English, as well as other relevant industry standards from Laos and internationally (for example, adventure tourism activities). It will also provide a one-stop-shop for tourism businesses so that they can easily apply for certification. The website is expected to be launched by the end of Q1 2021.

2.5 ASEAN Tourism Standards and ASEAN Sustainable Tourism Awards implementation

The project will directly support the implementation of the: (i) ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard; (ii) ASEAN Public Toilet Standard; (iii) ASEAN Green Hotel Standard; (iv) ASEAN Homestay Standard; and (v) ASEAN Community-based Tourism Standard. Apart from the Green Hotel Standard, the other four have been adapted to Lao and referred to as the National ASEAN Tourism Standards.

Q4 2020 has focused on the implementation of the ASEAN Clean Public Toilet Standard in Vang Vieng, Luang Prabang and Vientiane Province, and ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard in Vang Vieng and Pakse. While some activities related to the ASEAN CBT and Homestay standards were also implemented, due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, support for the implementation of these standards will not be prioritized until the situation improves as to avoid raising false expectations in host communities about the benefits of tourism.

The project continued to support the implementation of the Clean Toilet Standard in other locations, including the Nam Heuang border checkpoint in Xayabouly, gateway to Luang Prabang World Heritage Town.

The project's DMF includes 2016 baseline and 2024 targets for the ASEAN Green Hotel Standard, ASEAN Homestay Standard and ASEAN Clean City Standard certification.

The 2016 baseline of hotels in Champasak, Luang Prabang and Vientiane provinces that have obtained the ASEAN Green Hotel Standard is 21 (adjusted from 29 in the PAM based on corrected data obtained from the provincial DICTs). As of January 2020, 28 hotels in those provinces received ASEAN Green Hotel Standard certification. The project targets to increase ASEAN Green Hotel Standard certification in the target provinces to 64 (50% of the total number of registered hotels in the three provinces in 2016) by 2024. However, based on progress to date, this target seems ambitious, and may need to be revisited at mid-term.

Enterprises meeting ASEAN Green Hotel Standards				
Target Province	Baseline^a	Progress		Target
	2016	2018	2020	2024
Champasak Province	11	12	13	30
Luang Prabang Province	10	12	13	25
Vientiane Province	0	1	2	9
Total	21	25	28	64

Source: Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism Lao PDR; Asian Development Bank estimates.

^a Baseline data adjusted based on corrected data received from MICT

As of 2016, in the target provinces of Champasak, Luang Prabang, and Vientiane Province, 23 homestay service providers (i.e. households offering homestay service, 5.1% of total) had attained certification under the National ASEAN Homestay Standard. The project targets to increase the number of certified homestay service providers in the target provinces to 113 (25% of the total homestay service providers in 2016) by 2024. Based on progress to date, also this target seems ambitious, and may need to be revisited at mid-term.

ASEAN Homestay Standard certification

Target Province	Certified Homestay Service Providers					
	Baseline			Progress		Target
	2016			2017	2018/19	2024
	Total service providers	Units certified	%	Units certified	Units certified	Units certified
Champasak	301	14	4.7%	12	13	75
Luang Prabang	0	0	-	12	13	0
Vientiane province	150	9	6.0%	1	2	38
Total	451	23	5.1%	25	28	113

Source: Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism Lao PDR; Asian Development Bank estimates.

Presently, one city in Lao PDR (Luang Prabang) is ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard certified. The project targets to increase certification to 3 by 2024 and is supporting Vang Vieng (Vientiane Province) and Pakse (Champasak Province) to be ready to submit their application in 2021. Luang Prabang also needs to continue to implement the standard to be ready for renewal of their certification. The Government has also prioritized Vientiane Capital to prepare for certification under the ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard, using different resources, which, if attained, would increase total certification to 4.

Annex 11 includes an overview of ASEAN Tourism Standards Certification since 2008 (incl. 2020 certifications).

Annex 2 includes a complete overview of Output 2 activities implemented during Q4 of 2020. The DMF, in Annex 3, also includes progress updates on Output 2 activities.

Output 3 progress: Institutional capacity for tourism destination management and infrastructure O&M strengthened

Output 3 will: (i) build capacity among public and private stakeholders in the tourism sector to sustainably develop, manage, and market tourist destinations; and (ii) build capacity for infrastructure operation and maintenance (O&M) through the preparation of O&M plans and training to implement the plans.

The project is supporting the establishment and capacity building of destination management networks (DMNs) for: Lao PDR (National DMN), Luang Prabang Province, Southern Laos (incl. Champasak, Sekong, Attapeu and Salavan Provinces), Vientiane Province and Vang Vieng Town.

3.1 Destination Management Network Institutional Strengthening

3.2 Destination Management Plan Preparation

These two activities will: (i) establish and strengthen destination management networks (DMNs) for joint public-private destination planning and raise destination management practices to international standards, (ii) build capacity within these DMNs to strengthen/develop comprehensive destination management plans (DMPs); and (iii) strengthen policies and procedures needed to ensure the effective implementation of DMPs, including through joint implementation of Output 2 and 3 activities.

The DMNs for Lao PDR, Luang Prabang and Southern Laos were reviewed and membership was updated, and new DMNs for Vientiane Province and Vang Vieng were established in 2019. Strengthening of DMNs is ongoing through training and exchanges. DMPs, including action plans, for all five target destinations were completed during Q4 2019 and published in Q1 2020.

During this reporting period, numerous training activities were conducted to strengthen the public sector officials involved in DMNs in target provinces, as well as to enhance the teaching curricula, materials and skills of staff at training institutions. Public sector DMN members from DICTs in project target areas continued their post-graduate education courses.

3.3 Policy, Regulation and Master Planning Support

This activity supports the work on tourism policy in the framework of the DMNs, the development of subregional, national and provincial/local-level tourism regulations and national-level tourism standards not covered by the ASEAN tourism standards, and the preparation and implementation of tourism master plans for project supported destinations. DMN Policy Taskforces meet quarterly to identify and discuss policy issues affecting tourism sector in project target destinations.

During Q4 of 2020, quarterly meetings were held by the DMN Policy Taskforces focuses on identifying issues and resolving issues that have a negative impact on tourism in Vang Vieng, Luang Prabang and Champasak and Vientiane Province. General focus during Q4 2020 was on addressing the negative impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, and in Vang Vieng focus was also on resolving issues related to waste water in town and solid waste along the Nam Song.

Work on the preparation of regulations to manage various tourism activities continued.

Work regarding the preparation of tourism masterplans for the project target areas of Siphandone, Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir and Luang Prabang City is continuing, but is affected by the COVID-19 pandemic travel restrictions which are preventing the Australia-based consultants to travel to Lao PDR to continue field work. Alternative arrangements are being made to conduct virtual consultations and consultations and data collection by national consultants under the supervision of and virtual participation by the international consultants, now scheduled to take place in Q1-Q2 2021. Contracts with tourism masterplanning consultants have been extended to accommodate this. Discussions are also underway to consider preparing an update to the Vang Vieng masterplan in response to Government request.

3.4 Destination Marketing and Promotion Support

This activity supports destination marketing and promotion, with a strong emphasis on public-private collaboration. It includes support for market research, branding, print and online promotion, including the use of social media, familiarization programs, and participation in tourism forums and trade events. Training for DMN members, including implementation of ASEAN guidelines for promotional materials, will also be provided.

During Q4 of 2020, research was conducted into the domestic tourism market, which has informed the creation the “Lao-visit-Laos” campaign to promote domestic tourism, in a first step to restating the tourism industry post-COVID-19. In an effort to enhance Laos’ image as a sustainable destination, a forum was organized on “Sustainable Tourism 2020- Waste Reduction Policy Mechanism in the Tourism Industry”

Improvements to the tourismloos.org website and the mobile applications were made, and promotion through Facebook. Videos were produced to promote domestic tourism under the “Lao vist Laos” campaign in the Beautiful Luang Prabang series promoting (i) Luang Prabang

Town; and (ii) Chomphet District. Training and capacity building activities were also conducted for tourism officials from target provinces on online promotion techniques. Various workshops were held in the target provinces to exchanges experiences between destinations on destination management and marketing.

3.5 Heritage Interpretation Support

This activity is supporting DMNs to carry out: (i) cultural and natural heritage research and interpretation, including the development of heritage trails, signage, leaflets, guidebooks, maps and digital interpretation; and (ii) heritage guide training.

Heritage interpretation plans for Siphandon (Champasak), Luang Prabang Town and Environs, Vientiane Province and Vang Vieng Town and Environs, finalized during Q2 2020, were designed and printed. Implementation has been scheduled to commence in Q1/2 2021.

3.6 Tourism-related SME development

This activity is providing tourism-related SMEs in the project target areas with: (i) business planning, management and marketing training; (ii) hospitality services training; (iii) support for product diversification, quality and safety enhancement; (iv) equipment to improve hospitality services and product quality and safety; and (v) tourism marketing and business networking support.

During this reporting period, support for tourism-related SMEs affected by the COVID-19 pandemic has continued, with a particular focus on hospitality training for hotel, guesthouse and restaurant owners in various provinces, heritage guide training in Champasak and Xieng Khouang, and training on the use of social media for tour companies and employess in Vang Vieng, as well as direct support in terms of equipment and supplies for struggling tourism SMEs in Vang Vieng. Also, the entertainment venue standard manual was finalized and published (link to 3.3).

3.7 Establish and Maintain Internet-based Tourism Knowledge Repositories

This activity supports DMNs to establish Internet-based tourism knowledge repositories, including lists of DMN members and contact details, approved DMPs, DMN meeting reports, training materials, opportunities for financial and technical support, tourism statistics, and brand-related artwork, photo libraries, and standard copy promotional materials.

Establishment of the Internet based tourism repository has commenced and is scheduled to be launched in Q1/2 2021.

3.8 Develop infrastructure O&M plans with sustainable finance mechanisms

This activity will facilitate preparation of O&M plans for all output 1 infrastructure, incorporating (i) preventative, regular, and emergency maintenance procedures; (ii) O&M staffing and training needs; (iii) administrative requirements; (iv) monitoring requirements and procedures; (v) sustainable income generating mechanisms to finance O&M (e.g. environmental charges or tourist entry fees); (vi) opportunities for public-private partnerships; and (vii) financial management procedures.

Subproject C1: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation and Subproject C2: Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements. No progress to report this reporting period. Coordination on functional planning of site management and discussions with tourism specialists regarding training and formation of tourism groups was planned but no progress this far

Subproject V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements. During detailed design, special attention was given to O&M considerations; such as materials selection and choice of sewerage treatment solution – this in order to as far as possible, simplify operational and maintenance requirements. Development of O&M manual has started. Consultation with Vientiane Province to confirm information received on possible concessionaires for the Nam Ngum 1 Dam Recreational Area is pending due to sensitivity – need to clarify before any other discussions take place. Stakeholder consultations carried out in conjunction with international and national Social Safeguards Specialists. Coordination on functional planning of site management and discussions with tourism specialists regarding training and formation of tourism groups was planned but no progress this far.

Subproject V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements. Development of O&M manual is on-going, including financial assessment of possibilities for revenue streams. Coordination on functional planning of site management and discussions with tourism specialists regarding training and formation of tourism groups was planned but no progress this far.

Subproject V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements. No progress to report this reporting period.

Subproject V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal. No progress to report this reporting period.

Subproject V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements. No progress this quarter. Capacity and training needs assessment developed 85% complete.

3.9 Facilitate Public-Private Partnerships for operations and maintenance

This activity will: (i) prepare feasibility studies for operation of public tourist facilities and ancillary services that having potential to be privately managed under public-private partnerships (PPP); and (ii) establishing service contracts, management contracts, and/or lease contracts with private entities through public tender.

No specific PPP activities were implemented during this reporting period, but PPP arrangements are being considered for aspects of O&M for subprojects V1, V2, V4 and V5.

3.10 Infrastructure O&M training

This activity will develop and implement training activities for organizations responsible for infrastructure O&M, including government and private entities, tailored to the specific needs of each respective organization. Specific attention will be given to optimizing private sector involvement.

Capacity and training needs assessment developed 95% complete for V5 and training and capacity building activity plan will be developed in Q1 2021.

Annex 2 includes a complete overview of Output 3 activities implemented during Q3 of 2020. The DMF, in Annex 3, also includes progress updates on Output 3 activities.

Progress towards realizing contributions to ADB Results Framework:

As of 31 December 2020

No.	Level 2 Results Framework Indicators (Outputs and Outcomes)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Methods / Comments	Actually planned / realized (Lao PDR)
1	Transport			
	a) Roads built or upgraded - provincial, district, and	62.6 km	Built or upgraded to concrete paving or double bituminous	Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements was signed on 30 December 2019. This package includes

No.	Level 2 Results Framework Indicators (Outputs and Outcomes)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Methods / Comments	Actually planned / realized (Lao PDR)
	rural roads (kilometers)		surface treatment.	<p>15.3 km of improvement of access roads to tourist sites.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements is scheduled to be signed in Q1 2021. The DED was prepared, and endorsed by ADB, and included in the bidding document. It has 6.73 km of concrete road.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements is scheduled to be signed in Q1 of 2021. The DED was updated, and endorsed by ADB, and included in the bidding document. It has 6.00 km of concrete road and 25.97 km of DBST road totaling 31.97 km of road improvement.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal is scheduled to be signed in Q4 of 2021. The DED was prepared, and endorsed by ADB and has 0.67 km of concrete road and 0.39 km of DBST road totaling 1.05 km of road improvement.</p> <p>Contract Package for package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements is scheduled to be signed in Q1 2021. The DED was updated and endorsed by ADB. It includes 1.26 km of access & internal roads.</p> <p>A total 62.01 km road will be improved under these 5 Works packages.</p>
2	Water			
	a) Wastewater treatment capacity added or improved (cubic meters per day)	15.0 m ³	Septage treatment facility	<p>Update of detailed design for package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements is completed and contract signing is targeted for Q1 2021.</p> <p>This package includes 20m3/day septage sludge treatment facility.</p>
	b) Land improved through irrigation, drainage, and/or flood management (hectares)	24.5 ha		<p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements was signed on 30 December 2019. This package includes 0.5 ha catchment area of flood protection and drainage improvement.</p> <p>Detailed design for package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal was</p>

No.	Level 2 Results Framework Indicators (Outputs and Outcomes)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Methods / Comments	Actually planned / realized (Lao PDR)
				completed during the first half of 2020, and contract signing is targeted for Q4 2021. This package includes 24 ha catchment area of flood protection and drainage improvement.
	c) Households with reduced flood risk (number)	5,132		<p>The project will construct flood protection and drainage for a total of 24.5 ha catchment.</p> <p>Packages TIIGP2-LAO-W01 contains flood management components with a catchment area of around 0.5 and TIIGP2-LAO-W03 will contain a 24.0 ha catchment area. Contract TIIGP2-LAO-W01 was awarded on 30 December 2019 and contract signing for TIIGP2-LAO-W03 I started for Q1 2021. Resulting number of households with reduced flood risk to be determined.</p>

ha = hectares, m³ = cubic meters, km = kilometers.

Performance monitoring:

The primary tool to monitor project performance is the Project Performance Management System (PPMS), which includes systems and procedures for the systematic collection of baseline, progress and endline data and to report progress towards the project's outcome and output targets defined in the project Design and Monitoring Framework (DMF), gender equity results and data for economic and financial analysis and information needed to prepare photo stories and impact stories. Development and implementation of the PPMS is led by the International and National Monitoring and Evaluation Specialists (individual consultants). The PPMS Report and a Baseline Report were finalized during Q3 of 2020 and work is ongoing to update detailed implementation plans.

The PCU is responsible for quarterly reporting on the performance of the project through quarterly progress reports to ADB against DMF targets and using the weighted project implementation table included in the PAM (updated from time-to-time). The DMF in the PAM contains outcome and output baseline and targets for Cambodia and Lao PDR combined. Progress towards DMF targets reported in the quarterly progress reports will reflect Lao PDR's attribution to these combined targets.

Progress as of 31 December 2020 towards DMF targets and activity implementation is presented in Annex 3. Note that the DMF has been enhanced with separate gender output indicators and expanded key activities reflecting PAM, and revised milestones matching the updated implementation plan. The updated implementation plan (reflecting latest, updated implementation schedule for all activities and revised assigned weights, provided by ADB) and weighted project progress as of 31 December 2020 are presented in Annex 4.

6. Financial Management

Disbursement Arrangement:

The Ministry of Finance has established a pass-through account for the grant to receive and track grant disbursements before passing funds on to the project's advance account and MICT has established an advance account in US Dollars for the grant at the Banque Pour Le Commerce Extérieur Lao Public (BCEL), which is exclusively used for ADB's share of eligible

expenditures. The four PIUs have set up project subaccounts for the ADB grant at local branches of the BCEL. Liquidation of the sub-accounts is subject to submission of full documentation to the PCU.

Advance Fund Procedure and Statement of Expenditure Procedure:

Upon approval of MICT's first Withdrawal Application and Estimate of Expenditure Sheet for ADB has disbursed \$1.0 million into the advance account on 2 April 2019. The PCU is using the Statement of Expenditure (SOE) procedure for the reimbursement of eligible expenditures or liquidation of advances to the advance account for individual payments up to \$100,000. As of 31 December 2020, the Project has spent the amount \$4.036 million. The amount of \$0.144 for November expenditures has been submitted to ADB in January 2021 and \$0.478million for December 2020 expenditures will be submitted to ADB in February 2021. In order to finance the accelerating activities in 2021, per Project request, ADB has approved and released the increase in the ceiling of the advance account by \$500,000 from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 on 4 December 2020. The advance account including the PIU subaccounts have an existing balance \$0.859 million.

Counterpart Fund:

The Government provides counterpart funds to finance government counterpart staff salaries and office space (in-kind). The cost of land acquisition and resettlement (in-cash), was originally also planned to be financed by the Government. However, in Q3 2020 it has been agreed that LAR costs will be financed by ADB. The PCU will be responsible for: (i) preparing disbursement projections; and (ii) requesting budgetary allocations for counterpart funds. The counterpart contribution will be recorded by the new accounting software.

Accounting:

The Project maintains separate books and records by funding source for all expenditures incurred on the project following international public-sector accounting standard for cash-based accounting and will prepare consolidated project financial statements in accordance with the government's accounting laws and regulations which are consistent with international accounting principles and practices.

The International and National Financial Management and Procurement Specialists (individual consultants engaged by MICT) are supporting procurement activities and are assisting the PCU with the establishment of the financial management system, including the preparation of the Financial Management Manual for the project that have been completed in December 2019. There were some revisions to the chart of accounts and attached as one of the Annex to the FMM. A Financial Management Manual in Lao version has been finalized by the Internal Auditor and was shared with the PIUs. The Project has signed a contract with the software vendor and installation and testing of the accounting software are still ongoing. For the meantime, an Excel based accounting system is being used in parallel to record the Project financial transactions. Once both records are reconciled and tested to be accurate, then Project will migrate to using PAS.

Auditing and Public Disclosure:

MICT has appointed a National Internal Auditor (individual consultant) to oversee all project financial transactions and advise on measures to improve compliance with ADB and Government financial regulations and the project Financial Management Manual. He is also supporting PCU and PIU financial management staff prepare for annual external audits.

Annual project financial statements (APFS) are audited by the State Auditing Organization of Lao PDR (SAO). The first annual audit would be undertaken, and the audited APFS together with the auditor's opinion, should be submitted to ADB within 6 months from the end of Fiscal Year 2019 (i.e. by 30 June 2020). Since no counterpart funds were used and no withdrawals made from the grant account during the period of 25 December 2018 (project effectiveness)

to 31 December 2018, ADB has approved the combined submission of the APFS for the period December 2018 to 31 December 2019. The first APFS for the period 25 December 2018 to 31 December 2019 was submitted to ADB on 29 October 2020 after ADB's extension of the deadline to 31 December due to COVID-19. The audited project financial statements and auditor's opinion was disclosed in the ADB website on 18 November 2020.

Progress on implementation of the Project Financial Management Action Plan as of 31 December 2020 is presented in Annex 5.

7. Procurement

Procurement Plan:

The project's original 18-month Procurement Plan prepared during project preparation is included in the PAM (version 0, dated 22 May 2018). The Procurement Plan gets updated regularly. The latest version is Version 4, dated 18 November 2020, which remains current as of 31 December 2020.

Procurement of Goods and Works:

During this reporting period, procurement for the following goods and works contracts was completed and contracts signed:

Goods and Works							
Contract Number	General Description	Estimated Value ^a	Contract Value ^a	Procurement Method	Advertisement Date	Date of ADB Approval of Contract Award	Comments
TIIGP2-LAO-G01-02	PCU & PIU vehicles (2 units)		USD 92,880	NCB	Q3 2020	3 November 2020	Cost sharing. Total contract value \$102,930, out of which \$92,880 is financed by the project
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-VP08	Procurement of Tourism Destination Direction Signs		LAK 41,442,500	Shopping	Q4 2020		G22645 Signed: 7 October 2020
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-VV09	Procurement of Beddings and Homestay Accommodation Name Sign, Nathong Village, Vangvieng District		LAK 41,490,000	Shopping	Q4 2020		G22646 Signed: 1 November 2020
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-VP06	Renovation of Facilities of Homestay Accommodation at Lingxan Village, Thoulakhom District		LAK 41,481,000	Shopping	Q4 2020		G22653 Signed: 16 October 2020
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-VV07	Procurement of Bedroom amenities for Amari Hotel		LAK 24,882,000	Shopping	Q4 2020		G22647 Signed: 22 October 2020

Goods and Works							
Contract Number	General Description	Estimated Value ^a	Contract Value ^a	Procurement Method	Advertisement Date	Date of ADB Approval of Contract Award	Comments
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-VP08	Procurement of Amenities and Cleaning Supplies for Long Ngum View Resort in Keo-Oudom District, Vientiane Province		LAK 41,479,900	Shopping	Q4 2020		G22648 Signed: 13 October 2020
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-CPS06	Procurement of Equipment for Hotels in Khong District, Champasak province		LAK 41,446,000	Shopping	Q4 2020		G22649 Signed: 30 October 2020
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-CPS10	Procurement of Improvement to Handicapped Toilets and CCTV for Eravan Riverside Hotel in Champasak Capital, Champasak Province		LAK 41,475,000	Shopping	Q4 2020		G22651 Signed: 28 October 2020

^a inclusive of taxes and duties

ICB = international competitive bidding; NCB = national competitive bidding; PCU = project coordination unit; PIU = project implementation unit; TBD = to be determined.

During this reporting period, procurement for the following goods and works packages was initiated and is ongoing on 31 December 2020:

Goods and Works						
Package Number	General Description	Estimated Value ^a	Procurement Method	Advertisement Date	Estimated Contract Award	Comments
TIIGP2-LAO-W04	Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements	USD 3,600,000.00	ICB	September 2020	Q1 2021	Prequalification of Bidders: N Domestic Preference Applicable: N Advance Contracting: N Bidding Document: Small Works Covid-19 Response? No Comments: Updated estimated value based on final engineer's estimate. Inclusive of taxes and duties.

Goods and Works						
Package Number	General Description	Estimated Value ^a	Procurement Method	Advertisement Date	Estimated Contract Award	Comments
TIIGP2-LAO-W02	Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements	USD 7,000,000.00	ICB	18 September 2020	Q1 2021	Prequalification of Bidders: N Domestic Preference Applicable: N Advance Contracting: No Bidding Document: Small Works Covid-19 Response? No Comments: Updated estimated value based on final engineer's estimate. Inclusive of taxes and duties.
TIIGP2-LAO-W03	Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements	USD 13,000,000.00	ICB	1 October 2020	Q1 2021	Prequalification of Bidders: N Domestic Preference Applicable: N Advance Contracting: No Bidding Document: Small Works Covid-19 Response? No Comments: Updated estimated value based on final engineer's estimate. Inclusive of taxes and duties.

^a inclusive of taxes and duties

ICB = international competitive bidding; NCB = national competitive bidding; PCU = project coordination unit; PIU = project implementation unit; TBD = to be determined.

A goods and works procurement monitoring table is presented in Annex 6.

Recruitment and Utilization of Consulting Services:

During this reporting period, the following consultants were recruited and contracts signed:

Package Number	General Description	Estimated Value ^a	Contract Value ^a	Recruitment Method	Advertisement Date	Date of ADB Approval of Contract Award	Comments

^a Inclusive of income tax on fees and VAT on reimbursable expenses and provisional sums.

Recruitment of the following consulting services were ongoing on 31 December 2020:

Package Number	General Description	Estimated Value	Recruitment	Advertisement Date	Estimated Contract Signing Date	Comments

A consultant recruitment monitoring table is presented in Annex 7.

An overview of status of consulting services planned inputs and utilization to date is presented in Annex 8.

8. Safeguards Implementation and Submission of Semi-annual Integrated Safeguards Monitoring Report

Safeguards Implementation:

Subproject C1: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation and Subproject C2: Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements. The updated IEE and EMP for these subprojects were approved by ADB in September 2019. With assistance from the PMCES, the contractor updated the CEMP, which was then submitted to ADB on 6 December 2020. CEMP training conducted during 21-23 December 2020 at site.

The Resettlement Due Diligence Report (DDR) updated during detailed design, approved by ADB in December 2019, confirmed there would be no adverse resettlement impacts as a result of these subprojects and items no. 16, 29 and 30 of the minutes of the pre-contract agreement meeting dated 26 December 2019 state that the concerned Subproject will not have any land acquisition or resettlement impacts. Further, Particular Conditions of Contract Clause GCC 40.3 states that the Contractor shall inform the Project Manager in writing should any unanticipated resettlement risks or impacts on affected people arise during construction. However, during the reporting period, a report was received of the removal of structures and resettlement of people in the Nakasang Port area in relation to the ongoing execution of Contract TIIGP2-LAO-W01, which is a serious safeguards non-compliance issue. The contractor was issued a suspension notice of Contract TIIGP2-LAO-W01 and a safeguards due diligence mission was fielded, which determined that 15 buildings (1 house and 14 shops) that were demolished were in proximity, however outside, of the construction footprint. The DDR stated explicitly that these structures should not be demolished. The PMCES Consultant subsequently prepared a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) which includes the undertaking of a full inventory of losses, cost replacement study and adequate compensation of affected households, to be financed by the Provincial Government. The CAP was approved by ADB on 20 November 2020. Suspension of construction will be lifted after all mitigation measures have been implemented to the satisfaction of the Government and ADB, which is expected by first quarter of 2021. The PCU, PIU and the PMCES Consultant have jointly visited the site from 14-16 December 2020 to inspect the ongoing construction of the Nakasang access road and port rehabilitation subproject and the safeguard non-compliance issues.

Subproject V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements. Updated IEE and EMP were prepared for sub-project V1 (Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements) during June and July 2020, and Vientiane PONRE issued the Environmental Compliance Certificate for the IEE and EMP on 7 September 2020. ADB issued no objection with certain conditions to the updated IEE and EMP on 17 September 2020. One of the conditions were to obtain approval from the relevant government authorities to use the land inside the Phou En District Protection Forest for the subproject. Consultations were then carried out with Vientiane PAFO who issued a certificate agreeing to the development of the subproject inside Phou En District Protection Forest on 03 September 2020. This was followed-up by a certificate issued by Vientiane Provincial Vice Governor approving the use of the land within the Phou En District Protection Forest for the subproject on 11 December 2020. ADB accepted these documents as satisfying their requirements on 18 December 2020. The PMCES Consultant conducted a follow-up GRM training for the PIU and the resettlement committee on 7 December 2020, and the PIU with technical assistance from the PMCES organized public consultations for the affected people on 08 December 2020. Based on comments from the affected people, the PMCES

further updated the IEE and EMP and submitted the documents to MICT and ADB on 29 December 2020.

The updated Resettlement Plan for Subproject V1 prepared by the PMCES Consultant was approved by ADB in September 2020. During a multi-disciplinary mission in the second week of December 2020 where the consultant team met with affected households and PIU, several issues regarding compensation were raised by the affected households. Most of these issues were in relation to the “in-kind” component of replacement structures. A follow-up meeting with PIU which was held on 18 December 2020 to discuss these social safeguard issues confirmed that the entitlements regarding replacement structures and other provisions related to that are not fully understood by all affected households. Therefore, it was agreed that additional consultation meetings are needed to make sure that affected households are fully aware of the compensation package (combining cash and in-kind compensation). These meetings are scheduled for the first and second month of 2021. When this compensation process is adequately understood by, and acceptable to, affected households, compensation of cash component may take place in March 2021.

Subproject V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Subproject V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements. Updated IEE and EMP for sub-projects V2 and V3 were prepared during July and August 2020, and submitted for comments and review to MICT and ADB in August 2020. The review comments especially concerned the sub-projects’ disturbance and effects on sensitive receptors and water quality of Nam Song, as environmental consequences of the sub-projects’ emphasis on road and bridge upgrading, causing high levels of physical disturbance. These factors have been clearly mapped and marked throughout the sub-project areas and mitigation measures clearly defined in the corresponding EMP. The IEE and EMP were approved by ADB and NOL issued on 29 September 2020, subject to the following conditions: (i) conduct additional meaningful consultations at the village level with project beneficiaries and affected households; and further update the IEE and EMP based on outcome of these consultations prior to awarding the contract; (ii) obtain Environmental Compliance Certificate from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment of Vientiane Province prior to awarding the contract and (iii) obtain the UXO Clearance Certificate from the concerned authority prior to awarding the contract. The required additional public consultations with affected people were organized on 15 and 16 December 2020, and the PMCES Consultant is currently updating the IEE and EMP based on the outcome of the consultations. It is expected that the updated documents will be submitted to ADB in January 2021. The PMCES conducted a follow-up GRM training for the PIU (Vang Vieng District) on 14 December 2020. With respect to the UXO certificate, the Governor of Vang Vieng District issued a certificate of no risk of UXOs at site for the Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements subproject on 16 December 2020

A Resettlement and Ethnic Group Development Plan (REGDP) for Subprojects V2 and V3 was prepared by the PMCES Consultant and approved by ADB in September 2020. During a multi-disciplinary mission 14-18 December 2020 to Vang Vieng, all compensation payments were made to affected households of V3 Western Loop and the Community Tourism Group of V2 Kaeng Yui Waterfall. It was noted that there were several inconsistencies between the compensation specified in the approved Resettlement Plan and the actual compensation plan implemented. These deviations have been clarified and addressed by PIU and the Social Safeguard team prior to payment, and all necessary documentation to justify this is available. It is expected that Compensation Completion Report can be prepared in first quarter of 2021.

Subproject V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal. This subproject was previously included in Package TIIGP-LAO-W03, but later separated into a new Works Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a to allow for coordination and alignment with ADB-financed Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project (WSSP), for which detailed design of its subproject in Vang Vieng is currently ongoing. Preparation of safeguards documents will also be coordinated between the two projects.

Initial discussions in December 2020 with the Project's Social Safeguard Specialist and ADB Project Officer and Social Safeguard staff concluded the required social safeguards planning work may be relatively complex, requiring additional resources than presently available to undertake. An initial coordination meeting with WSSP was held in late December 2020. First round of consultation meetings with PIU and representatives of the affected households and business owners are planned to take place in first/second quarter of 2021. Following that an approach for addressing potential social safeguard issues will be discussed with ADB social safeguard team.

Subproject V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements. The IEE and EMP for sub-project V5 were refined further in accordance with the draft re-design of the landfill subproject, which was presented to MICT and ADB in June 2020. The IEE and EMP were submitted to MICT and ADB on 6 July 2020, for review and comments. The PMCES Consultant re-visited the IEE upon approval of the DED and furthermore responded to review and comments from MICT and ADB. Upon submission of a draft final version of both IEE and EMP on 30 July 2020, these were approved by ADB and an NOL was issued on 15 September 2020. Vientiane PONRE issued the Environmental Compliance Certificate for the IEE and EMP on 22 December 2020. The Governor of Vang Vieng District issued a certificate of no risk of UXOs at the landfill site on 16 December 2020.

A Resettlement and Ethnic Group Development Plan (REGDP) for Subproject V5 prepared by the PMCES Consultant was approved by ADB in September 2020. Compensation payments were made to affected households of V5 Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements during a mission from 14 to 18 December 2020.

It was noted that there were several inconsistencies between the compensation specified in the approved Resettlement Plan and the actual compensation plan implemented. These deviations have been clarified and addressed by PIU and the Social Safeguard team prior to payment, and all necessary documentation to justify this is available. It is expected that Compensation Completion Report can be prepared in first quarter of 2021. There are currently 3 running grievances with villagers who claim that they are not included as impacted/affected household and therefore did not receive any compensation. These will be handled through and in accordance with the GRM system.

Safeguard Monitoring Reporting: Under ADB Guidelines Category B projects require Semi-Annual Safeguard Monitoring Reports (SMRs) to be submitted once construction starts. The project includes civil works in residential areas, and it is a pro-poor project with a high level of community participation. The 1st SMR has been prepared and describes Social and Environmental Safeguard Compliance, actions required following issues arising and the handling process of incidents and complaints. For Environmental Safeguard Monitoring, the purpose is to monitor environmental impacts of civil works, by using EMP checklists prepared specifically for the project sites. The SMR furthermore describes planning and implementation of EMP Awareness Training and regularly assesses the project's level of social and environmental safeguard compliance.

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The following schedule will be adhered to for the submission of Semi-annual Integrated Safeguards Monitoring Reports.

Semi-annual Integrated Safeguards Monitoring Report	Deadline	Status <i>(Under preparation; Submitted on [date]; Comments from ADB being addressed; Approved)</i>
Report 1: Jan-Jun 2020	31 July 2020	Submitted on 28 September 2020; approved 18 December 2020
Report 2: Jul-Dec 2020	31 January 2021	Under preparation
Report 3: Jan-Jun 2021	31 July 2021	
Report 4: Jul-Dec 2021	31 January 2022	
Report 5: Jan-Jun 2022	31 July 2022	
Report 6: Jul-Dec 2022	31 January 2023	
Report 7: Jan-Jun 2023	31 July 2023	
Report 8: Jul-Dec 2023	31 January 2024	
Report 9: Jan-Jun 2024	31 July 2024	
Report 10: Jul-Dec 2024	31 December 2024	

9. Gender Action Plan Implementation Status

The project is categorized as Effective Gender Mainstreaming. Recruitment of the International and National Gender Specialists was completed on 26 August 2019. Progress can be summarized as follows:

	Achieved	On-going	Planned
9 Activities	2/9 (6, 7)	6/9 (1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9)	1/9 (4)
23 Targets	4/23 (1, 14, 15, 22)	17/23 (2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23)	2/23 (5, 6)

A detailed progress report on GAP implementation is included in Annex 9. Some issues with availability of data are being addressed and a more comprehensive GAP progress report will be included in the next progress report.

10. Compliance with Grant Covenants

A table showing status of compliance with Grant Covenants presented in Annex 10.

11. Summary of Workplan for Next Quarter

Procurement packages/consulting services contracts to be awarded next quarter:

Contract	Estimated Amount
TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements	\$7,000,000
TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yu Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvement	\$13,000,000
TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements	\$4,000,000
Total	\$24,000,000

Main activities planned for Q1 2021:

Output 1: Urban-Rural Access Infrastructure and Urban Environmental Services Improved

The primary focus for Q1 2021 for TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements: will be on (i) review and approval of working drawings, (ii) detailed

engineering design of 3 bridges in Don Khone (iii) construction of Don Khone access roads; (iv) preparation of conceptual design for Nakasang and Don Det ports rehabilitation; (v) preparation of conceptual design for Hang Khone area improvements; (vi) implementation of Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for Nakasang Port Rehabilitation Section; and (vii) continuing the construction of drain and concrete pavement in Nakasang Access Improvements.

For packages of TIIGP2-LAO-W02/ W03/W04 focus will be on: (i) approval of BER for awarding of the contract; (ii) Provincial approval of IEE/EMP; (iii) compensation payment and completion report; (iv) obtaining UXO Clearance Certificates; (v) completion of bidding process including contract signing and debriefing and notification to the unsuccessful bidder; (v) review CEMP and (vi) commencement of Contract.

Summary of activities planned for Q1 2021 is as follows:

Activities	Who	When
TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvement (C1, C2)		
Review and Approval of working drawings	PMCES/MICT	Jan 2021
Construction of drain and concrete pavement in Nakasang Access Improvements	Contractor/PKCC	Jan - Mar 2021
GRM Training	PMCES	Jan 2021
Training Responsive HIV/AIDS, STI, Human Trafficking, Child Labour Exploitation Prevention Information to all workers (including Gender Action Plan Implementation) and Public Consultation including Environment and Social Safeguard issues	Contractor/PKCC	Jan 2021
CAP Implementation	PMCES	Jan-Feb 2021
Implementation of Contract	All	May 2020 - May 2022
Safeguard Monitoring	PMCES/DICT	May 2020 - May 2022
Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)	PMCES	May 2020 - May 2022
TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements (V1)		
UXO Certificate/Approved by Provincial Labour and Social Welfare	PLSW	Feb 2021
Bid Evaluation Report submission to ADB	MICT/ FMPS	Jan 2021
Compensation Payment and Closure Report	Individual Consultant/PMCES	Jan-Feb 2021
Contract Award	MICT/ FMPS	Feb 2021
Contract Signing	MICT/ FMPS	Feb 2021
TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements		
UXO Certificate/Approval by Provincial Labour and Social Welfare	PLSW	Jan 2021
Environmental Compliance Certificate by PONRE	PONRE	Jan 2021
Bid Evaluation Report submission to ADB	MICT/ FMPS	Jan 2021
Compensation Payment and Closure Report	Individual Consultant/PMCES	Jan-Feb 2021
Contract Award	MICT/ FMPS	Feb 2021
Contract Signing	MICT/ FMPS	Feb 2021
TIIGP2-LAO-W03a Vang Vieng Urban-Renewal		
Survey DMS/SESAH, LOI, Preparation of RP	ADB	March 2021
TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements (V5)		
Bid Evaluation Report submission to ADB	MICT/ FMPS	Jan 2021
Contract Award	MICT/ FMPS	Feb 2021
Contract Signing	MICT/ FMPS	Feb 2021
CEMP Review	PMCES/MICT	March 2021

(i) A financial assessment of the Vang Vieng Landfill viability be undertaken for the analysis of economical sustainability to form basis for site management modality O&M Institutional Issues and (ii) capacity needs assessment for solid waste management for the basis of the development of O&M capacity building program for the Vang Vieng Landfill	PMCES	March 2021
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Output 2: Capacity to implement ASEAN Tourism Standards strengthened

Focus during Q1 of 2021 will be on (i) completing adaptation of the latest updates of ASEAN Tourism Standards to the Lao context (Green Hotel and MICE) (ii) restructuring the assessment and certification bodies; (iii) develop national registration systems for ASEAN tourism standards certifications; (iv) preparation of a sustainable financing mechanism for ongoing implementation of the ASEAN Tourism Standards; (v) improve assessment manuals; (vi) promotion of the standards via National and Provincial industry associations, ASEAN Standards website and social media platforms, (vi) develop policy and criteria for roll out of the ASEAN and national standards; and (vii) preparation of Provincial Implementation and Procurement Plans for the standards.

Output 3 progress: Institutional capacity for tourism destination management and infrastructure O&M strengthened

DMN work in Q1 2021 will focus on (i) restructuring the DMNs, (ii) preparation of 2021 action plans in consultation with private sector and development partners, (iii) continue to support public sector DMN members with their foreign language and post-graduate degrees; (iv) setup the DMN website; (v) organize workshop to approval national tourist attraction website; (vi) finalize and publish various national standards; (vi) continue the tourism masterplanning work for the three target destinations (mission 2); (vii) develop a 2021 marketing plan for Lao PDR and target destinations; (viii) prioritize activities in the heritage interpretation plans for 2021 implementation; and (ix) continue to collect data on COVID-19 recovery needs and develop SME support plans for project target areas, including needs assessment and database.

O&M work in Q1 will focus on (i) continued development of O&M manual for Nam Ngum (sub-project V1), (ii) continue development of O&M manual for Kaeng Yui Waterfall (sub-project V2), (iii) continue to conduct capacity assessment and training needs assessment of the Vang Vieng UDAA (related to sub-project V5) (95% complete), (iv) financial assessment of possibilities for revenue stream in sub-projects V2, (v) coordination of functional planning of site management for sub-projects V1 and V5 with the International and National Tourism consultants regarding the training and formation of Community Tourism Groups; - Pending due to lack of input; (viii) Consultation with Vientiane Province to confirm information received on possible concessionaires for the Nam Ngum 1 Dam Recreational Area; - Consultation has been carried out but, some clarification for possible future concessionaires need to be carried out before any other discussions.; (ix) Additional consultations with stakeholders of V1 and V5 subprojects with special attention on: processes related to the formulation of the operational contracts, operation and maintenance plans; and the execution of the contracts during the operational phase of the services and facilities planned. – V5 on-going (will be a part of capacity building/Inst Dev./PPP) – V1 postponed.

Project Management Activities

During Q1 of 2021, GAP implementation will continue to ensure targets are included in project workplans and Civil Works contracts, and GAP reporting will be strengthened. Further M&E system will be strengthened, and data collection and analysis continued.

Planned disbursements:

For Q1 2021, the following withdrawal applications (WA) are foreseen:

- Replenishment of Advance Account:
 - WA #30(SOE Nov 2020): \$144,806.04
 - WA #31 (SOE Dec 2020): \$478,354.31
 - WA #32 (SOE January 2020): estimate \$300,000
- Direct payments:
 - WA # 33 direct payment \$315,616 (Advance under Package W04)
 - WA # 34 direct payment \$464,906(Advance under Package W02)
 - WA # 35 direct payment \$882,970 (Advance under Package W03)
 - WA for direct payment to Ramboll A/S under contract TIIGP2-LAO-C01
PMCES Consultant: USD527,691.91 and EUR158,803.62

12. Issues and Recommendations

Civil works contracts for packages TIIGP2-LAO-W04, TIIGP2-LAO-W02 and TIIGP2-LAO-W03 were scheduled to be awarded before the end of December 2020. However, delays due to internal approval processes have prevented this. Moreover, additional social safeguards issues identified related to Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02 require significant additional time and resources to resolve. It is hoped the internal approvals can be obtained in January/February 2021. In consultation with ADB, it is also anticipated that no-objection can be obtained from ADB to award the contract for TIIGP2-LAO-W02, with the condition that no construction activities take place in the area where the social safeguards issues are until they are fully resolved.

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the ability of international experts to travel to Lao PDR, affecting the implementation schedule of some project activities, particularly the tourism masterplanning work. Alternative arrangements to continue the consultation and planning work are being worked out, with at least the planned 2nd mission to be undertaken partially virtual, with national consultants doing focus group discussions and interviews on the ground supported online by the international consultants.

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Annex 1: Progress of civil works by subproject as of 31 December 2021

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements		
C1: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation	Khong District. The subproject will: (i) reconstruct 3.3 km road from Route 13S to the Nakasang Mekong River port and create a turning area for buses; (ii) reinforce 45 m of riverbank protection and reconstruct 60m of riverside path in the port area; (iii) improve footpaths and ramps to floating river pontoons to provide safer passenger access; and (iv) divert the main storm water drainage outlet 15 m downriver from the port.	<p>TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements: DED, bill of quantities, technical specification, bidding documents, updated safeguards documents, have been reviewed and updated as needed, by the PMCES Consultant.</p> <p>IFB has been published on 18 September 2019.</p> <p>The contract was awarded on 23 December 2019 to Phoukhong Construction Sole Co. Ltd. with a contract amount of USD 3,964,308.36 (including Provisional Sums USD 650,000, Contingency USD 333,000.69 and Tax USD 301,300.76).</p> <p>Site possession given on 07 January 2020</p> <p>CEMP, Revised Work Plan was approved by 12 May 2020 and given Notice to proceed by 12 May 2020.</p>
C2: Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements	Khong District. This subproject will (i) pave the main 11 km road network on Don Det and Don Khone islands; (ii) pave the 780 m ² Don Det ferry port vehicle parking area; (iii) cycle track/footpaths over the two islands; and (iv) install public lighting and safety rails on the old railway bridge linking the islands.	<p>The Works commenced by 26 May 2020. The Contractor mobilized equipment at site and constructed temporary camp. National PMCES Consultants are engaged to assist PIU. The pre-works survey completed for Nakasang, Don Det-Don Khone access roads in Q4 2020 by the Contractor. The Contractor taken safety measures in response of COVID-19 Pandemic.</p> <p>The constructional drawings for Nakasang Access Roads have been submitted and approved.</p> <p>Soil investigation for 3 bridges in Don Khone completed and the detailed engineering design are being prepared by the Contractor.</p> <p>The constructional drawings for Don Khone access roads have been submitted by the Contractor and being reviewed by the PMCES consultant.</p> <p>All of construction works on site are being daily supervised by the PMCES consultants</p> <p>Overall construction progress as of 31 December 2020, was 11.78%.</p>
Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements		
V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements	Keo Oudom District. This subproject will (i) improve the existing public marina at the Nam Ngum Reservoir recreational area to safely accommodate 50-60 local tour boats and launch small recreational vessels; (ii) construct a 5.9km loop road extending along the reservoir shore linking to Route 10, and 1,200 m ² parking area; (iii) construct a new 3,860 m ² public market and shophouses to replace existing	<p>TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements: Feasibility studies, preliminary designs, preliminary cost estimates and safeguards documents prepared during project preparation. DED, bill of quantities, technical specification, bidding documents, updated safeguards documents, O&M plan were prepared by the PMCES Consultant. The DED, Safeguard Documents and Bid Document were endorsed by ADB in Q3 2020. The number of safeguard activities were carried out in Q4 2020. The present status of the project is as follows:</p>

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
	informal lakeside stalls; (iv) install septic tanks in all public buildings and a wastewater pump-out station/holding tank at the marina; (v) replace abandoned, unsafe public buildings and piers with new public green space; and (vi) renovate the tourist information center.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceptual design prepared and confirmed following consultation with stakeholders on 15 August 2019 and 16 September 2019 • Technical Engineering Survey both Topographical and Geotechnical completed on 29 February 2020 • Updated FS cost on 31 March 2020 • DED and BD Submission by PMCES on 28 July 2020 • ADB No Objection to the DED on 14 August 2020 • DED clearance certificates by DPWT/ Vientiane Province on 04 September 2020 • ADB No Objection to the Bidding Document on 16 September 2020 • ADB No Objection subject to condition to the IEE and EMP on 17 September 2020 • IFB issued on 18 September 2020 • ADB No Objection to the RP on 25 September 2020 • Bid opening, on 30 October 2020 • DED clearance certificates by DPWT/Vientiane Province on 04 September 2020 • Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) on (IEE/EMP) by PONRE/Vientiane Province on 07 September for the period of 01 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 • GRM training for PIU and the resettlement committee conducted on 07 December 2020 • Public consultations conducted at the village level with project beneficiaries and affected households on dated 08 Dec 2020; • Obtain the government's approval on the use of the protected forest areas on 11 Dec 20 • Further updated the IEE and EMP based on outcome of these consultations to the ADB on 29 December 2020 <p>Target contract signing is in Q1 2021.</p>
Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements		
V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements	Vang Vieng District. The subproject will (i) upgrade the 6km access road from Vang Vieng Town to Kaeng Yui waterfall; (ii) level and pave the 875 m ² waterfall parking area; (iii) improve surfaces and drainage in the waterfall market area; and (v) improve 300m footpaths, including rehabilitation of steps, small suspension bridges, and signage.	TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements: Feasibility studies, preliminary designs, preliminary cost estimates and safeguards documents prepared during project preparation. DED, bill of quantities, technical specification, bidding documents, updated safeguards documents were prepared by the PMCES Consultant:

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements	<p>Vang Vieng District. The subproject will (i) upgrade the 26 km “Western Loop Road” and three village feeder roads; (ii) construct a new road bridge across the Song River, with 2.0km feeder road linking the bridge, Western Loop Road and south end of town; and (iii) provide bio-engineered river bank protection and improve the footpath/cycle track between the new bridge and Huay Yae village.</p>	<p>The DED, Safeguard Documents and Bid Document were endorsed by ADB in Q3 2020. The number of safeguard activities were carried out in Q4 2020. The present status of the project is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceptual design prepared and confirmed following consultation with stakeholders on 16 August 2019 and 17 September 2019 • Technical Engineering Survey both Topographical and Geotechnical completed on 29 February 2020 • Updated FS cost on 31 March 2020 • DED and BD Submission by PMCES on 07 August 2020 • ADB No Objection to the DED on 24 September 2020 • ADB No Objection to the EGDRP on 28 September 2020 • ADB No Objection subject to conditions to the IEE and EMP on 29 September 2020 • ADB No Objection to the Bidding Document 29 September 2020 • IFB issued on 01 October 2020 • Bid opening on 12 November 2020 • DED clearance certificate by DPWT/Vientiane Province on 04 November 2020 • The Governor of Vang Vieng District issued a certificate of no risk of UXOs at site for the Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements subproject on 16 December 2020 • GRM training for PIU and the resettlement committee conducted (Vang Vieng District) on 14 December 2020 • Public consultations with affected people conducted on 15 and 16 December 2020 • Compensation Payment to the affected people on dated 16 December 2020 <p>Target contract signing is in Q1 2021</p>
Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal		
V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal	<p>Vang Vieng District. The subproject will (i) rehabilitate 4.0 km of footpaths with suitable surfaces, street lighting, seating and soft landscaping; (ii) install traffic calming measures in streets with high concentrations of tourists; (iii) improve traffic management, including one-way traffic flows (1.5 km); and (iv) resurface roads and improve drains in residential areas (1.0 km).</p>	<p>TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal: Feasibility studies, preliminary designs, preliminary cost estimates and safeguards documents prepared during project preparation. Feasibility studies, preliminary designs, preliminary cost estimates and safeguards documents prepared during project preparation. DED, bill of quantities, technical specification, bidding documents, updated safeguards documents were prepared by the PMCES Consultant:</p> <p>The DED was endorsed by ADB in Q3 2020. No activity was carried out in Q4 2020. The present status of the project is as follows:</p> <p>The present status of the project is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceptual design prepared and confirmed following consultation with stakeholders on 16 August 2019 and 17 September 2019 • Technical Engineering Survey both Topographical and Geotechnical completed 29 February 2020 • Updated FS cost on 31 March 2020 • DED and BD Submission by PMCES on 07 August 2020

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB No Objection to the DED on 24 September 2020 • DED clearance certificate by DPWT/Vientiane Province on 04 November 2020 <p>This subproject was previously included in Package TIIGP-LAO-W03, but recently separated into a new Works Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a to allow for coordination and alignment with ADB-financed Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project, for which detailed design for its subproject in Vang Vieng is currently ongoing. Preparation of safeguards documents will be coordinated between the two projects.</p> <p>Target contract signing is in Q4 2021.</p>
Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements		
V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements	<p>Vang Vieng District. The subproject will transform the existing district solid waste dump site into a managed landfill and includes (i) installation of a perimeter runoff interceptor drainage system; (ii) cell construction with impermeable liners, leachate collection/treatment system, and a landfill gas recovery system; (iii) construction of a small materials recovery facility for waste separation and recycling and a medical waste treatment area; (v) construction of a septage treatment facility (0.5ha); (vi) construction of site office, toilets, and fencing; (vii) pave the 0.8km access road and provide three new collection trucks, a bulldozer, and two vacuum trucks to support septage collection.</p>	<p>TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements: Review findings of the DED carried out in Q3 2019 for the landfill subproject revealed that the existing design requires revision, which would entail substantial alterations to the design, drawings, BoQ and technical specification. It was decided that an environmental compliance audit (ECA) needed to be conducted to test the design information. PMCES Consultant engaged an ECA sub-consultant team to carry out this work. The ECA team submitted its draft report to the PMCES Consultant on 16 January 2020. PMCES reviewed and edited the report and it on 11 February 2020 to MICT and ADB for review, comments and approval. The report was eventually approved on 22 March 2020.</p> <p>ADB approved additional financial resources to undertake the design revisions, which include design of a closure system of existing landfill site with all precautionary measures and appropriateness of design of MRF system design, admin building and office facilities, leachate treatment design, septage treatment design, effluents and hazardous waste, master drainage management of storm water, additional internal access road to facilities, new boundary wall, new incineration plant, appropriate Electro-Mechanical facilities and tree plantation etc.</p> <p>DED, bill of quantities, technical specification, bidding documents, updated safeguards documents, O&M plan, and recommendations for O&M were prepared by the PMCES Consultant. The DED, Safeguard Documents and Bid Documents were endorsed by ADB in Q3 2020.</p> <p>The DED, Safeguard Documents and Bid Document were endorsed by ADB in Q3 2020. The number of safeguard activities were carried out in Q4 2020. The present status of the project is as follows:</p> <p>The present status of the project is as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DED Reviewed in September 2019 • ECA completed on 12 March 2020 • DED and BD Submission by PMCES on 18 August 2020 • ADB No Objection to the DED on 8 September 2020

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB No Objection to the Bidding Document on 11 September 2020 • ADB No Objection to the IEE and EMP on 15 September 2020 • ADB No Objection to the EGDRP on 15 September 2020 • IFB issued on 15 September 2020 • Bid opening on 27 October 2020 • DED clearance certificate by DPWT/Vientiane Province on 04 November 2020 • GRM training for PIU and the resettlement committee conducted (Vang Vieng District) on 14 December 2020 • UXO clearance by the Vang Vieng District Governor/Vientiane Province on 16 Dec 2020 • Compensation Payment to the affected people on dated 17 December 2020 • Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) on (IEE/EMP) issued by PONRE/Vientiane Province on 22 December for a period of 21 Dec 2020 to 20 Dec 2021 <p>Target contract signing is in Q1 2021.</p>

Description	Preliminary Design Cost Estimates (US\$) (PAM procurement plan, version 0)	Updated estimates (US\$) (procurement plan 4)	Current estimates (US\$) (based on BOQ DED by PMCES Consultant)/Contracted amount
<u>TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements</u>	7,227,529	3,964,308.36 (actual contract value)	\$3,964,308.36 (Contracted Cost with Phoukhong Construction Sole Co. Ltd)
C1. Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation;	3,613,167		
C2. Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements	3,614,362		
<u>TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements</u>	6,142,686	7,000,000	6,980,314
V1. Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements;	6,142,686		
<u>TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements</u>	9,658,377	13,000,000	12,988,702
V2. Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements;	2,180,747		
V3. Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements;	7,477,630		
<u>TIIGP2-LAO-W03a Vang Vieng Urban-Renewal</u>	1,015,501	2,000,000	2,090,000 (Under Review)
V4. Vang Vieng Urban Renewal;	1,015,501		
<u>TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements</u>	5,632,000	3,600,000	3,630,015
V5. Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements.	5,632,000		
Total	29,676,093	29,564,308.36	\$29,653,339.36

Annex 2: Record of Output 2 and 3 and Project Management Activities implemented during Quarter 4 of 2020 (1 October– 31 December 2020)

PAM OP	PAM Key Act.	PAM Activity Ref.	Budget Code	Activity	Location	Dates	Expense	Implementing Unit	Objective	Result	Total	Men	Women	Women %
2	2.1	2.1.1.1	2.1.1	Publish stickers for tourist bus/van, transport associations and tour companies. 1000 copies	VTE Capital	15/10/2020	17,600,000	Tourism Management Department	To facilitate tourists	transport service providers received stickers - 1,000 pieces	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
2	2.1	2.1.2.1	2.2.1	Workshop to disseminate Lao PDR Standards (in line with ASEAN Standard- CBT, Homestay, MICE, Clean Public Toilet and Clean City)	LPB	16-20/11/2020	30,650,000	PCU	To upgrade knowledge for Public and Business sectors	Knowledge upgraded	47	20	27	57.4%
2	2.1	2.1.3.1	2.3.2	Workshop to disseminate Lao PDR Standard-Clean Public Toilet in Salavan and Savannakhet Provinces	SVKH and SLV	7-13/12/2020	33,608,000	Tourism Development Department (TDD)/PCU	To upgrade knowledge for Public and Business sectors	Knowledge upgraded	75	50	25	33.3%
2	2.2	2.2.2.1	2.4.3.1	Organize consultation workshop on selection, approve and certify of ASEAN Standards for 4 Tourism departments	VTE Capital	07/10/2020	4,175,000.00	PCU	to upgrade knowledge for 4 Tourism departments	Knowledge upgraded	25	21	4	16.0%
2	2.2	2.2.2.1	2.4.3.1	Workshop to review 5 Lao PDR Standards Logos	IMCT	10/05/2020	6.220.000	ASEAN Secretariat	To review 5 Lao PDR Standards Logos	5 Lao PDR Standards Logos are approved	49	28	21	42.9%
2	2.2	2.2.2.1	2.4.3.1	National Training of trainers to review, selection, approve and certify of ASEAN Standard Manuals	Bolikhamxay	18-21/11/2020	31,820,000	PCU	To review ASEAN Standard Manuals	National trainers upgraded knowledge	29	15	14	48.3%
2	2.3	2.3.2.2	2.6.3	Conduct training of trainers on Lao PDR tourist attractions classification for provincial and district levels	VTP	28-30/10/2020	29,050,000	PCU	Upgrade knowledge	Knowledge upgraded	29	12	17	58.6%
2	2.3	2.3.2.3	2.6.4	Assessment together with provincial staffs on ASEAN Green Hotel and SPA Services Standards	CPS	24-29/11/2020	26,180,000	PCU	To assess together with provincial staffs on ASEAN Green Hotel and SPA Services Standards	Completed as plan	60	25	35	58.3%
2	2.4	2.4.2.1	2.7.2	Encourage and promote the business sector to understand ASEAN Tourism standards and participate in the implementation to be awarded ASEAN Tourism Standard in Khammouane	The loop/KM	6-10/10/2020.	12,201,000	PCU	To upgrade knowledge for public and business sector	public and business sector upgraded knowledge	10	7	3	30.0%
2	2.4	2.4.2.1	2.7.2	Encourage and promote the business sector to understand ASEAN Tourism standards and participate in the implementation to be awarded ASEAN Tourism Standard in VTE Capital.	VTE Capital	1-2/10/2020.	4,550,000	PCU	To upgrade knowledge for public and business sector	public and business sector upgraded knowledge	10	7	3	30.0%
2	2.4	2.4.2.1	2.7.2	Encourage and promote the provincial authorities and the tourism business sector in implementation of ASEAN standards	VV, VTP and LPB	01-07/11/2020	19.890.000	PCU	To upgrade knowledge for provincial authorities and the tourism business sector	provincial authorities and the tourism business sector upgraded knowledge	36	28	8	22.2%
2	2.5	2.5.1.1	2.8.1	Follow up the implementation of ASEAN Clean Public Toilet Standard at Vat Phou Champasak	CPS	27/9-1/10/2020.	7,150,000	Survey and Tourist Site Allocation Division/TDD	To follow up the implementation of ASEAN Clean Public Toilet Standard	Completed as plan	5	4	1	20.0%

PAM OP	PAM Key Act.	PAM Activity Ref.	Budget Code	Activity	Location	Dates	Expense	Implementing Unit	Objective	Result	Total	Men	Women	Women %
2	2.5	2.5.1.1	2.8.1	Follow up the implementation of ASEAN Clean Public Toilet Standard at Nounta Fuel Station, Phonhong District, Vientiane Province.	VTP	6-9/10/2020.	4,530,000	Survey and Tourist Site Allocation Division/TDD	To follow up the implementation of ASEAN Clean Public Toilet Standard	Completed as plan	5	5	0	0.0%
2	2.5	2.5.1.1	2.8.1	Follow up the implementation of ASEAN Clean Public Toilet Standard at Tham Lome Cave, Vangv Vieng, VTP	VV	10-13/10/2020.	4,780,000	Survey and Tourist Site Allocation Division/TDD	To follow up the implementation of ASEAN Clean Public Toilet Standard	Completed as plan	5	5	0	0.0%
2	2.5	2.5.1.1	2.8.1	Follow up the implementation of ASEAN MICE Standard at VTE Capital	VTE Capital	16-18/12/2020	15,620,000	Tourism Training Division	To follow up the implementation of ASEAN MICE Standard	Completed as plan	60	20	40	66.7%
2	2.5	2.5.1.1	2.8.1	Follow up the implementation of ASEAN Clean Public Toilet Standard at Vat Phou Champasak	CPS	24-27/11/2020.	7,550,000	Survey and Tourist Site Allocation Division/TDD	To follow up the implementation of ASEAN Clean Public Toilet Standard	Completed as plan	6	5	1	16.7%
2	2.5	2.5.1.1	2.8.1	Follow up the implementation of ASEAN Clean Public Toilet Standard at Nounta Fuel Station, Phonhong District, Vientiane Province.	VTP	28/11-1/12/2020.	3,580,000	Survey and Tourist Site Allocation Division/TDD	To follow up the implementation of ASEAN Clean Public Toilet Standard	Completed as plan	4	4	0	0.0%
2	2.5	2.5.1.1	2.8.1	Follow up the implementation of ASEAN Clean Public Toilet Standard at Tham Lome Cave, Vangv Vieng, VTP	VV	3-6/12/2020.	4,680,000	Survey and Tourist Site Allocation Division/TDD	To follow up the implementation of ASEAN Clean Public Toilet Standard	Completed as plan	5	5	0	0.0%
2	2.5	2.5.2.1	2.8.2.a	Training on SPA services	Pakse, CPS	11-13/10/2020	23,400,000	Subcontract, PIU	To upgrade knowledge and service (diversification of SPA service)	SPA service upgraded	31	12	19	61.3%
2	2.5	2.5.2.1	2.8.2.a	Organize environmental protection activity: Clean the main streets and garbage collection in Pakse City and at Phu Sa Lao Tourist Site	Pakse City, CPS	Oct/20	15,680,000	PIU, public and private sectors	To make Pakse a clean city and prepare to propose for award (ASEAN clean tourist city stand)	Environmental protection activity implemented	115	62	53	46.1%
2	2.5	2.5.2.1	2.8.2.a	Training on front office service and housekeeping	Khong, CPS	25-27/10/2020	28,680,000	PIU, DICT, Hotel Association	To upgrade service quality	knowledge and skills upgraded	36	17	19	52.8%
2	2.5	2.5.2.1	2.8.2.a	Awareness campaigns on environmental protection and cleanliness through social media (which under the support activity to implement the ASEAN clean tourist city standard)	Pakse City, CPS	Sep-Dec2020	33,200,000	PIU, Subcontract	To raise awareness on environmental protection	Awareness activity implemented	5	3	2	40.0%
2	2.5	2.5.2.1	2.8.2.a	Training on environmental protection and cleanliness inside hotels and the surrounding areas for hotel and guesthouse providers in Khong District	CPS	17-19/12/2020	12,750,000	CPS-PIU	Improve service quality to attract more tourists	Completed as plan	41	22	19	46.3%
2	2.5	2.5.2.1	2.8.2.a	Support the implementation of ASEAN Homestay Standard - conduct training to upgrade knowledge and skills on hospitality (food and beverage and house keeping work) in Ban Nanyang	LPB	05-09/10/2020	41,290,000	PIU	To improve the quality of service	Completed as plan	60	22	38	63.3%
2	2.5	2.5.2.1	2.8.2.a	Conduct training to upgrade knowledge and skills on hospitality (food and beverage and house keeping, food hygiene) Chomphet district	LPB	14-18 ທັນວກ 2020	29,402,000	PIU	Improve service quality to attract more tourists	Completed as plan	60	20	40	66.7%
2	2.5	2.5.2.1	2.8.2.a	ASEAN Green Hotel Standard on food preparation - Clean and safe	VangVieng	8-10/10/2020	24,810,000	PIU - VV	To improve service quality	Completed as plan	43	3	40	93.0%

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2	2.5	2.5.2.1	2.8.2.a	CBT Standard: Organize awareness workshop on environmental protection for Ban Nathong and village cleaning day	VangVieng	14-17/10/2020	30,125,000	PIU - VV	Upgrade service quality to meet the standard	Knowledge upgraded	155	95	60	38.7%
2	2.5	2.5.2.1	2.8.2.a	Conduct training on ASEAN SPA Service to SPA Service providers	Vang Vieng	8-12/12/2020	33,175,000	PIU - VV	To upgrade service quality to meet the standard	Skills upgraded	65	16	49	75.4%
2	2.5	2.5.2.1	2.8.2.a	Awareness training on environmental protection, hospitality training for Long Ngum View Resort	VTP	21-25/10/2020	40,190,000	VTP-PIU	Upgrade knowledge and skills	Skills improve	39	11	28	71.8%
2	2.5	2.5.2.2	2.8.2.b	Improve public toilet at Vat Phou World Heritage Site to meet ASEAN clean public toilet standard (first payment)	CPS	8-12,2020	132,593,500	Tourism Development Department (TDD)	To meet ASEAN clean public toilet standard	Completed as plan	12	10	2	16.7%
2	2.5	2.5.2.2	2.8.2.b	Improve public toilet at Vat Phou World Heritage Site to meet ASEAN clean public toilet standard (Second payment)	CPS	8-12,2020	132,593,500	Tourism Development Department (TDD)	To meet ASEAN clean public toilet standard	Completed as plan	12	10	2	16.7%
2	2.5	2.5.2.2	2.8.2.b	Improve public toilet at Mekong River Site, Ban Phone Heuang in LPB City to meet the ASEAN Clean Public Toilet Standard (First payment)	LPB	8/10-30/12/2020	99,282,455	PCU, PIU, subcontract	To improve quality of service	Completed as plan	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
2	2.5	2.5.2.2	2.8.2.b	Improve public toilet at Mekong River Site, Ban Phone Heuang in LPB City to meet the ASEAN Clean Public Toilet Standard (Second payment)	LPB	8/10-30/12/2020	231,659,061	PIU	To improve quality of service	Completed as plan	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
2	2.5	2.5.2.2	2.8.2.b	Improve public toilet at Tham Lome cave site to meet the ASEAN Clean Public Toilet Standard (First payment)	VangVieng	7/9-15/11/2020	132,612,000	PIU - VV	To improve quality of service	Completed as plan	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
2	2.5	2.5.2.2	2.8.2.b	Improve public toilet at Lao-Thai border checkpoint to meet the ASEAN Clean Public Toilet Standard (the heritage route)	Sayabouli	23/3-17/9/2020	140,804,510	Survey and Tourist Site Allocation Division/TDD	To meet ASEAN clean public toilet standard	Completed as plan	5	5	0	0.0%
3	3.1	3.1.2.1	3.2.1	DMN-Workshop to review the implementation of the DMP in Luang Prabang	LPB	22/10/2020	12,180,000	PIU	To review the progress and plan for DMN	The progress reviewed	45	26	19	42.2%
3	3.1	3.1.2.1	3.2.1	Conduct training on tourism development planning for tourism sector staff at provincial and district levels	LPB	6-10/10/2020	41,420,000	PCU/PIU	Strengthen capacity for local level	Knowledge increased	35	22	13	37.1%
3	3.1	3.1.2.1	3.2.1	Training on how to develop the photo galleries and tourism information files of Vientiane Province	LPB	11-13/12/2020	33,180,000	PCU, subcontract	Improve knowledge	Knowledge upgraded	35	22	13	37.1%
3	3.1	3.1.2.1	3.2.1	Training on the use of assessment form and pilot/trial assessment on tourist attractions classification standard for four tourism departments	LPB	10-14/10/2020	26,400,000	Tourism Development and Planning Division/TDD	Strengthen capacity for tourism sector staff	Exchange lessons among departments	17	4	13	76.5%
3	3.1	3.1.2.1	3.2.1	Publish the manual for monitoring and evaluation the success of destination management. 500 copies	VTE	4-30/11/2020	13,500,000.00	PCU	Produce for training and dissemination	Manual published and distributed	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
3	3.1	3.1.2.1	3.2.1	Training on drafting the destination management plan for Southern Laos tourism sector staff	CPS	15-21/11/2020	65,990,000	DMN Secretariat	To improve knowledge for staff	Knowledge increased	25	15	10	40.0%
3	3.1	3.1.2.2	3.2.2	Training to upgrade English and Chinese languages for tourism sector staff	VTP	1/10-31/12/2020	41,440,000	VTP-PIU	To improve knowledge for staff	Knowledge upgraded	20	7	13	65.0%

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3	3.1	3.1.2.2	3.2.2	Training on the use of English vocabulary in tourism sector for staff (4 tourism departments) - Third training	CPS	13-17/12/2020	30,800,000	Tourism Development and Planning Division/TDD	Build capacity for staff	Knowledge increased	21	10	11	52.4%
3	3.1	3.1.2.3	3.2.3	Support travel expenses and per-diem for tourism sector staff/ DICTs to attain master degree at NUOL (Vientiane Province, Luang Prabang, Xiengkhouang, and Vang Vieng)	VTE, NUOL	01-30/9/2020.	28,520,000	PCU	Build capacity for tourism sector staff	Knowledge increased	24	14	10	41.7%
3	3.1	3.1.2.3	3.2.3	Collect tourism data/information along The Loop to input the thesis of master degree (for staff)	KM-Bolikhamxay	16-18/10/2020	10,920,000	PCU	To support the thesis	Completed as plan	13	9	4	30.8%
3	3.1	3.1.2.3	3.2.3	Support travel expenses and per-diem for tourism sector staff/ DICTs to attain master degree at NUOL (Vientiane Province, Luang Prabang, Xiengkhouang, and Vang Vieng)	VTE, NUOL	01-31/10/2020.	28,520,000	PCU	Upgrade Knowledge	Completed as plan	24	14	10	41.7%
3	3.1	3.1.2.3	3.2.3	Support travel expenses and per-diem for tourism sector staff/ DICTs to attain master degree at NUOL (Vientiane Province, Luang Prabang, Xiengkhouang, and Vang Vieng)	VTE, NUOL	01-30/11/2020.	28,520,000	PCU	Upgrade Knowledge	Completed as plan	24	14	10	41.7%
3	3.1	3.1.2.3	3.2.3	Support school fees of second year (2021) for master degree, National University of Laos	VTE, NUOL	10/2020 - 9/2021	106,294,400	PCU	Upgrade Knowledge	TDD, TMD, IMCT, VTP-DICT, XKH-DICT	24	14	10	41.7%
3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	Participate in study tours - exchange lessons on destination management in LPB	LPB	2-6/10/2020	24,930,000	CPS-PIU, DICT	To exchange lessons	Learn tourism development, promotion and management of LPB	9	6	3	33.3%
3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	Organize study tours - exchange lessons on destination management for four PIUs/DICTs and PCU in LPB	LPB	3-5/10/2020	10,220,000	PIUs	To exchange lessons	Completed as plan	40	26	14	35.0%
3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	Study tours to exchange lessons on destination management for NSEC implementation units (LNT-ODX)	LPB	20-22/10/2020	13,540,000	PIU, PCU	To exchange lessons	Lessons learnt	40	24	16	40.0%
3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	Participate in study tours - exchange lessons on destination management in LPB	LPB	2-6/10/2020	8,780,000	PIU - VV	To exchange lessons	Lessons learnt	7	4	3	42.9%
3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	Study tours to exchange lessons on destination management for NSEC implementation units (LNT-ODX)	VangVieng	22/10/2020	15,128,000	PIU - VV	To exchange lessons	Lessons learnt	52	30	22	42.3%
3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	Participate in study tours - exchange lessons on destination management in LPB	LPB	2-6/10/2020	10,360,000	VTP-PIU	To exchange lessons	Lessons learnt	37	23	14	37.8%
3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	Provide training on grievance redressal mechanisms for the Arbitration Committee	VTP	7-8/12/2020	11,990,000	PMCES, PIU, consultants	To aware of the issues	Completed as plan	37	23	14	37.8%
3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	Participate in study tours - exchange lessons on destination management in LPB and Vang Vieng	LPB and Vang Vieng	20-24/10/2020	19,250,000	Tourism sector staff, DICTs	To exchange lessons among LNT-ODX and LPB	Lessons learnt	76	49	27	35.5%
3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	Draft a continuing Bachelor's degree curriculum in tourism field	VTE, NUOL	15/10/2020	24.600.000	Hotel and Tourism Department	To draft the continuing curriculum	Completed as plan	3	1	2	66.7%
3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	Draft a questionnaire to survey the interests and needs of developing short-term courses	VTE, NUOL	23/10/2020	8.800.000	Hotel and Tourism Department	Survey the needs of short-term courses	Recognize the need to draft short-term courses	3	0	3	100.0%

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3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	Workshop to review the implementation of activities and planning for the last 3 months of 2020 with NUOL	Thalad, VTP	28-30/9/2020.	6,685,000	PCU	To review the progress and plan for DMN	Completed Review Workshop	10	7	3	30.0%
3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	PCU Participate in study tours - exchange lessons on destination management in LPB with PIUs	LPB	3-5/10/2020.	3,040,000	PCU	To exchange lessons	Lessons learnt	5	3	2	40.0%
3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	Airfare for LNT Tourism Division to participate in study tour to exchange destination management	LPB and VV	20 - 24/10/2020.	8,000,000	PCU	To exchange lessons	Lessons learnt	10	7	3	30.0%
3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	PCU Participate in study tours - exchange lessons on destination management in LPB and Vang Vieng	LPB and VV	20 - 24/10/2020.	23,680,000	PCU	To exchange lessons	Lessons learnt	6	4	2	33.3%
3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	Editing of improved teaching - learning manuals	Hotel and tourism Department of NUOL	14/12/2020	4,310	Hotel and tourism Department of NUOL	To edit improved teaching learning manuals	Edited teaching learning manuals completed	7	2	5	71.4%
3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	Translation of bachelor degree (continued course) manual of Tourism Faculty into English version	Hotel and tourism Department of NUOL	10-11/12/2020	17.600.000	Hotel and tourism Department of NUOL	Translation from Lao to English	Completed translation	1	0	1	100.0%
3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	Improved Draft teaching curriculum	Hotel and tourism Department of NUOL	1/10-30/12/2020	6.896.000	Hotel and tourism Department of NUOL	Draft teaching curriculum	Completion of the teaching curriculum	7	1	6	85.7%
3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	Draft a questionnaire to survey the interests and needs of developing short-term courses	Hotel and tourism Department of NUOL	3-11/12/2020	17.600.000	Hotel and tourism Department of NUOL	Survey the needs of short-term courses	Recognize the need to draft short-term courses	8	1	7	87.5%
3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	Workshop to assess the improved teaching curriculum together with Hotel and tourism Department of NUOL	Pakxan District, Bolikhamxay	26-28/12/2020	15,080,000	PCU	To assess the cimproved teaching curriculum	Received lesson learnt and experiences	12	7	5	41.7%
3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	Publishing of teaching curriculum	VTE Capital	10-12/12/2020	44,000,000	Hotel and tourism Department of NUOL	to publish teaching curriculum	Completed as plan	2	1	1	50.0%
3	3.1	N/A	3.2.4	Support the participation of the study tour in LPB and VV on Destination and Management 19-24/10/2020.	LPB and VV	19-24/10/2020	26,700,000	Tourism Sector	To exchange experiences	Completed as plan	10	5	5	50.0%
3	3.3	3.3.1.1	3.4.1	The quarterly meeting of the Policy-Makers Task Force focuses on identifying issues and resolving issues that have negative impacts on tourism in Pakse City, Champasak	CPS	21/12/2020	15,530,000	CPS-PIU	To address the negative impacts on tourism	Completed as plan	64	54	10	15.6%
3	3.3	3.3.1.1	3.4.1	Quarterly meeting of the policy makers taskforce focus on identifying issues and resolving issues that has negative impacts on Tourism in VV	LPB	4/12/020	12,760,000	PIU	To address the negative impacts on tourism COVID 19	Completed as plan	60	22	38	63.3%
3	3.3	3.3.1.1	3.4.1	Quarterly meeting of the policy makers taskforce focus on identifying issues and resolving issues that has negative impacts on Tourism in VV	VV	18/12/2020	12,400,000	PIU - VV	To address the negative impacts on tourism COVID 19	Completed as plan	62	42	20	32.3%
3	3.3	3.3.1.1	3.4.1	Solve the waste water problem in town and garbage along the Nam Song River banks in VV	VV	11/11/2020	8,370,000	PIU - VV	To solve the problems	Completed as plan	3	3	0	0.0%
3	3.3	3.3.1.1	3.4.1	Quarterly meeting of the tourism task fore to address the negative impacts on the tourism	VTP	29/9/2020-2/12/2020	19,360,000		To solve the problems	Completed as plan	22	16	6	27.3%

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3	3.3	3.3.1.1	3.4.1	DMN Task Force Meeting for 4 Tourism Departments on negative impact from COVID-19 pandemic	CPS	25-28/10/20	29,700,000	DMN	To address the negative impacts on tourism COVID 19	Completed as plan	24	12	12	50.0%
3	3.3	3.3.1.1	3.4.1	DMN Consultation Workshop on the implementation of the measures to prevent COVID-19	Bolikhamxay	22-25/11/2020	22,271,000	CPU	To address the negative impacts on tourism COVID 19	Completed as plan	20	9	11	55.0%
3	3.3	3.3.2.1	3.4.2	Collect information in the project areas/subproject sites to draft regulations to manage tourism activities	CPS	8-12,2020	4,150,000	PCU, PIU	Collect information to draft regulations for tourism activities	Information collected	3	3	0	0.0%
3	3.3	3.3.2.1	3.4.2	Draft regulations to manage tourism activities	CPS	8-12,2020	12,440,000	PCU	To draft regulations	Completed as plan	5	5	0	0.0%
3	3.3	3.3.2.1	3.4.2	Collect information in the project areas/subproject sites to draft regulations to manage tourism activities	LPB	19-24/11/2020	16,450,000	PIU	Collect information to draft regulations for tourism activities	Information Collected	5	5	0	0.0%
3	3.3	3.3.2.1	3.4.2	Collect information in the project areas/subproject sites to draft regulations to manage tourism activities	VV	23-27/12/2020	16,510,000	PIU	Collect information to draft regulations for tourism activities	Information Collected	8	5	3	37.5%
3	3.3	3.3.2.1	3.4.2	Follow up the implementation of CBT activities at Lanxang Cultural Quadrangle Network	LPB	11-16/10/2020.	22,500,000	LCQ Network	Follow up activities	Completed as plan	10	7	3	30.0%
3	3.4	3.4.1.1	3.5.1	Study and analyze the characteristic of the domestic tourists (Domestic visitors flows)	VTE Capital	15-28/10/2020	14,930,000	Research and Statistical Divisions	To prepare the report on the Domestic visitors flows	Completed as plan	7	5	2	28.6%
3	3.4	3.4.1.1	3.5.1	Data Entry and Analysis the efficiency of the Tourism Development in Vang Vieng	Hotel and tourism Department of NUOL	14-15/12/2020	17,600,000	Hotel and tourism Department of NUOL	to obtain data and analyze	Completed as plan	9	3	6	66.7%
3	3.4	3.4.1.1	3.5.1	workshop to review research paper on tourism marketing activities and characteristic of the domestic tourists	VV and VTP	13-16/12/2020	22,020,000	PCU	To review the draft paper	Paper reviewed and edited	22	16	6	27.3%
3	3.4	3.4.2.2	3.5.2.2	Consultation workshop to promote Lao travel Laos/Lao Thai Lao	Khong, CPS	17-20/11/2020	27,260,000	PIU/DICT	To stimulate Lao tourism "Lao Thai Lao" at Sithandon	Fruitful outcome	28	20	8	28.6%
3	3.4	3.4.2.2	3.5.2.2	Survey the Tourism Circuit in Nambak and Ngoi Districts and conduct debrief meeting to present the result with Districts.	LPB	08-11/20/2020	21,510,000	PIU	To explore the tourism circuit	Completed as plan	38	25	13	34.2%
3	3.4	3.4.2.2	3.5.2.2	Survey the Tourism route for Ban Xiengman - Xieng Nguen District and Nan District to identify tourism facilities needed	LPB	3-7/11/ 2020	24,500,000	PIU	To survey the link between three districts	The rout explored/identified	13	8	5	38.5%
3	3.4	3.4.2.2	3.5.2.2	Survey tourism route Nambak-Meuang Ngoi in Luang Prabang Province.	LPB	8-11/10/2020	26,820,000	PCU	To survey tourism route	The rout explored/identified	12	7	5	41.7%
3	3.4	3.4.2.2	3.5.2.2	Management and maintain of Lao Tourism website to be consistent with Lao Tourism Branding Strategy	VTE Capital	1/9-30/10/2020	1,000	Tourism Marketing Department	To manage and maintain Lao Tourism Branding Strategy	Lao website improved (can attract target market groups)	3	1	2	66.7%
3	3.4	3.4.2.2	3.5.2.2	Organize the first tourism forum on " Sustainable Tourism 2020- Waste Reduction Policy Mechanism in the Tourism Industry"	VTE Capital	17/10/2020	17,600,000	Tourism Development & planning Division	To develop tourism along side with the environment	Lessons learned in the implementation of the work amongs relevant departments	58	30	28	48.3%

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3	3.4	3.4.2.2	3.5.2.2	Survey tourism routes to promote "Lao visit Laos" Campaign Vientiane Capital - Vang Vieng - Luang Prabang - Houaphanh - Xieng Khouang - Bolikhamxay - Vientiane Capital of public and private collaboration.	VTE Capital-VV-LPB-HP_XKH-BLKX_VTE Capital	17-23/12/2020.	33,818,000	LCQ Network	Survey tourism routes to promote "Lao visit Laos"	Upgrading the capacity of staff to learn how to use it properly	20	14	6	30.0%
3	3.4	3.4.2.2	3.5.2.2	Improvement, management and maintenance of mobile application - travelLaos	VTE Capital	07/9-30/11/2020	1,000	Tourism Marketing Department	To update tourism information on mobile application with complete information	Tourism information has been uploaded to the tourism mobile application	3	2	1	33.3%
3	3.4	3.4.2.2	3.5.2.2	Promote "the Tea Caravan Trail" through facebook page to reach the target groups	LNT	10/08/2020	24,000,000	Tourism Division	Advertisement via Facebook page	Completed as plan	1	1	0	0.0%
3	3.4	3.4.2.2	3.5.2.3	"Savan Fun Fest" Festival	Savannakhet	24-26/12/2020	97,856,000	Green Adventure	To promote Lao Travel Laos	Successful event	5,000	2000	3,000	60.0%
3	3.4	3.4.2.2	3.5.2.3	Produce Video on tour programs to promote Lao Visit Laos with the theme "Beuatiful Luang Prabang" Episode: Visit Chomphet District. First payment	LPB	01/10/2020-01/11/2020	18,319,000	Subcontract, PIU	Produce VDO to promote Lao visit Laos	Completed as plan	1	1	0	0.0%
3	3.4	3.4.2.2	3.5.2.3	Produce Video on tour programs to promote Lao Visit Laos with the theme "Beuatiful Luang Prabang" Episode: Visit Chomphet District. Second payment	LPB	01/10/2020-01/11/2020	7,851,000	Subcontract, PIU	Produce VDO to promote Lao visit Laos	Completed as plan	1	1	0	0.0%
3	3.4	3.4.2.2	3.5.2.3	Publish promotional materials to promote Lao tourism branding	VTE Capital	1/7-30/11/2020	145,200,000	Tourism Marketing Department	To promote Lao tourism branding	- Brochure on CBT 12,000 copies - Bags with Laos Simply Beautiful logos 3,000 pieces/units	4	1	3	75.0%
3	3.4	3.4.2.2	3.5.2.3	Produce Video on tour programs to promote Lao Visit Laos with the theme "Beuatiful Luang Prabang" Episode: Visit Luang Prang 3days 2nights	LPB	17/12/2020-17/01/2021	30,350,000	Subcontract, PIU	To promote Lao visit Laos	Completed as plan	6	5	1	16.7%
3	3.4	3.4.2.2	3.5.2.3	Publishing of Brochure to promote tourism in Southern Laos	VTE Capital	20/10-20/11/2020	70,400,000	Southern Laos' DMN focalpoint	To promote tourism in Southern Laos	20,000 copies.	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
3	3.4	3.4.2.2	3.5.2.3	Design of tourism postcard to promote Luang Namtha, Oudomxay, Phongsaly and Bokeo, tourist maps of the upper northern provinces and guide books for tour guides along the NSEC	LNT	9-12/2020	24,000,000	Tourism Division	To promote the upper northern provinces along NSEC	Completed	1	1	0	0.0%
3	3.4	3.4.4.2	3.5.2.4	Organize Fam Trip for bloggers and media inside Laos to visit outstanding attractions in Lao PDR	LPB-Oudomxay	08-15/10/2020.	88,000,000	Tourism Marketing Department	To promote Lao travel Laos	Lao travel Laos will be stimulated and booming day by day.	25	16	9	36.0%
3	3.4	3.4.4.2	3.5.2.4	Training for tourism marketing staffs and target provincial staffs on how to develop promotional materials and oline promotion	VV-VTP	16-21/11/2020	35,100,000	DMN Secretariat	To upgrade knowledge	Knowledge upgraded	27	15	12	44.4%
3	3.4	3.4.4.2	3.5.2.4	Training on mobile application management and maintain for the members of Lan Xang Culture Quadrangle Network.	Lan Xang Culture Quadrangle Network.	8-10/12/2020	17.350.000	Lan Xang Culture Quadrangle Network	To learn how to maintain and management	Information updated	15	10	5	33.3%

PAM OP	PAM Key Act.	PAM Activity Ref.	Budget Code	Activity	Location	Dates	Expense	Implementing Unit	Objective	Result	Total	Men	Women	Women %
3	3.4	3.4.4.2	3.5.2.4	Training on mobile application management and administration for the members of Lan Xang Culture Quadrangle Network.	VTP	25-28/12/2020	43,100,000	Lan Xang Culture Quadrangle Network	To learn how to maintain and management	Knowledge upgraded	14	9	5	35.7%
3	3.4	3.4.3.1	3.5.3.1	Consultation workshop to exchange lessons on destination management between three DICTs (Champasak, Luang Prabang and Vientiane province) and business sectors	LPB	10/Feb/20	19,060,000	PIU	To exchange lessons	Lessons exchanged	52	34	18	34.6%
3	3.4	3.4.3.1	3.5.3.1	Consultation workshop to exchange lessons on destination management between public and private sectors in Luang Prabang Province (2 October 2020)	LPB	20/10/2020	16,610,000	PIU	To exchange lessons	Lessons exchanged	45	23	22	48.9%
3	3.4	3.4.3.1	3.5.3.1	Consultation workshop to exchange lessons on destination management between public and private sectors in Vang Vieng (23 October 2020)	Vang Vieng	23/10/2020	8,660,000	PIU - VV	To discuss and e	Fruitful outcome	52	30	22	42.3%
3	3.4	3.4.4.1	3.6.1	Collection data on domestic tourists in Vangvieng, VTE Province and Loung Prabang	VV, VTP and LPB	05-18/11/2020	26,400,000	Research and Statistical Divisions	Collect domestic tourists in VV, VTP and LPB for Ministries, businesses, International Organizations and other Organizations concerned	Data is collected	7	4	3	42.9%
3	3.5	3.5.2.2	3.7.2.b	Workshop to review the design of visitor center (including toilets) for improvement - First paymentd	VTE Capital	10/12/2020	4,350,000	Tourism Marketing Department	To review the design	The design reviewed	43	25	18	41.9%
3	3.6	3.6.1.1	3.8.a	Support SME business along North-South Economic corridor by providing tents to Luang Namtha night market vendors/ sellers	LNT	10-12/2020.	23,760,000	Tourism Division	To support LNT night market vendors	Implemented on schedule	5	3	2	40.0%
3	3.6	3.6.1.1	3.8.a	Procurement of blankets, towels and chairs to support business sector	VV	24/7-29/8/2020	46,596,000	PIU - VV	Provide equipment to tourism business sector	Completed as plan	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
3	3.6	3.6.1.1	3.8.a	Support the opening of the handicraft festival/event	CPS	Sep/20	5,000,000	CPS-PIU	To make the event linked to tourism activities and to promote local handicrafts	Local products promoted	5	3	2	40.0%
3	3.6	3.6.1.1	3.8.a	Procurement of mats, towels and etc. to support business sector	Vang Vieng	27/7-30/8/2020	27,698,000	PIU - VV	Provide equipment to tourism business sector	Completed as plan	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
3	3.6	3.6.1.1	3.8.a	Training for site guides	Attapeu	27/9-4/10/2020	39,600,000	IMCT/Trainers	To provide professional knowledge	Knowledge upgraded	30	12	18	60.0%
3	3.6	3.6.1.1	3.8.a	Training on hospitality and and safety for staffs working in the restaurants and on the boat during COVID 19 outbreak	VTP	23-30/9/2020,	26,070,000	PCU/Trainers	To upgrade knowledge	Knowledge and skills upgraded	25	15	10	40.0%
3	3.6	3.6.1.1	3.8.a	Training for heritage tour guides	Xieng Khouang	18-24/10/2020	35,000,000	IMCT/Trainers	To upgrade knowledge and skills	- Hmong 12, Khmu 2 - Tour guides effectively recognize and understand tourism and heritage interpretation to visitors	40	31	9	22.5%
3	3.6	3.6.1.1	3.8.a	Training on hospitality and the use of online social media for tour companies' employees in Vang Vieng	VV	18-25/12/2020	25,732,000	PCU	To train how to use the online social media	Knowledge and skills upgraded	25	10	15	60.0%

PAM OP	PAM Key Act.	PAM Activity Ref.	Budget Code	Activity	Location	Dates	Expense	Implementing Unit	Objective	Result	Total	Men	Women	Women %
3	3.6	3.6.1.1	3.8.a	Provide training on Lao/local cotton products development for Mrs. Boualoy Handicraft Shop in Ban Viengkeo, Hongsa District, Sayabouli Province	Sayabouli	18-24/12/2020.	26,400,000	PCU	- Product design to be diverse and beautiful - Develop the skills of natural dyeing staff to be durable and beautiful - To be a source of learning, study, research for students and the general public	Knowledge and skills upgraded	13	8	5	38.5%
3	3.6	3.6.1.1	3.8.a	World heritage tour guide training in Champasak	CPS	20-26/12/2020	35,400,000	IMCT/Trainers	To upgrade knowledge on how to interpret to visitors about the universal values	Get to know and understand about tourism and heritage interpretation to visitors effectively	40	25	15	37.5%
3	3.6	3.6.1.1	3.8.a	Meeting to review Entertainment Venue Standard Manual	VTE	15-/12/-2020	3,200,000	Tourism Management Department	In order to guide /supervise the entertainment business units in Lao PDR to improve and upgrade their services to meet the set standards	Completed as plan	49	26	23	46.9%
3	3.6	3.6.1.1	3.8.a	Hospitality training for hotel, guesthouse and restaurant providers in Luang Namtha Province - during COVID-19 pandemic/outbreak, 14-22/12/2020	LNT	14-22/12/2020.	36,990,000	PCU	- To upgrade knowledge and skills - To meet the needs/expectations of visitors	Knowledge and skills improved	52	21	31	59.6%
3	3.6	3.6.1.1	3.8.a	Hospitality training for hotel, guesthouse and restaurant providers in Champasak Province - during COVID-19 pandemic	CPS	6-12/12/2020	33,000,000	SouthernLaos DMN focalpoint	- To upgrade knowledge and skills - To meet the needs/expectations of visitors	Knowledge and skills improved	48	26	22	45.8%
3	3.6	3.6.1.1	3.8.a	Hospitality training for hotel, guesthouse and restaurant providers in Sekong Province - during COVID-19 pandemic	Sekong	13-19/12/2020.	33,000,000	SouthernLaos DMN focalpoint	- To upgrade knowledge and skills - To meet the needs/expectations of visitors	Participants received theoretical training and practical on site	48	21	27	56.3%
3	3.6	3.6.1.1	3.8.a	Develop and publish the entertainment venue standard manual	VTE Capital	23-30/09/2020	8,800,000	Tourism Management Department	Produce, design, edit and compile the entertainment venue standard manual	Completed as plan	1	1	0	0.0%
3	3.10	3.10.1.1	3.12.1	Cleaning around Vang Vieng landfill	VangVieng	18-19/11/2020	8,600,000	PIU - VV, subcontract	To implement ASEAN clean tourist City Standard Activity	ASEAN clean tourist City Standard implemented	6	3	3	50.0%

Annex 3: Progress towards DMF targets and activity implementation as of 31 December 2020

Impacts the Project is Aligned with: Sustainable, inclusive, and more balanced tourism development achieved. (ASEAN Secretariat. ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan 2015–2025. Jakarta.)					
Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline	Targets	Data Source	Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 December 2020
Outcome: Tourism competitiveness of secondary towns in Cambodia and the Lao PDR increased	By 2025				
	a. Cambodia and the Lao PDR's share of ASEAN international visitor arrivals increased (2016 baseline)	8.0%	8.3%	a-c. Government tourism statistics reports and project completion report	
	Cambodia	4.3%	4.5%		
	Lao PDR	3.7%	3.8%		2017: 3.1% 2018: 3.1% 2019: 3.3%
	b. Annual international visitor arrivals in project areas increased (2016 baseline)	1.28 mln	1.99 mln		
	Cambodia	458,600	731,000		
	Lao PDR	820,100	1,263,100		2017: no data 2018: 1,210,800 2019: 1,260,000
	c. Aggregate annual visitor expenditure in project areas increased (2016 baseline)	\$0.55 bln	\$0.91 bln		
	Cambodia	\$186.3 mln	\$318.1 mln		
	Lao PDR	\$363.9 mln	\$589.0 mln		2017: no data 2018: 385.5 mln 2019: 474.3 mln
	d. Women comprise at least 55% of tourism workers in project areas (2016 baseline)			55%	
	Cambodia	54%	55%		
	Lao PDR	50%	55%		Statistics on the tourism industry workforce is collected periodically. Updated data will be included once available.

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline	Targets	Weight (%)	Achievement in Lao PDR as of 31 Dec 2020	Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 December 2020
Outputs	By 2024:					
1. Urban-rural access infrastructure and urban environmental services improved	1a. 73 km of access roads to tourist sites improved (2017 baseline)	0	73.0 km	10%		
		Cambodia	0	104 km		
		Lao PDR	0	62.6 km		0
						<p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements was signed on 30 December 2019. This package includes 15.3 km of improvement of access roads to tourist sites.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements is scheduled to be signed in Q1 2021. The DED was prepared, and endorsed by ADB, and included in the bidding document. It has 6.73 km of concrete road.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements is scheduled to be signed in Q1 of 2021. The DED was updated, and endorsed by ADB, and included in the bidding document. It has 6.00 km of concrete road and 25.97 km of DBST road totaling 31.97 km of road improvement.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal is scheduled to be signed in Q4 of 2021. The DED was prepared, and endorsed by ADB and has 0.67 km of concrete road and 0.39 km of DBST road totaling 1.05 km of road improvement.</p> <p>Contract Package for package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements is scheduled to be signed in Q1 2021. The DED was updated and endorsed by ADB. It includes 1.26 km of access & internal roads.</p> <p>A total 62.01 km road will be improved under these 5 Works packages.</p>
1b. 4 ferry ports constructed (2016 baseline)	0	4	10%			
	Cambodia	0	2			

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline	Targets	Weight (%)	Achievement in Lao PDR as of 31 Dec 2020	Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 December 2020
	Lao PDR	0	2		0	<p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements was signed on 30 December 2019. This package includes improvement of 1 ferry port.</p> <p>Detailed design for package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements, which includes passenger/ferry port improvement, was completed during Q3 of 2020, and contract signing is targeted for Q1 2021.</p> <p>A total of 2 passenger/ferry ports will be improved.</p>
	1c. 30 m3/day wastewater treatment capacity constructed (2017 baseline)	0 m3/day	30 m3/day	10%		
	Cambodia	0 m3/day	15 m3/day			
	Lao PDR	0 m3/day	15 m3/day		0	<p>Update of detailed design for package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements is completed and contract signing is targeted for Q1 2021.</p> <p>This package includes 20m3/day septage sludge treatment facility.</p>
	1d. Flood protection and drainage constructed for 25-hectare catchment (2017 baseline)	0 ha	25.0 ha	10%		
	Cambodia	0 ha	0.5 ha			
	Lao PDR	0 ha	24.5 ha		0	<p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements was signed on 30 December 2019. This package includes 0.5 ha catchment area of flood protection and drainage improvement.</p> <p>Detailed design for package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal was completed during the first half of 2020, and contract signing is targeted for Q4 2021. This package includes 24 ha catchment area of flood protection and drainage improvement.</p> <p>The project will construct flood protection and drainage for a total of 24.5 ha catchment.</p>

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline	Targets	Weight (%)	Achievement in Lao PDR as of 31 Dec 2020	Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 December 2020
	1e. Solid waste management services improved for 5,700 households and businesses (2017 baseline)	2,596	5,700	20%		
	Cambodia	968	1,600			
	Lao PDR	1,628	4,100		0	Update of detailed design for package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements was completed and contract signing is targeted for Q1 2021. Work on institutional arrangements for enhanced solid waste management in Vang Vieng is ongoing. The targeted number of households and businesses for improved solid waste management services is 4,100.
	1f. At least 50% of people consulted to optimize project infrastructure design inclusiveness and gender responsiveness are women (2017 baseline)	0%	50%	10%		
	Cambodia	0%	50%			
	Lao PDR	0%	50%		37%	37% women participants (105 out of 282) in all consultations held to date during detailed design preparation and updating of safeguards documents for subprojects C1, C2, V1, V2, V3, V4 and V5. Additional consultations are planned, in which women participation will be encouraged to ensure the target of 50% will be achieved. This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan (GAP) Target 2.
2. Capacity to implement ASEAN tourism standards strengthened	2a. 2 national ASEAN tourism standards assessment frameworks and certification boards established with at least 30% women board members (2017 baseline)	0	2	2%		
	Cambodia	0	1			

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline	Targets	Weight (%)	Achievement in Lao PDR as of 31 Dec 2020	Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 December 2020
	Lao PDR	0	1		1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 national assessment framework established comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National and Provincial Assessment and Certification Committees (equivalent to certification boards) for all seven ASEAN Tourism Standards ASEAN Tourism Standards (five of them adapted to Lao national context) in English and Lao languages Assessment and certification manuals for all seven standards.
	At least 30% of the standards assessment frameworks and certification board members are women		30%	1%		
	Cambodia		30%			
	Lao PDR		30%		21%	<p>National and provincial tourism standard assessment committees (equivalent to the “certification bodies” referred to in the PAM) have been set up for all seven standards, with this count of membership:</p> <p>National Level 26.6% (25 out of 94) Champasak Province 16.7% (4 out of 24) Vientiane Province 11.1% (2 out of 18) Vang Vieng District 13.2 % (5 out of 38) Luang Prabang Province 26.7% (4 out of 15) Total: 21% (40 out of 189)</p> <p>Assessment committees to be restructured. Gender targets are being considered in the process.</p> <p>This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan (GAP) Target 9. –</p>
	2b. 107 hotels in target provinces ASEAN Green Hotel Standard certified (2017 baseline)	45	107	2%		
	Cambodia	16	43			
	Lao PDR	21	64		27	2017 Baseline corrected from 29 to 21. Target may need to be reviewed at mid-term.
	2c. 148 homestays ASEAN Homestay Standard certified (2017 baseline)	38	148	2%		
	Cambodia	15	35			

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline	Targets	Weight (%)	Achievement in Lao PDR as of 31 Dec 2020	Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 December 2020
	Lao PDR	23	113		28	3 homestay villages certified in target provinces, with a combined number of 23 service providers in 2016: Ban Naduang (Kaeng Nyui waterfall site), Vang Vieng District, Vientiane Province (2016, renewed in 2018) Ban Hua Don Deng (Don Deng Island), Pa Thoumphone District, Champasak Province (2017, renewed in 2019) Ban Don Kho (Don Kho Island), Xanasomboun District, Champasak Province (2017, renewed in 2019) 2017: 25 service providers 2018/19: 28 service providers 2020: nil Target may need to be reviewed at mid-term.
	2d. At least 6 towns ASEAN Clean City Standard certified (2017 baseline)	2	6	8%		
	Cambodia	1	3			
	Lao PDR	1	3		1	Luang Prabang City, Luang Prabang Province, was certified in 2018, and is working towards renewal of its certification in 2021. Pakse City, Champasak Province, is working towards certification in 2021. Vang Vieng Town, Vientiane Province, is working towards certification in 2021.
3. Institutional capacity for tourism destination management and infrastructure O&M strengthened	3a. 150 public works and tourism site managers (at least 30% women) reporting increased knowledge on developing and implementing tourism management and infrastructure O&M plans (2017 baseline)	0	150	1%		
	Cambodia	0	60			
	Lao PDR	0	90		0	No capacity building activities related to tourism management and infrastructure O&M held to date. Site management plan and O&M plans are under preparation and will be finalized during 2021-2022.

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline	Targets	Weight (%)	Achievement in Lao PDR as of 31 Dec 2020	Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 December 2020
	At least 30% of the public works and tourism site managers reporting increased knowledge are women	0	30%	1%		
	Cambodia	0	30%			
	Lao PDR	0	30%		n/a	No capacity building activities related to tourism management and infrastructure O&M held to date. Site management plan and O&M plans are under preparation and will be finalized during 2021-2022. This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan (GAP) Target 19.
	3b. 8 destination management plans and 8 infrastructure O&M plans implemented (2017 baseline)	4	8	5%		
	Cambodia	1	4			
	Lao PDR	3	4		5	Five destination management plans completed (Lao PDR, Luang Prabang, Southern Laos, Vang Vieng, and Vientiane Province).
	3c. At least 5,000 residents and tourism workers (50% women) participated in destination management training and awareness-raising activities (2017 baseline)	0	5,000	2%		
	Cambodia	0	2,000			
	Lao PDR	0	3,000		3,447	To date, 3,447 participants (residents and tourism workers) have participated in destination management training and awareness-raising activities.
	50% of residents and tourism workers participated in the training and awareness raising activities are women.	0	50%	1%		
	Cambodia	0	50%			
	Lao PDR	0	50%		46%	To date (December 2020), of the residents and tourism workers who have participated in destination management training and awareness-raising activities, 46% were women (1,597 out of 3,447)

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline	Targets	Weight (%)	Achievement in Lao PDR as of 31 Dec 2020	Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 December 2020
3d.	At least 500 entrepreneurs (60% women) received SME support services (2017 baseline)	0	500	2%		
	Cambodia	0	200			
	Lao PDR	0	300		xxx	To date, xxx entrepreneurs have received SME support from the project i.e. Support DMN-endorsed SME development activities List of SMEs supported during 2019-2020 is being compiled and will be included in next quarterly report. List of targeted SMEs for remainder of project will be compiled through SME needs assessments planned for Q2-Q3 2021.
	60% of entrepreneurs received SME support services are women	0	60%			
	Cambodia	0	60%			
	Lao PDR	0	60%		xx.x%	To date, xx.x% of the entrepreneurs who have received SME support from the project were women. (xxx out of xxx) List of SMEs supported during 2019-2020, including data on women entrepreneurs among them, is being compiled and will be included in next quarterly report. List of targeted SMEs for remainder of project will be compiled through SME needs assessments planned for Q2-Q3 2021. This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan (GAP) Target 3.
3e.	2 internet-based tourism knowledge repositories developed (2017 baseline)	0	2	2%		
	Cambodia	0	1			
	Lao PDR	0	1		0	Internet-based tourism repository under development.

Key Activities with Milestones**Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 December 2020****1. Urban-rural access infrastructure and environmental services improved**

- 1.1 Prepare civil works design and bidding documents: Q2 2018–Q4 2019
- Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements (subprojects C1 and C2): Completed Q3 2019.
 - Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements (subproject V1): Detailed design and bidding documents completed in August 2020. DPWT/Vientiane province provided clearance of DED in September 2020.
 - Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements (subprojects V2 and V3): Detailed design and bidding documents completed in August. DPWT/Vientiane province provided clearance of DED in November 2020.
 - TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal (subproject V4): Detailed design completed in August 2020 and bidding documents will be finalized in Q3 2021.
 - Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements (subproject V5): Detailed design and bidding documents completed in September 2020, DPWT/Vientiane province provided clearance of DED in November 2020.
- 1.2 Safeguards document approval: Q4 2018–Q4 2019
- Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (subprojects C1 and C2): updated IEE/EMP and Resettlement Due Report approved and included, as appropriate, in bidding documents and contract.
 - Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: (subproject V1): Updated RP and IEE/EMP report approved and included in the bidding document. PONRE/Vientiane Province issued Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) on (IEE/EMP) on 07 September for the period of 01 September 2020 to 31 August 2021
 - Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements (subprojects V2 and V3): Updated EGDRP and IEE/EMP report approved and included, as appropriate, in bidding documents. The approval process is in progress with Provincial PONRE, and scheduled to be completed by January 2021.
 - TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal (subproject V4): RP and IEE/EMP report in process of being update, scheduled to be completed by Q2 2021.
 - Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: (Subproject V5): Updated of IEE/EMP based on ECA and EGDRP report approved and included, as appropriate, in bidding documents. PONRE/Vientiane Province issued Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) on (IEE/EMP) on 22 December for the period of 21 December 2020 to 20 December 2021.

Key Activities with Milestones	Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 December 2020
1.3 Complete land acquisition and resettlement: Q1 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (subprojects C1 and C2): N/A • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: (subproject V1): Compensation payments based on RP and, preparation and approval of Compensation Completion Report is scheduled to be completed by February 2021. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements (subprojects V2 and V3): Compensation payments based on EGDRP and, preparation and approval of Compensation Completion Report is scheduled to be completed by January 2021. • TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal (subproject V4): Compensation payments based on RP (under preparation) is scheduled for Q2 2021. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: (Subproject V5): Compensation payments based on EGDRP and preparation and approval of Compensation Completion Report is scheduled to be completed by January 2021.
1.4 Civil works procurement: Q4 2018–Q4 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (subprojects C1 and C2): Completed. Contract signed 30 December 2019. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: (subproject V1): IFB published on 18Sep 2020. Civil Works Procurement Scheduled to be completed by Q1 2021. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements (subprojects V2 and V3): IFB published on 1October 2020. Civil Works Procurement Scheduled to be completed by Q1 2021. • TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal (subproject V4): IFB scheduled for Q3 2021, contract award by Q4 2021. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: (Subproject V5): IFB published on 14Sep 2020. Civil Works Procurement Scheduled to be completed by Q1 2021.
1.5 Civil works construction, supervision, and supply equipment: Q1 2019–Q1 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (subprojects C1 and C2): Completed. Contract signed 30 December 2019. Commenced on 26May 2020 • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: (subproject V1): Scheduled to commence Q1 2021. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: (subprojects V2, V3): Scheduled to commence Q1 2021. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: (subproject V4): scheduled to commence Q3/4 2021. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: (Subproject V5): Scheduled to commence Q1 2021.
2. Capacity to implement ASEAN tourism standards strengthened	

Key Activities with Milestones		Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 December 2020
2.1	Establish ASEAN tourism standards assessment frameworks and certification boards: Q1 2018-Q4 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All seven ASEAN Tourism Standards translated into Lao and published ASEAN Clean Tourist City, Homestay, Community-Based Tourism, Public Toilet, MICE Venue Standards adapted to Lao national context and are available in both Lao and English, but not yet published. Green Hotel and Spa Service Standards will not be adapted and used in their original form in Lao PDR.
2.2	Prepare national certification boards and assessor operations manuals: Q2 2019-Q4 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment frameworks consist of: (i) the respective Standard (see 2.1 above); (ii) the Auditor's manual for each Standard and (iii) the Certification Committees. Auditor (assessment and certification) manuals have been prepared for all seven pure ASEAN standards. National Committees have been established, responsible for audits and implementation (for the Clean Tourist City Standard there are two National Committees: one for the Audit process and one for Implementation). In each project target province, one Provincial Committee has been established responsible for all standards.
2.3	Train standards assessors (e.g. Green Hotel, Homestay, Clean City, etc.): Q3 2019-Q2 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are seven ASEAN Master Trainers within MICT who can train trainers and assessors from the Provincial Assessment Committees. Numerous training of trainers and training of national and provincial-level assessors conducted and will be repeated throughout the life of the project.
2.4	Promote ASEAN tourism standards adoption by service enterprises and cities: Q3 2019-Q4 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dissemination workshops with public and private sector participants conducted for all seven ASEAN Tourism Standards in key target destinations Follow up promotional activities in project target provinces ongoing. Development of standards website underway, to be launched by Q3 2021.
2.5	Complete inspection and certification of standards: Q4 2019-Q4 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of implementation plans is ongoing. Trial assessments conducted and more planned. Support of Tourism Standard Implementation in project target commenced with public toilets, and support for implementation of clean city standard being planned.
3. Institutional capacity for tourism destination management and infrastructure O&M strengthened		
3.1	Establish and strengthen destination management networks: Q2 2019-Q4 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMNs for Lao PDR, Luang Prabang and Southern Laos reviewed and membership updated and DMNs for Vientiane Province and Vang Vieng established in 2019 Strengthening of DMNs ongoing through training and exchanges.
3.2	Prepare and approve tourism destination management plans: Q2 2019-Q2 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMPs, including action plans, for all five project target destinations completed by Q4 2019.

Key Activities with Milestones	Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 December 2020
3.3 Support policy dialogue, development of industry standards and regulations and tourism masterplanning: Q4 2019-Q1-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMN Policy Taskforces meet quarterly to identify and discuss policy issues affecting tourism sector in project target destinations. • Drafting of numerous regulations to manage and control tourist activities in target destinations is ongoing. • Tourism masterplanning for Siphandone (Champasak), Luang Prabang town and Nam Ngum 1 Dam Recreational Area (Vientiane Province) commenced in Q1 2020 and was scheduled to be completed by Q4 2020, but is delayed due to COVID-19.
3.4 Support destination marketing and promotion: Q1 2020-Q1 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information, image and video collection to build up the Lao PDR tourism media database has started in 2019. • Various tourism market research and promotional media production for project target destinations is ongoing. • Promotional materials being published
3.5 Support heritage interpretation planning and implementation Q1 2020-Q1 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of heritage interpretation plans for Siphandon (Champasak), Luang Prabang Town and Environs, Vientiane Province and Vang Vieng Town and Environs completed in Q2 2020. Implementation of the plans is scheduled to commence in Q1 2021.
3.6 Design and implement SME training Q2 2020–Q4 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs assessment are ongoing, particularly related to support for SMEs suffering from the COVID-19 situation. More planned for SME support targeting the subproject areas. • Roll out of SME support has started but will be ramped up during 2021.
3.7 Establish and maintain Internet-based tourism knowledge repositories: Q1 2020–Q2 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of Internet based tourism repository has commenced and is scheduled to be launched in 4 2020.
3.8 Prepare and approve infrastructure O&M plans with sustainable finance mechanisms: Q3 2020–Q4 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O&M planning is starting, alongside civil works detailed design and construction.
3.9 Facilitate public-private partnerships for O&M: Q1 2021-Q4 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No achievements to date. PPP planning will be part of O&M planning and implementation.
3.10 Design and implement training programs for infrastructure O&M: Q1 2021–Q2 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No achievements to date.
Project Management Activities	
Establish project steering committees, PCUs, and PIUs: Q2 2018- Q4 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed. National Project Steering Committee and Provincial Project Steering Committees. PCU and PIUs established.
Advance actions for consultant recruitment and procurement: Q2 2018–Q1 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed: advance actions were undertaken during Q3-4 of 2018 for the recruitment of the Project Management and Engineering Support Consultant (PMCES), and four individual consultants: International Tourism Specialist – Co-Team Leader, National Tourism Specialist – Deputy Team Leader, and the International and National Financial Management and Procurement Specialists, and for the procurement of PCU and PIU vehicles.
Mobilize consultants and procure equipment: Q1 2019-Q2 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed – all planned consultants recruited and mobilized.

Key Activities with Milestones	Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 December 2020
Establish financial management systems: Q2 2019-Q1 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial management team appointed and mobilized • Financial management and procurement consultants recruited and mobilized • Financial Management Manual prepared • Accounting software has been procured and will be fully operational in Q4 2020; currently undergoing testing of the software.
Financial management and procurement training for PCU and PIU staff: Q1 2019–Q4 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCU staff is receiving on-the-job training and mentoring from the PCU of L3516-LAO: GMS Tourism Infrastructure for Inclusive Growth Project • International and National Financial Management and Procurement Specialists recruited and mobilized and are building capacity of project financial management team. • PCU financial management team has opportunities to participate in training at ADB LRM.
Implement sex-disaggregated PPMS, safeguards, and gender action plans: Q1 2019–Q4 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Final PPMS and baseline report submitted to ADB in Q2 2020. • International and National Gender Specialists are supporting the project with GAP implementation. • Safeguards experts (part of PMCES Consultant) are supporting project with updating and implementation monitoring of social and environmental safeguards documents.
Conduct project planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting: Q4 2018-Q4 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual costed workplans are prepared and implemented • PPMS drafted and will be primary tool for monitoring project implementation and results • Quarterly progress reports are being prepared and submitted to relevant government units and ADB, and published on the project website.

Annex 5: Project Financial Management Action Plan progress as of 31 December 2020

Planned Action	Output	Responsible Party	Due Date	Progress	Status of compliance
1. PCU and PIU financial management teams established.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment or recruitment of qualified and experienced: PCU national director and PIU project managers; PCU financial controller; PCU and PIU accounting staff, as specified in the PAM. 	EA and IAs	Prior to ADB Board approval of project	<p>Board approval was 31 August 2018.</p> <p>PCU financial management team was established on 18 February 2019 (ref. MICT letter to ADB Ref. Nr. 068/TIIG2-19, dated 19 February 2019). PCU financial management team comprises of financial controller (govt. staff), chief accountant (externally recruited, contract signed 18 February 2019) and internal auditor (externally recruited, contract signed 18 February 2019).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PIU Champasak finance and accounting staff recruited and commenced on 1 March 2019 PIU Vientiane province finance and accounting staff recruited and commenced on 1 March 2019 PIU Vang vieng finance and accounting staff recruited and commenced on 1 March 2019 PIU Luang Prabang finance and accounting staff recruited and commenced on 1 March 2019 	Completed with delay
2. National Steering Committee established.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project oversight comprised of representatives from national level and participating provinces (Champasak, Luang Prabang and Vientiane), as specified in the PAM. 	EA and IAs	Coincide with ADB Board approval of project	<p>Board approval was 31 August 2018.</p> <p>A 7-member National Project Steering Committee, comprising the Vice Minister for Tourism, MICT (Chair), the Director General, Tourism Marketing Department (Vice Chair) and five other senior officials representing various departments of MICT has been established and meets periodically to review progress (ref. 197/TWT, 06/03/2018). A 11-member project coordination committee has also been established, chaired by the project director, with members from various departments and units in MICT involved in project implementation (ref. 207/TWT, 07/03/2018). Further, the project has established a permanent bid evaluation and consultant selection committee.</p>	Completed

Planned Action	Output	Responsible Party	Due Date	Progress	Status of compliance
3. Project funds flow arrangements adopted & operational.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As outlined in the PAM MOF, EA, PCU, and PIU staff briefed on funds flow arrangements, advance account opened, and project sub-accounts established. 	MOF, EA, PCU, and PIUs assisted by financial management and procurement consultants	Prior to initial disbursement.	<p>The project met condition for withdrawal from the grant account stated in para. 4 of Schedule 2 of Grant Agreement, which ADB acknowledged on 20 February 2019 and advance to the advance account was disbursed on 2 April 2019.</p> <p>MICT has adopted the fund flow arrangement outlined in the PAM without modifications in coordination with MOF and MICT. PCU and PIUs have been briefed on the funds flow arrangements by the financial management consultants. PCU has opened an advance account and PIUs have opened sub-accounts.</p>	<p>Completed by due date</p> <p>ADB processed and approved initial disbursement to advance account in April 2019</p>
4. PCU and PIU financial management capacity established and financial systems operational.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial management and procurement support consultants mobilized; project accounting and financial reporting systems established, including dedicated accounting software meeting government FM-EMP and ADB requirements, and a progress report template linking financial with physical progress. PCU and PIUs attend training on project accounting, including the use of accounting software and compliance with government FM-EMP. Project disbursement arrangements and procedures established in accordance with government FM-EMP 	<p>EA, assisted by project consultants</p> <p>PCU and PIU, assisted by project consultants</p> <p>PCU, PIU and ADB</p> <p>EA and MEF ADB</p>	Within six months of project effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International and National Financial Management and Procurement Specialists and National Internal Auditor recruited and mobilized. They are currently supporting the PCU with the establishment of the project accounting and financial management systems, including dedicated accounting software. The Financial Management Manual (FMM) was finalized in December 2019. A Lao version has been prepared and shared with PCU and PIUs. With regards to accounting software, the Project has signed a contract with the vendor of the accounting software of TIIGP1 and installation and testing are almost to be completed. A progress report template was agreed that links financial with physical progress. PCU has attended an orientation on financial management of ADB-financed projects delivered by the International Financial Management and Procurement Specialist (IFMPS) on 28-29 March 2019. The IFMPS conducted a financial management training to discuss the preparation of withdrawal applications and key features of the FMM with PCU finance staff in August 2019. Training on the FMM and accounting software was conducted from 28-30 June 2020. 	Ongoing

Planned Action	Output	Responsible Party	Due Date	Progress	Status of compliance
	<p>regulations and procedures; staff trained in their operation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal audit function established. • Independent external auditor appointed. • ADB Inception mission Aide-Mémoire confirms suitable financial management system. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project's disbursement arrangements have been established (following the example of L3156-LAO, with appropriate modifications). • MICT has recruited and mobilized a National Internal Auditor, who will be responsible for supporting and advising the PCU and PIUs on adherence to the financial management requirements. • As per para. 64 of PAM, the State Audit Organization will audit the project financial statements. The combined AFS for December 2018 to December 2019 has been submitted to ADB in October 2020 and has been disclosed in the ADB website on 18 November 2020. 	
5. PCU and PIU staff attend disbursement seminar as part of capacity building.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 1 staff member from the PCU and each PIU attend ADB's in-country disbursement seminar. 	PCU, PIU and ADB	Within one year of project effectiveness	Two PCU attended ADB's in-country disbursement seminar in June 2019. However, PIU staff were not invited to the seminar due to limited slots (allocated only 2 staff per project). PIU staff will be invited for 2020 disbursement seminar	Partially Completed
6. Publicizing grievance redress mechanism.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grievance redress mechanism to report suspected procurement related cases of corruption and collusion established and publicized on project website. • Contact details of MOF and ADB's office on Anti-corruption periodically advertised in newspapers and on project website. 	EA	Within six months of project effectiveness	<p>Project effectiveness 25 December 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grievance redress mechanism to report suspected procurement related cases of corruption and collusion will be established in Q1 2021, and will be publicized on the project website. • Contact details of MOF and ADB's office on Anti-corruption will be published on the project website (under development). • EA to coordinate with ADB and MOF on Anti-corruption before publishing on website 	Ongoing

ADB = Asian Development Bank; DICT = Department of Information, Culture and Tourism; EA = executing agency; MOF = Ministry of Finance; PCU = project coordination unit; PIU = project implementation unit.

Annex 6: Goods and works procurement monitoring table as of 31 December 2020

Grant 0599-LAO: Second GMS Tourism Infrastructure for Inclusive Growth Project (49387-002)																		
Procurement Monitoring Sheet - Civil Works																		
<i>Procurement Plan Approved on: 18 November 2020 (Version 4)</i>																		
Package No.	Description	Mode	Resp Proj Mgt Unit	CA Target Date	Adv Date	Estimate (\$)	Draft Bid Docs		Bids	Bid	Bid Evaluation		Contract					Remarks
							Received	Approved	Issuance	Closing	Approved	Amount	Signed	Received	PCSS No.	Amount	\$ Equiv	
TIIGP2-LAO-W01	Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements	ICB		01-Dec-19	18-Sep-19	5,930,000	13-Sep-19	18-Sep-19	18-Sep-19	30-Oct-19	23-Dec-19	\$ 3,964,308	30-Dec-19	30-Dec-19	G21291	\$ 3,964,308	3,964,308	
TIIGP2-LAO-W02	Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements	ICB		Q3/2020	18-Sep-20	8,000,000	05-Sep-20	16 Sp 20	18/Sep/20	30/Oct/20								
TIIGP2-LAO-W03	Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements	ICB		Q4/2020	01-Oct-20	13,000,000	25-Sep-20	29-Sep-20	01/Oct/20	12/Nov/20								
TIIGP2-LAO-W03	Vang Vieng Urban Renewal	NCB		Q4/2020		2,000,000												
TIIGP2-LAO-W04	Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements	ICB		Q3/2020	15-Sep-20	4,200,000	10-Sep-20	11-Sep-20	15/Sep/20	27/Oct/20	28/Dec/20	\$ 3,156,160						
TIIGP2-LAO-W05	Small works for ASEAN Tourism Standards certification bodies	Shopping		Q4/2020		5,000												1 contract
TIIGP2-LAO-W06	Small works for AESAN Tourism Standards implementation (public sector)	Shopping		Q4/2020		350,000												20 contracts
Total						33,485,000												3,964,308

Package No.	Description	Mode	Resp Proj Mgt Unit	CA Target Date	Adv Date	Estimate (\$ mil)	Number of Contracts	Draft Bid Docs		Bids Issuance	Bid Closing	Bid Evaluation		Contract					
								Received	Approved			Approved	Amount	Signed	Received	PCSS No.	Amount	\$ Equip	
TIIGP2-LAO-G06	Equipment for ASEAN Tourism Standards Implementation (public sector)	Shopping				500,000	Various											68,469.45	
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-VV01	Garbage Collection Trucks					40,400	1							10/Nov/19		G21441	LAK	356,000,000	40,248.73
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-LPB03	Medical Equipment and Supplies for Destination Management Network Task Force	Shopping				9,300								2/Jun/20		G22185	LAK	82,621,000	8,929.62
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-VV02	CCTV and Fittings	Shopping				12,800								15/Jun/20		G22335	LAK	117,040,000	12,912.62
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-LPB05	Beddings for Tourism Destination (Nayang Village)	Shopping				2,500								17/Jul/20		G22336	LAK	23,047,200	2,542.70
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-LPB06	Tourism Destination Direction Signs, Ban Nayang, Nambak District, Luangprabang Province	Shopping				5,800								20/Aug/20		G22468	LAK	35,590,500	3,835.78
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-LPB09	Procurement of Public Amenities for Luangprabang Urban Area	Shopping				5,800								1/Sep/20		G22644	LAK	49,500,000	5,328.65
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-VP08	Procurement of Tourism Destination Direction Signs	Shopping				5,800								7/Oct/20		G22645	LAK	41,442,500	4,461.26
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-VV09	Procurement of Beddings and Homestay Accommodation Name Sign, Nathong Village, Vangvieng District	Shopping				5,800								11/Nov/20		G22646	LAK	41,490,000	4,466.47
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-VP06	Renovation of Facilities of Homestay Accommodation at Lingxan Village, Thoulakhom District	Shopping				5,800								16/Oct/20		G22653	LAK	41,481,000	4,465.41
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-10		Shopping				5,800													
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-11		Shopping				5,800													
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-12		Shopping				5,800													
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-13		Shopping				5,800													
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-14		Shopping				5,800													
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-15		Shopping				5,800													
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-16		Shopping				5,800													
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-17		Shopping				5,800													
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-18		Shopping				5,800													
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-19		Shopping				5,800													
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-20		Shopping				5,800													
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-21		Shopping				5,800													
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-22		Shopping				5,800													
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-23		Shopping				5,800													
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-24		Shopping				5,800													
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-25		Shopping				5,800													
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-26		Shopping				5,800													
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-27		Shopping				5,800													
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-28		Shopping				5,800													
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-29		Shopping				5,800													
		Shopping																	
TIIGP2-LAO-G07	Equipment for DMO secretariats	Shopping			Q2/2019	40,000	Various												29,232.57
TIIGP2-LAO-G07	Office Furniture for DMO Secretariat	Shopping												19/Mar/19		G20884	LAK	78,400,000	9,100.41
TIIGP2-LAO-G07-02	Office Furniture for DMO Secretariat	Shopping												11/Apr/19		G20885	LAK	2,310,000	268.54
TIIGP2-LAO-G07-03	Office Repair for DMO Secretariat	Shopping												19/Mar/19		G20886	\$	4,300	4,300
TIIGP2-LAO-G07-04	Office Repair for DMO Secretariat	Shopping												22/Apr/19		G20887	LAK	41,997,300	4,882
TIIGP2-LAO-G07-05	Renovation of Toilets for Consultants and DMN Secretariat	Shopping												19/Nov/19		G21782	LAK	39,660,500	4,469
TIIGP2-LAO-G07-06	OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR THE SECRETARIAT OF SOUTHERN LAOS DESTINATION MANAGEMENT NETWORK	Shopping												18/May/20		G21919	LAK	55,990,000	6,212.83
TIIGP2-LAO-G07-07																			
TIIGP2-LAO-G07-08																			

Package No.	Description	Mode	Resp Proj Mgt Unit	CA Target Date	Adv Date	Estimate (\$ mil)	Number of Contracts	Draft Bid Docs		Bids	Bid	Bid Evaluation		Contract				
								Received	Approved	Issuance	Closing	Approved	Amount	Signed	Received	PCSS No.	Amount	\$ Equip
TIIGP2-LAO-G08	Equipment for Heritage Interpretation	Shopping				180,000	Various										19,074.69	
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-VC01	Procurement of Signs of Direction and Information Tourism Destination.	Shopping												2/Mar/20		G22249	LAK 33,440,000	3,695.44
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-LPB02	Procurement of Tourism Promotion Signs for the Tourism Information Room of Xiengman Village	Shopping												29/May/20		G22188	LAK 41,173,000	4,449.95
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-LPB03	Procurement of Tourism Promotion Signs and Amenities for the Tourism Information Room of Chan Neua, Xang Hai and Pak Ou Village	Shopping												2/Jul/20		G22187	LAK 101,123,000	10,929.30
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-04																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-05																		
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TIIGP2-LAO-G08-18																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-19																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G09	Equipment for SMEs to Implement Private Sector-Led Actions in the DMPs	Shopping	#####	#####		325,000	Various											25,702.70
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-01	Equipment for Tour Guide Badges (Procurement of equipment for printing tour guide badges)				Q1/2020									3/Mar/20		G21584	LAK 70,400,000	7,806.61
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-LPB02	Improvement to the Night Market of Luangprabang Capital City	Shopping												29/May/20		G22184	LAK 101,728,000	10,994.69
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-LPB04	Procurement of Seedlings and Amenities for the landscaping of Pottery Demonstration Center	Shopping												10/Jun/20		G22186	LAK 63,855,000	6,901.40
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-VV07	Procurement of Bedroom amenities for Amari Hotel													22/Oct/20		G22647	LAK 24,882,000	2,678.53
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-VP08	Procurement of Amenities and Cleaning Supplies for Long Ngum View Resort in Keo-Oudom District, Vientiane Province													13/Oct/20		G22648	LAK 41,479,900	4,465.29
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-CPS06	Procurement of Equipment for Hotels in Khong District, Champasak province													30/Oct/20		G22649	LAK 41,446,000	4,461.64
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-CPS10	Procurement of Improvement to Handicapped Toilets and CCTV for Eravan Riverside Hotel in Champasak Capital, Champasak Province													28/Oct/20		G22651	LAK 41,475,000	4,464.76
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-08																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-09																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-10																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-11																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-12																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G10	Accounting Software													25/Feb/20		G21571	\$ 22,990	22,990.00
Total						4,125,000												

Annex 7: Consultant recruitment monitoring table as of 31 December 2020

Grant 0599-LAO: Second GMS Tourism Infrastructure for Inclusive Growth Project (49387-002)																										
Procurement Monitoring - Consulting Services																										
Procurement Plan Approved on: 18 November 2020 (Version 4)																										
Package No.	Description	Mode	Resp Proj Mgt Unit	CA Target Date	Adv Date	No. of Contracts	Estimate (\$ million)	Submission 1		RFP	RFP	Submission 2		Submission 2-3		Submission 3		Submission 4		Submission 5						
								Received	Approved	Issuance	Closing Date	Received	Approved	Received	Approved	Received	Approved	Received	Approved	Signed	Received	PCSS No.	Amount	\$ Equiv		
TIIGP2-LAO-C01	Project Management and Civil Engineering Support	QCBS			28/08/2018	1	3,109,134.00	23-Oct-18	07-Nov-18	08-Nov-18	17-Jan-19	12-Feb-19	03-Apr-19			22-Apr-19	03-May-19		20-Jun-19	01-Jul-19	19-Jul-19	G20711	\$	2,602,460	2,602,460	
																						G20712	EUR	805,926	870,000	
TIIGP2-LAO-C02	International Tourism Specialist/Co-Team Leader	ICS			15/11/2018	1	862,223.00	31-Jan-19	14-Feb-19			21-Feb-19	05-Mar-19							19-Feb-19	21-Feb-19	G20083	\$	930,000	930,000	
TIIGP2-LAO-C03	International Tourism Standards Specialist	ICS			06/06/2019	1	100,876.00	24-Jul-19	13-Aug-19			21-Aug-19	22-Aug-19							19-Aug-19	21-Aug-19	G20821	\$	121,000	121,000	
TIIGP2-LAO-C04	National Tourism Specialist/Deputy Team Leader	ICS			15/11/2018	1	239,663.00	31-Jan-19	14-Feb-19			21-Feb-19	05-Mar-19							19-Feb-19	21-Feb-19	G20084	\$	242,000	242,000	
TIIGP2-LAO-C05	International Gender Specialist	ICS			06/06/2019	1	34,500.00	24-Jul-19	13-Aug-19			21-Aug-19	22-Aug-19							19-Aug-19	21-Aug-19	G20823	\$	34,500	34,500	
TIIGP2-LAO-C06	National Gender Specialist	ICS			06/06/2019	1	49,500.00	24-Jul-19	13-Aug-19			21-Aug-19	22-Aug-19							19-Aug-19	21-Aug-19	G20822	\$	49,500	49,500	
TIIGP2-LAO-C07	International Financial Management & Procurement Specialist	ICS			15/11/2018	1	71,369.00	31-Jan-19	14-Feb-19			21-Feb-19	05-Mar-19							20-Feb-19	21-Feb-19	G20085	\$	75,000	75,000	
TIIGP2-LAO-C08	National Financial Management & Procurement Specialist	ICS			15/11/2018	1	23,510.00	31-Jan-19	14-Feb-19			21-Feb-19	05-Mar-19							19-Feb-19	21-Feb-19	G20086	\$	25,000	25,000	
TIIGP2-LAO-C09	International Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist	ICS			06/06/2019	1	45,500.00	24-Jul-19	28-Aug-19			30-Aug-19	25-Sep-19							29-Aug-19	30-Aug-19	G20994	\$	45,500	45,500	
TIIGP2-LAO-C10	National Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist	ICS			06/06/2019	1	53,500.00	10-Oct-19	22-Oct-19			20-Nov-19	03-Dec-19							13-Nov-19	20-Nov-19	G21187	\$	53,500	53,500	
TIIGP2-LAO-C11	National Internal Auditor	ICS			15/11/2018	1	103,394.00	31-Jan-19	14-Feb-19			21-Feb-19	05-Mar-19							18-Feb-19	21-Feb-19	G20087	\$	102,904	102,904	
TIIGP2-LAO-C12	Tourism Experts-Variou Resource Persons	SSS			Q2/2019	40	200,000.00																			
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-001	SSS				1																		\$	3,150	3,150
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-002	SSS				1																		\$	2,500	2,500
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-003	SSS				1																		\$	3,150	3,150
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-004	SSS				1																		\$	2,100	2,100
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-005	SSS				1																		\$	2,400	2,400
TIIGP2-LAO-C13	International Urban Planning and Design Specialist	ICS			Q4 2019	1	93,290.00	29-Oct-19	06-Nov-19			25-Nov-19	03-Dec-19							08-Nov-19	25-Nov-19	G21188	\$	93,258	93,258	
TIIGP2-LAO-C14	National Destination Management Specialist	ICS			04-Nov-19	1	57,829.00	12-Apr-19	24-Apr-19			24-Apr-19	23-May-19							24-Apr-19	26-Apr-19	G20442	\$	57,829	57,829	
TIIGP2-LAO-C15	International Tourism Management and Development Specialist	ICS			Q4 2019	1	73,880.00	29-Oct-19	06-Nov-19			15-Nov-19	03-Dec-19							21-Nov-19	25-Nov-19	G21189	\$	73,600	73,600	
TIIGP2-LAO-C16	International Natural and Cultural Heritage Specialist	ICS			Q4 2019	1	22,311.00	29-Oct-19	06-Nov-19			25-Nov-19	03-Dec-19							21-Nov-19	25-Nov-19	G21190	\$	22,252	22,252	
TIIGP2-LAO-C17	Natuonal Tourism Destination Development and Mangement Specialist	ICS			Q3 2020	1	128,057.00	28-Aug-20	03-Sep-20			28-Aug-20	03-Sep-20							10-Sep-20	08-Oct-20	G22209	\$	128,000	128,000	
TIIGP2-LAO-C18	International Social Safeguards Specialist	ICS			Q4 2020	1	70,000.00	30-Nov-20	03-Dec-20			07-Dec-20	23-Dec-20							07-Dec-20	07-Dec-20	G22604	\$	75,000	75,000	
	Total						5,338,536.00																		5,614,603	

Annex 8: Utilization of consulting services as of 31 December 2020

Package/Positions	Expert name	Person-Months (pm) as per PAM	Contract signing date	Original contract (total pm)	Current contract incl. variations (total pm)	Current contract closing date	Cumulative person-months utilized as of 31-Dec-20	Balance (pm)	Notes
TIIGP2-LAO-C01: Project Management and Civil Engineering Support (Firm)									
<i>International</i>									
1 International Civil Engineer - Co-Team Leader	Mr. Mrityunjoy Ghosh	54	05/Aug/19	41	41	04/Apr/23	17.10	23.90	
2 International Environmental Specialist	Mr. Peter Gammelgaard Jensen	6	12/Aug/19	6	6	04/Apr/23	5.36	0.64	
3 International Social Safeguards Specialist (Resettlement & Indigenous People)	Mr. Nils Gardek	6	05/Aug/19	6	6	04/Apr/23	5.47	0.53	
4 International Institutional Development Specialist	Mr. Per Gardin	4	05/Aug/19	4	4	04/Apr/23	1.41	2.59	
Subtotal		70		57	57		29.34	27.66	
<i>National</i>									
1 National Lead Civil Engineer	Mr. Phomma CHANTHIRATH	54	07/Sep/19	41	41	04/Apr/23	14.61	26.39	
2 National Environmental Specialist	Ms. Phaylin BOUNMANYVONE	12	05/Aug/19	12	12	04/Apr/23	11.11	0.89	
3 National Social Safeguards Specialist (Resettlement & Indigenous People)	Mr. Misa PHOUTHILATH	12	05/Aug/19	12	12	04/Apr/23	8.27	3.73	
4 National Institutional Development Specialist	Msr. Baythone Lovanxay	12	22/Jun/20	12	12	04/Apr/23	1.54	10.46	
5 Resident Engineer 1	Mr. Vongdeth Frichitthavong		22/Jun/20	24	24	04/Apr/23	6.27	17.73	
6 Resident Engineer 2	Mr. Xayavath Chanthavongsa		11/Sep/19	24	24	04/Apr/23	15.32	8.68	
7 Construction Supervisor 1	Mr. Khaysy Visounalath			24	24			24.00	
8 Construction Supervisor 2	Mr. Koulab Samonety			24	24			24.00	
9 Construction Supervisor 3	Mr. Phongsakda Phiakhamngone			20	20			20.00	
10 Construction Supervisor 4	Mr. Phoumano Khodpanya		15-Jun-20	20	20	04-Apr-23	6.50	13.50	
Subtotal		90		213	213		63.62	149.38	
Summary									
<i>Total International</i>		<i>70</i>		<i>57</i>	<i>57</i>		<i>29.34</i>	<i>27.66</i>	
<i>Total National</i>		<i>90</i>		<i>213</i>	<i>213</i>		<i>63.62</i>	<i>149.38</i>	
Grand Total TIIGP2-LAO-C01: PMCES Consultant		160		270	270		92.96	177.04	
Capacity Building Support (Individuals)									
<i>International</i>									
1 TIIGP2-LAO-C02: International Tourism Specialist - Co-Team Leader	Mr Henricus Braunius PONNE	54	19/Feb/19	54	54	31/Dec/24	18.89	35.11	
2 TIIG2P-LAO-C03: International Tourism Standards Specialist	Mr Ross Alexander Corbett	8	19/Aug/19	7	7	31/Dec/24	2.10	4.90	
3 TIIGP2-LAO-C05: International Gender Specialist	Ms Luz Lopez Rodriguez	2	19/Aug/19	2	3.5	31/Dec/24	1.95	1.55	
4 TIIGP2-LAO-C07: International Financial Management & Procurement Specialist	Ms Nida Azada CALMA	5	19/Feb/19	5	9	31/Dec/24	7.65	1.35	
5 TIIGP2-LAO-C09: International Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist	Mr. Nils Gardek (through Ramboll)	3	28/Aug/19	2.5	2.5	31/Dec/24	1.00	1.50	
6 TIIGP2-LAO-C13: International Urban Planning and Design Specialist	Mr Craig Czarny	-	8/Nov/19	lump-sum	lump-sum	31/Dec/21	lump-sum	-	1st and 2nd payment made

Package/Positions	Expert name	Person-Months (pm) as per PAM	Contract signing date	Original contract (total pm)	Current contract incl. variations (total pm)	Current contract closing date	Cumulative person-months utilized as of 31-Dec-20	Balance (pm)	Notes
7 TIIGP2-LAO-C15: International Tourism Management and Development Specialist	Mr Paul Rogers	-	21/Nov/19	lump-sum	lump-sum	31/Dec/21	lump-sum	-	1st and 2nd payment made
8 TIIGP2-LAO-C16: International Natural and Cultural Heritage Specialist	Ms Ester van Steekelenburg	-	8/Nov/19	lump-sum	lump-sum	31/Dec/21	lump-sum	-	10% adv. paid
9 TIIGP2-LAO-C18: International Social Safeguards Specialist	Mr Paul van Strijp	-	7/Dec/20	4	4	31/Dec/22	0.68	3.32	
Subtotal		72		74.5	80		32.27	47.73	
National									
1 TIIGP2-LAO-C04: National Tourism Specialist - Deputy Team Leader	Ms Phongisth DAVADING	54	19/Feb/19	54	54	31/Dec/24	21.50	32.50	
2 TIIGP2-LAO-C06: National Gender Specialist	Ms Sipaseuth Chanthapanya	12	19/Feb/19	12	12	31/Dec/24	9.00	3.00	
3 TIIGP2-LAO-C08: National Financial Management & Procurement Specialist	Mr Kim XAISANA	6	19/Feb/19	6	6	31/Dec/20	5.94	0.06	Possible additional inputs required
4 TIIGP2-LAO-C10: National Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist	Dr Vivath Sauvaly	12	13/Nov/19	12	12	31/Dec/24	8.00	4.00	
5 TIIGP2-LAO-C11: National Internal Auditor	Mr Lomphet PHONGSVANH	-	18/Feb/19	30	30	31/Dec/24	12.00	18.00	
6 TIIGP2-LAO-C12: Tourism experts - various resource persons	001: Mr Phonesouk Khounsombat 002: Mr Jens Jensen (Norconsult) 003: Mr Phonesouk Khounsombat 004: Mr Bounnasack Keosacksith 005: Bounnasack Keosacksith								22 contracts included in procurement plan.
7 TIIGP2-LAO-C14: National Destination Management Specialist	Mr Vila Chanthavong	-	24/Apr/19	lump-sum	lump-sum	31/Dec/19	lump-sum		Closed
8 TIIGP2-LAO-C17: National Tourism Destination Development and Management Specialist	Mr Vila Chanthavong	-	10/Sep/20	32	32	31/Dec/24	2.50	29.50	
Subtotal		84		146	114		58.94	57.56	
Summary CBS Individual Consultants									
<i>Total International</i>		<i>72</i>		<i>74.5</i>	<i>80</i>		<i>32.27</i>	<i>47.73</i>	
<i>Total National</i>		<i>84</i>		<i>146</i>	<i>114</i>		<i>58.94</i>	<i>57.56</i>	
Total CBS Individual Consultants		156		220.5	194		91.21	105.29	
Project Summary									
Total International		142		131.5	137		61.61	80.39	Compared to p-m in PAM
Total National		174		359	327		122.56	51.44	Compared to p-m in PAM
Project Grand Total		316		490.5	464		184.17	131.83	Compared to p-m in PAM

Annex 9: GAP implementation progress as of 31 December 2020

Project Title:	Grant 0599-LAO: Second Greater Mekong Subregion Tourism Infrastructure for Inclusive Growth Project
Country:	Lao PDR
Project No.:	49387-002
Type of Project (Loan/Grant/TA):	Grant
Approval date:	31 August 2018
Project Implementation Duration:	25 December 2018 – 30 June 2025
Gender Category:	Effective Gender Mainstreaming
Project Impact:	Sustainable, inclusive, and more balanced tourism development achieved
Project Outcome:	Tourism competitiveness of secondary towns increased

Status of GAP implementation:

	Achieved	On-going	Planned
9 Activities	2/9 (6, 7)	6/9 (1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9)	1/9 (4)
23 Targets	4/23 (1, 14, 15, 22)	17/23 (2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23)	2/23 (5, 6)

Gender Action Plan (GAP) ¹	Progress to date (as of 31 December 2020) ²	Issues and Challenges ³
Output 1: Urban-Rural Access Infrastructure and Urban Environmental Services Improved		
Objective 1: Strengthen women's voice in project design.		
Target 1: Two consultations held during detailed design of each infrastructure subproject to optimize inclusiveness, gender responsiveness, and employment opportunities during and after construction.	Achieved: The Project includes the following seven infrastructure sub-projects, which were originally packaged into four work packages, as follows: Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements Sub-project C1: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation Sub-project C2: Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements Sub-project V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements	Target of two consultations per sub-project reached, but further pre-construction consultations are planned for 2021 in conjunction with site management and O&M planning, focusing on inclusiveness, gender responsiveness, and employment opportunities during and after construction.

¹ GAP Activities, Indicators and Targets, Timeframe and Responsibility

² This should include information on period of actual implementation, sex-disaggregated quantitative updates (e.g. number of participating women, women beneficiaries of services, etc.), and qualitative information. However, some would be on-going - so explain what has happened so far towards meeting the target.

³ Please include reasons why an activity was not fully implemented, or if targets fall short, or reasons for delay, etc., and provide recommendations on ways to address issues and challenges.

	<p>Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements Sub-project V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvement Sub-project V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvement Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal Sub-project V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements Sub-project V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements</p> <p>For TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (C1 and C2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No consultations held so far as the detailed design for this subproject was undertaken during project preparation technical assistance. Consultations are planned for 2021 in conjunction with site management and O&M planning, with focus on gender issues and targets. <p>For TIIGP2-LAO-W02 (V1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultations with local stakeholders on the design planning process was carried out on 15 August 2019, with PIU (Nam Ngum) and local stakeholders on the conceptual design at Nam Ngum Tourist Information Center (22 total/ 5 women), A follow up workshop with the with Vientiane Province PIU and other stakeholders on drafted conceptual design was held at Vientiane Province Culture Hall on 16 September 2019 (31 total / women 6) The gender specialists (IGS and SGS) met with the project team and village representatives (total 12; 8 women) on October 19, 2019 on the GAP target of women's representation in consultations and for them to equally benefit from the improvements in infrastructure. <p>For TIIGP2-LAO-W03 (V2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements (V2) a consultation meeting on the design planning and feedback process was held in Na Douang village on 16 August 2019 (28 total/ 9 women). The IGS and SGS met with 18 village residents (11 women) on October 20, 2019. Women help as collectors of visitors' fees at the entrance of the fall, sell food at the stalls and are part of the 8 groups working on community-based tourism. The homestay program has 69 village participants (57 women). <p>For For TIIGP2-LAO-W03/3a: (V3 and V4):</p>	<p>Women participation should increase to ensure the target (Target 2) of at least 50% of people consulted are women.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation workshops were held at the Vang Vieng PIU office on 16 August 2019 (total 17/ women 2), with participation from local stakeholders on the planning and design process with follow up workshop on 17 September with the draft conceptual design report (total 25/ women 5) <p>For TIIGP2-LAO-W04 (V5):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public consultations were held on 19 June 2018. First consultations were held in Vang Vieng followed by on site consultations at the land fill location with the participation of provincial and district officials (12 total/ 4 women). • Onsite consultations in Ban Phon Vieng where employment opportunities were discussed with local stakeholders at the improved landfill were held on 13 October 2018 (38 total/ 21 women) • Another round of consultations were held on 17-18 Oct. 2018 focusing on design and future operation of the landfill and environmental considerations for detailed design and operation (37 total/ 7 women). • Site visit were carried out for the Vang Vieng Landfill (V5) subproject on 16-17 September 2019 to assess the situation of the informal waste pickers working at the landfill. The visit concluded that most (11 of 14) of the waste pickers come from the Khmu ethnic group, that most (10 or 14) are women, and that all (14 of 14) receive over 10% of their average income from collecting and selling waste from the landfill. • At the Vang Vieng landfill village site, the IGS and NGS had a dialogue with 28 village residents and some PIU staff (17 women) on 20 Oct. 2019. The village women expressed concerns over the high cost of garbage fee collected from them considering that they live next to the landfill, the infrequency of trips of the old garbage trucks (instead of the agreed weekly trip), the uncovered on the truck that leave a trail of litter on the road, the bad road access, and the bad smell and proliferation of flies from the inadequate treatment of the landfill, and the lack of protective gears such as gloves, masks and boots. The PIU agreed to support the request for discounted garbage fee and to request for protective gears. 	
<p>Target 2: At least 50% of people consulted are women.</p>	<p>Ongoing. To date, a total of 282 local stakeholders were consulted, of whom 105 have been women, representing 37.2% of the total participation.</p>	<p>Further pre-construction consultations are planned for 2021 in conjunction with site management and O&M planning, focusing on inclusiveness, gender responsiveness, and employment opportunities during and after construction.</p>

		<p>PCU and PIUs need to consciously increase women's participation in these consultations to reach the overall target of 50%.</p> <p>Women's concerns should be elicited, documented and addressed.</p>
Objective 2. Promote women's economic employment and safety.		
<p>Target 3: At least 500 entrepreneurs (60% women) receive SME support services (2017 baseline:0)</p>	<p>Ongoing: Data not yet available.</p>	<p>It is suggested that this target be moved under Output 3, Objective #8, alongside Target 21. Output 3 has related SME support activities. Moreover, in the DMF this indicator is also included under Output 3. This can be done as part of the project's Mid-term Review.</p> <p>List of SMEs supported during 2019-2020, including data on women entrepreneurs among them, is being compiled and will be included in next quarterly report. List of targeted SMEs for remainder of project will be compiled through SME needs assessments planned for Q2-Q3 2021.</p>
<p>Target 4: At least 10% of unskilled workers hired for works construction are local women (2017 baseline: ~10%).</p>	<p>Ongoing. The Project's GAP is included as binding document in contract TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (C1&C2), TIIGP2-LAO-W02 (V5), and TIIGP2-LAO-W03 (V1, V2, V3) and budget for the contractor to conduct consultations and awareness raising activities during construction on gender-responsive information on HIV/AIDS, STI, human trafficking and child labor exploitation prevention is included in the contract's BOQ. The same will be done for all future works contracts.</p>	<p>Monitoring arrangements should be setup between PMCES consultant and GAD specialists to ensure implementation.</p>
<p>Activity 1: Contractors ensure separate access to water and sanitation facilities for women and men in</p>	<p>Ongoing. The Project's GAP is included as binding document in contract TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (C1&C2) and will be included in all future works contracts.</p>	

construction sites and separate quarters, as well as suitable worker safety training, equipment		
Activity 2: Contractors provide gender-responsive information on HIV/AIDS, STI, human trafficking and child labor exploitation prevention.	<p>Ongoing. This requirement is included as binding document in contract TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (C1&C2), TIIGP2-LAO-W02 (V5), and TIIGP2-LAO-W03 (V1, V2, V3) and budget for the contractor to conduct consultations and awareness raising activities during construction on gender-responsive information on HIV/AIDS, STI, human trafficking and child labor exploitation prevention is included in the contract's BOQ. The same will be done for all future works contracts.</p> <p>The GAD specialists prepared detailed plans and budgets (with breakdown of costs to be covered by the Contractor and by the Employer) for gender awareness activities to be conducted. GAD specialists also compiled lists of gender resource persons/service providers and information materials on HIV-AIDS, STI, gender-based violence and child labor exploitation to be used for these activities.</p>	Coordination between the GAD specialists, PMCES Consultant and Contractor is required to ensure the aspects of these activities to be paid for by the Contractor are adequately budgeted for in the BoQ, plans are communicated and agreed with the Contractor, and are implemented with GAP specialist support.
Objective 3. Improve gender design features of tourism facilities to support economic empowerment.		
Target 5: All women vendors return to improved market space after construction (2017 baseline: ~80% (120 women).	Planned. Design of all subprojects prioritizes minimum displacement of vendors and return to same or nearby market spaces of better quality.	Target 5 needs to be reviewed and may be adjusted based on actual market spaces and number of women & men shop owners/ employees who are affected. This can be done as part of the project's Mid-term Review.
Target 6: At least 80% (80 women) of newly constructed shop owners/operators are women.	Planned. Most of the planned newly constructed shops are designated for existing sellers whose facilities will be upgraded.	The name list of the existing vendors will be collected as a baseline data and dialogue is needed to ensure that all (100%) of shop owners who were relocated and are returned to improved market spaces are women.
Activity 3: Infrastructure subproject gender design features include suitable road shoulders, access for people with disabilities, public lighting, separate male and female toilets, lockable	<p>Ongoing. For detailed designs for TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (C1, C2) and For TIIGP2-LAO-W04 (V5) prepared during project preparation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads are designed according to established and recent national standards and guidelines. • Roads and foot paths are also designed to maximize available area in the available alignments. 	To ensure gender design opportunities are maximized and properly implemented, GAD specialists to attend some of consultations during pre-construction, construction and post-construction.

<p>kiosks, road safety instruction, and others identified during consultations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public lighting is included at the Vang Vieng Landfill (V5), in the Nakasang town/port improvement (C1), and on the bridge between Don Det and Don Khone (C2). • Separate areas with showers, toilets, lockers etc. for male and female workers are planned for the Vang Vieng landfill subproject (V5). • Site buildings at the Vang Vieng landfill site will be accessible for disabled, included HCWC. • Road safety instructions will be a part of subsequent project phases, however the design criteria used have road safety as a key basis. • No specific issues related to gender design features were raised during the consultations with the IAs and other stakeholders. <p>These provisions have been integrally retained in the final DED for TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (C1&C2) and in the revision of DED for TIIGP2-LAO-W04 (V5).</p> <p><u>For subprojects TIIGP2-LAO-W02 (V1) TIIGP2-LAO-W03 (V2, V3) and and TIIGP2-LAO-W03a (V4):</u> DED is completed and ADB No Objection to the DED on 8 September 2020, gender and disability design features are considered and incorporated. For example, for subprojects V1 and V2, main areas and facilities, including public toilets, will be wheelchair accessible.</p>	
<p>Activity 4: Infrastructure user charges (e.g. market stall rent and waste collection fees) are affordable to male and female users.</p>	<p>Planned: Residents of Vang Vieng expressed concerns about affordability of garbage collection fees during a dialogue with GAD specialists and PIU on 10 October 2019. Affordability of user charges is being considered in the V5 outline and detailed design. The PMCES institutional specialists will conduct consultations with users on user charges and include the results in O&M planning.</p>	<p>The GAD specialists need to consult with institutional specialists on this matter.</p>
<p>Objective 4. Ensure women's equal participation in gender-sensitive IEC programs to mitigate tourism's social risks.</p>		
<p>Target 7: 50% of IEC facilitators trained by the project are women.</p>	<p>Ongoing: GAD specialists are reviewing the preparation of gender-sensitive IEC campaigns and help prepare plan for implementation of campaign.</p>	<p>In coordination with PCU the GAD specialists to ensure that the design of IEC materials are gender-sensitive</p>
<p>Target 8: At least 50% of people reached by gender-sensitive IEC campaigns are women (2017 baseline: 0% women).</p>	<p>Ongoing: GAD specialists are identifying and reviewing IEC materials and gender-sensitive IEC campaigns in collaboration with TDD and TMD unit of MICT</p>	<p>Include in the PPMS measurable approach to assess the reach of the campaign</p>
<p>Activity 5: IEC materials are gender-sensitive (i.e. without gender bias/stereotypes) and</p>	<p>Ongoing: GAD specialists are identifying and reviewing gender-sensitive IEC campaigns appropriate to the tourism sites.</p>	<p>Coordinate with IEC team on the review and finalization of IEC materials.</p>

published for each topic covered, e.g. (i) traffic and boating safety, (ii) HIV/AIDS prevention, (iii) human trafficking prevention and (iv) solid waste management.		
Output 2: Capacity to implement ASEAN Tourism Standards strengthened		
Objective 5. Promote women's leadership.		
Target 9: At least 30% of ASEAN tourism standards certification board members and assessors are women (2017 baseline: 0).	Ongoing. The national and provincial tourism standard assessment committees (equivalent to the "certification bodies" referred to in the PAM) have been set up for all seven standards, with this count of membership: National Level 26.6% (25 out of 94) Champasak Province 16.7% (4 out of 24) Vientiane Province 11.1% (2 out of 18) Vang Vieng District 13.2 % (5 out of 38) Luang Prabang Province 26.7% (4 out of 15) Total: 21% (40 out of 189)	Gender specialists to coordinate with the Tourism Development Department and the Tourism Management Department on a gender review of the application of the ASEAN tourism standards. National tourism standard assessment committees are being restructured, and gender targets are being considered in the process.
Target 10: At least 35% of ASEAN tourism standards trainers are women (2017 baseline: 0)	Ongoing. ASEAN tourism standards certification board members and assessors, ASEAN tourism standards trainers and ASEAN tourism awards selection panel members are identical. See target 9 above.	Concerted efforts are made to ensure trainers follow a gender-balanced composition. National tourism standard assessment committees are being restructured, and gender targets are being considered in the process.
Target 11: At least 45% of ASEAN tourism awards selection panel members are women (2017 baseline: 0).	Ongoing. ASEAN tourism standards certification board members and assessors, ASEAN tourism standards trainers and ASEAN tourism awards selection panel members are identical. See target 9 above.	National tourism standard assessment committees are being restructured, and gender targets are being considered in the process.
Objective 6. Promote equal access to ASEAN tourism standards training and information		
Activity 6: ASEAN tourism standards manuals translated to Lao language.	Achieved Translation of seven (7) ASEAN Tourism Standards were completed. Five out of seven standards were adapted to national standards, the other two are used in their original form. All seven final standards were published in Lao language.	

<p>Target 12. At least 40 % of women participants in ASEAN tourism standards training for businesses are women</p>	<p>Ongoing . Data is not yet finalized.</p>	<p>Comprehensive review of 2019-2020 activities implemented is ongoing to determine updated and corrected participation of women in ASEAN tourism standard trainings for businesses. This will be completed during Q1 2021.</p>
<p>Output 3: Institutional arrangements for tourism destination management and infrastructure O&M strengthened</p>		
<p>Objective 7. Promote gender balanced project management.</p>		
<p>Target 13: Women comprise at least 30% of project steering committee members. (2017 baseline: ~25% (4 women))</p>	<p>Ongoing : National Level 28.6% (2 out of 7) Champasak Province 50% (1 out of 2) Vientiane Province 0 % (0 out of 1) Vang Vieng District No Data Luang Prabang Province 13% (1 out of 8)</p>	<p>Efforts were made to ensure the national project steering committee has a gender-balanced composition, resulting in a women representation of 29%, just short of the 30% target.</p>
<p>Target 14: Women hold 30% of project director and deputy director positions. (2017 baseline: 20%).</p>	<p>Achieved: National Level 50% (1 out of 2) Champasak Province 0% (0 out of 2) Vientiane Province 50% (1 out of 2) Vang Vieng District 50% (1 out of 2) Luang Prabang Province 50% (1 out of 2)</p>	
<p>Target 15: At least 40% of overall PCU and PIU staff positions are held by women (2017 baseline: 34%).</p>	<p>Achieved: National Level 67% (4 out of 6) Champasak Province 60% (3 out of 5) Vientiane Province 40 % (2 out of 5) Vang Vieng District 50% (3 out of 6) Luang Prabang Province 80% (4 out of 5) Total: 59% (16 out of 27)</p>	
<p>Target 16: At least 30% of PCU and PIU staff that attend technical and project management training are women.</p>	<p>Ongoing. Data validation is not yet finalized.</p>	<p>Comprehensive review of 2019-2020 activities implemented is ongoing to determine updated and corrected PCU and PIU participation in technical and project management training activities, and number of women among them. This will be completed during Q1 2021.</p>
<p>Objective 8. Promote women’s representation in destination management network and infrastructure O&M entities.</p>		

Target 17: DMN managers comprise at least 30% women (2017 baseline: ~30%).	Ongoing DMN is being re-structured.	Propose revisions to the GAP to enhance gender responsive elements in Objective #8.
Target 18: Women comprise at least 40% of total DMN membership (2017 baseline: ~30%).	Ongoing DMN is being re-structured.	
Target 19: At least 30% of 150 public works and tourism site managers (90 public works and tourism site managers in Lao PDR) are women, with skills, equipment, and budget needed to effectively develop and implement tourism management plans and infrastructure O&M (2017 baseline: 0)	Ongoing: Site management plan and O&M plans are under preparation and will be finalized during 2021-2022.	GAD specialists to review the content of site management plans and O&M plans and provide feedback / suggestions on gender responsiveness.
Target 20: Community tourism groups involving women and youth (at least 40% women and girls membership) are established or strengthened in all sites with community-managed tourist attractions.	Ongoing. A number of sites in the project target areas are community-managed. These will be identified and membership recorded once infrastructure subproject construction is underway in preparation of their future involvement in site operation. During the course of project implementation additional community tourism groups may be established, and their capacity built.	Propose specific affirmative gender measures to capacitate the women and youth to involve themselves in community-managed tourist attractions.
Target 21: At least 50% of participants in tourism-related service training are women (2017 baseline: ~70%).	Ongoing Data is being reviewed and updated.	Comprehensive review of 2019-2020 activities implemented is ongoing to determine updated and corrected number of participants, and number of women among them. This will be completed during Q1 2021.
Objective 9. Improve gender mainstreaming capacity to implement and monitor the GAP and report gender impacts.		
Target 22: 50% of 18 (10 for Lao PDR) gender focal persons appointed to PCUs, PMUs, and PIUs are men.	Achieved: Of the total 10 GAD focal persons, 5 (50 %) are women. There are two focal points (1 female and 1 male) appointed per PCU in 4 project sites Champasak Province, Vientiane Province, Vangvieng District and Luang Prabang Province; and two (one female and one male) at the national level.	

<p>Activity 7: Gender specialists and social development consultants provide gender equality training and GAP implementation training to all project supervision, management, and coordination entities.</p>	<p>Achieved. The International Gender Specialist (IGS) is recruited, reported to work in October 2019 and had 2 field missions. She has been working closely with the National Gender Specialist (NGS) and conferred with PCU officers and PMCES and M&E consultants.</p> <p>Gender orientation training to PCU and project consultants was conducted on 21 Oct. 2019. A total of 18 attended, 10 or 56 % of whom are women.</p> <p>A series of gender consultation workshops were conducted on 9-10 Oct 2019 with PIU-Vang Vieng, Ban Naduang and Ban Phon Vieng (target project sites) and Sengsavang village authorities. A total of 103 participated, 40 (39 %) of who were women.</p> <p>A series of one-day trainings on GAP Implementation and Documentation to PIUs and gender focal persons in Vientiane Province (Nam Ngum and Vang Vieng) on 29-31 January 2020, in Champasak on 3-6 February 2020, and Luang Prabang on 10-12 February 2020, to discuss with GAD focal persons the GAP indicators that they have to monitor, document and report quarterly, and the case study outline of GAD impact stories they have to identify, monitor and document towards the mid-term project review. A total of 86 participated, 550 (64%) of who were women.</p>	
<p>Activity 8: GAP targets and actions are reflected in annual project work plans and reported in quarterly progress reports.</p>	<p>Ongoing. The first annual project workplan (2019) has been reviewed along with the overall Gender Action Plan. Gender focal persons (one male and one female) were appointed for each PIU. All GAD focal persons were oriented on the ADB and Lao PDR gender equality policies and principles in sustainable tourism. Specific women participation targets have been incorporated in the 2020 project workplan. Future workplans will include GAD action and targets in addition to women participation.</p>	
<p>Activity 9: PPMS includes sex-disaggregated indicators and templates to track GAP progress, implementation, and project benefits.</p>	<p>Ongoing. Draft Final PPMS and baseline report was submitted to ADB in Q2,2020. International and National Gender Specialists are supporting the implementation indicators and GAP progress reporting template and procedures.</p>	
<p>Target 23: At least 3 human impact stories on GAP implementation, including women's understanding of, and satisfaction with project design, and improved economic opportunities are documented for publication.</p>	<p>Ongoing. The GAD specialists consulted with PIU gender focal persons on the draft template of gender case studies. M&E specialists will be further consulted on a coordinated design and plan for the human impact stories on GAD and other project impacts and benefits.</p>	

Annex 10: Status of compliance with Grant Covenants as of 31 December 2020

Item	Covenants	Status of Compliance
	Grant Agreement Article IV: Particular Covenants	
1	Section 4.01. In the carrying out of the Project and operation of the Project facilities, the Recipient shall perform, or cause to be performed, all obligations set forth in Schedule 4 to this Grant Agreement.	Predominantly compliant (ref. compliance issues reported below)
2	Section 4.02. (a) The Recipient shall (i) maintain separate accounts and records for the Project; (ii) prepare annual financial statements for the Project in accordance with financial reporting standards acceptable to ADB; (iii) have such financial statements audited annually by independent auditors whose qualifications, experience and terms of reference are acceptable to ADB, in accordance with auditing standards acceptable to ADB; (iv) as part of each such audit, have the auditors prepare a report, which includes the auditors' opinion(s) on the financial statements and the use of the Grant proceeds, and a management letter (which sets out the deficiencies in the internal control of the Project that were identified in the course of the audit, if any); and (v) furnish to ADB, no later than 6 months after the end of each related fiscal year, copies of such audited financial statements, audit report and management letter, all in the English language, and such other information concerning these documents and the audit thereof as ADB shall from time to time reasonably request.	Compliant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCU and PIUs maintain separate accounts and records for the Project • PCU prepares annual financial statements for the Project • Annual project financial statements (APFS) will be audited by the State Auditing Organization of Lao PDR. The first annual audit will be undertaken, and the audited APFS together with the auditor's opinion, submitted to ADB within 9 months from the end of Fiscal Year 2019 (i.e. by 30 September 2020). Since no counterpart funds were used and no withdrawals made from the grant account during the period of 25 December 2018 (project effectiveness) to 31 December 2018, the APFS for Fiscal Year 2018 will be combined with the APFS 2019, as approved by ADB.
3	Section 4.02. (b) ADB shall disclose the annual audited financial statements for the Project and the opinion of the auditors on the financial statements within 14 days of the date of ADB's confirmation of their acceptability by posting them on ADB's website.	To be complied with. The first audited APFS is due for submission to ADB by 30 September 2020. Due to COVID, ADB has extended the submission to 31 December 2020. SAO has completed the audit and will soon submit the APFS.
4	Section 4.02. (c) The Recipient shall enable ADB, upon ADB's request, to discuss the financial statements for the Project and the Recipient's financial affairs where they relate to the Project with the auditors appointed pursuant to subsection (a)(iii) hereinabove, and shall authorize and require any representative of such auditors to participate in any such discussions requested by ADB. This is provided that such discussions shall be conducted only in the presence of an authorized officer of the Recipient, unless the Recipient shall otherwise agree.	To be complied with.
5	Section 4.03. The Recipient shall enable ADB's representatives to inspect the Project, the Goods and Works, and any relevant records and documents.	Compliant
	Grant Agreement Schedule 4	

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6	<p><u>Implementation Arrangements</u> The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the detailed arrangements set forth in the PAM. Any subsequent change to the PAM shall become effective only after approval of such change by the Recipient and ADB. In the event of any discrepancy between the PAM and this Grant Agreement, the provisions of this Grant Agreement shall prevail.</p>	Compliant
7	<p><u>Environment</u> The Recipient shall ensure that the preparation, design, construction, implementation, operation and decommissioning of the Project and all Project facilities comply with (a) all applicable laws and regulations of the Recipient relating to environment, health and safety; (b) the Environmental Safeguards; and (c) all measures and requirements set forth in the IEE, the EMPs, and any corrective or preventative actions set forth in a Safeguards Monitoring Report.</p>	Compliant
8	<p><u>Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement</u> The Recipient shall ensure that all land and all rights- of-way required for the Project are made available to the Works contractor in accordance with the schedule agreed under the related Works contract and all land acquisition and resettlement activities are implemented in compliance with (a) all applicable laws and regulations of the Recipient relating to land acquisition and involuntary resettlement; (b) the Involuntary Resettlement Safeguards; and (c) all measures and requirements set forth in the RP, and any corrective or preventative actions set forth in the Safeguards Monitoring Report. Without limiting the application of the Involuntary Resettlement Safeguards or the RP, the Recipient shall ensure that no physical or economic displacement takes place in connection with the Project until: (a) compensation and other entitlements have been provided to affected people in accordance with the RP; and (b) a comprehensive income and livelihood restoration program has been established in accordance with the RP.</p>	<p>Partially compliant</p> <p>Physical displacement in connection with Subproject V1 in Champasak Province without prior compensation and/or other entitlements has occurred and, in consultation with ADB, a corrective action plan has been prepared and is being implemented.</p>
9	<p><u>Indigenous Peoples</u> The Recipient shall ensure that the preparation, design, construction, implementation and operation of the Project and all Project facilities comply with (a) all applicable laws and regulations of the Recipient relating to indigenous peoples; (b) the Indigenous Peoples Safeguards; and (c) all measures and requirements set forth in the IPP, and any corrective or preventative actions (i) set forth in a Safeguards Monitoring Report, or (ii) subsequently agreed between ADB and the Recipient.</p>	Compliant
10	<p><u>Human and Financial Resources to Implement Safeguards Requirements</u> The Recipient shall make available necessary budgetary and human resources to fully implement the EMPs, the RP and the IPP.</p>	Compliant

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11	<p><u>Safeguards - Related Provisions in Bidding Documents and Works Contracts</u></p> <p>The Recipient shall ensure that all bidding documents and contracts for Works contain provisions that require contractors to:</p> <p>(a) comply with the measures relevant to the contractor set forth in the IEE, the EMPs, the RP and the IPP (to the extent they concern impacts on affected people during construction), and any corrective or preventative actions set forth in a Safeguards Monitoring Report;</p> <p>(b) make available a budget for all such environmental and social measures;</p> <p>(c) provide the Recipient with a written notice of any unanticipated environmental, resettlement or indigenous peoples risks or impacts that arise during construction, implementation or operation of the Project that were not considered in the IEE, the EMPs, the RP and the IPP;</p> <p>(d) adequately record the condition of roads, agricultural land and other infrastructure prior to starting to transport materials and construction; and</p> <p>(e) reinstate pathways, other local infrastructure, and agricultural land to at least their pre- project condition upon the completion of construction.</p>	Compliant
12	<p><u>Safeguards Monitoring and Reporting</u></p> <p>The Recipient shall do the following:</p> <p>(a) submit semi- annual Safeguards Monitoring Reports to ADB and disclose relevant information from such reports to affected persons promptly upon submission;</p> <p>(b) if any unanticipated environmental and/or social risks and impacts arise during construction, implementation or operation of the Project that were not considered in the IEE, the EMPs, the RP and the IPP, promptly inform ADB of the occurrence of such risks or impacts, with detailed description of the event and proposed corrective action plan; and</p> <p>(c) report any actual or potential breach of compliance with the measures and requirements set forth in the EMPs, the RP or the IPP promptly after becoming aware of the breach.</p>	<p>Compliant.</p> <p>First semi-annual Safeguards Monitoring Report, covering project quarters 5 and 6, submitted.</p>
13	<p><u>Prohibited List of Investments</u></p> <p>The Recipient shall ensure that no proceeds of the Grant are used to finance any activity included in the list of prohibited investment activities provided in Appendix 5 of the SPS.</p>	Compliant

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14	<p><u>Labor Standards, Health and Safety</u></p> <p>The Recipient shall ensure that the core labor standards and the Recipient's applicable laws and regulations are complied with during Project implementation. The Recipient shall include specific provisions in the bidding documents and contracts financed by ADB under the Project requiring that the contractors, among other things: (a) comply with the Recipient's applicable labor law and regulations and incorporate applicable workplace occupational safety norms; (b) do not use child labor; (c) do not discriminate workers in respect of employment, sex and occupation; (d) do not use forced labor; (e) allow freedom of association and effectively recognize the right to collective bargaining; and (f) disseminate, or engage appropriate service providers to disseminate, information on the risks of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, to the employees of contractors engaged under the Project and to members of the local communities surrounding the Project area, particularly women.</p> <p>The Recipient shall strictly monitor compliance with the requirements set forth in paragraph 10 above and provide ADB with regular reports.</p>	Compliant
15	<p><u>Gender and Development</u></p> <p>The Recipient shall ensure that (a) the GAP is implemented in accordance with its terms; (b) the bidding documents and contracts include relevant provisions for contractors to comply with the measures set forth in the GAP; (c) adequate resources are allocated for implementation of the GAP; (d) progress on implementation of the GAP, including progress toward achieving key gender outcome and output targets, are regularly monitored and reported on quarterly basis to ADB; and (e) key gender outcome and output targets include: (i) 30% of the overall staff positions and 40% of the management positions in the PCU and PIUs to be filled by women; (ii) appointment of gender focal points in the PCU and each PIU; (iii) at least 40% of training participants under the Project are women; and (iv) disaggregation of all monitoring and evaluation (M&E) data by sex and ethnicity.</p>	<p>Compliant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GAP is being implemented with support from Gender Specialists (individual consultants) • GAP is included as binding document in bidding documents and works contracts • GAP implementation is adequately resourced • Updated GAP implementation progress reports are attached to quarterly reports.
16	<p><u>Counterpart Support</u></p> <p>The Recipient shall: (a) through the Project Executing Agency, ensure that counterpart funds for Project implementation are available on time; and (b) ensure that the Project Executing Agency has sufficient funds to satisfy its liabilities arising from any Works, Goods and Consulting Services contract.</p> <p>The Recipient shall (a) through the Project Executing Agency cause each Participating Provinces, prior to their physical completion, prepare and adopt a plan for achieving full cost recovery of the operation and maintenance expenditures of each Project facility within their province; and (b) finance through budget allocation any shortfall in the operation and maintenance of the Project facilities within each Participating Province.</p>	<p>Compliant</p> <p>Due to fiscal constraints, the Government has requested ADB to use project grant to finance the land acquisition and resettlement costs under the project, and ADB has agreed.</p>
17	<p><u>Consultation with Stakeholders</u></p> <p>The Recipient shall ensure that consultation with the Project stakeholders takes place during Project implementation, in accordance with the stakeholder communication strategy set out in the PAM.</p>	Compliant

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18	<p><u>Governance and Anticorruption</u></p> <p>The Recipient shall (a) comply with ADB's Anticorruption Policy (1998, as amended to date) and acknowledge that ADB reserves the right to investigate directly, or through its agents, any alleged corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practice relating to the Project; and (b) cooperate with any such investigation and extend all necessary assistance for satisfactory completion of such investigation.</p> <p>The Recipient shall ensure that the anticorruption provisions acceptable to ADB are included in all bidding documents and contracts, including provisions specifying the right of ADB to audit and examine the records and accounts of the executing and implementing agencies and all contractors, suppliers, consultants, and other service providers as they relate to the Project.</p>	Compliant

Annex 11: ASEAN Tourism Standards Certification Since 2008 (incl. 2020 certifications)

Standard	Awarded
<u>Homestay (3)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ban Naduang (Kaeng Nyui waterfall site), Vang Vieng District, Vientiane Province ▪ Ban Hua Don Deng (Don Deng Island), Pa Thoumphone District, Champasak Province ▪ Ban Don Kho (Don Kho Island), Xanasomboun District, Champasak Province 	2016, 2018 2017, 2019 2017, 2019
<u>Clean Tourist City (2)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Luang Prabang City, Luang Prabang Province ▪ Vientiane City 	2018 2020
<u>Community-Based Tourism (3)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ban Nong Luang (Dong Huasao National Protected Area), Paksong District, Champasak Province ▪ Ban Konglor (Konglor cave site), Khounkham District, Khammouane Province ▪ Namkat Yor La Pa resort, Xay District, Oudomxay Province 	2017 2017 2019
<u>Clean Public Toilet (4)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Phousi mountain tourist site, Luang Prabang City, Luang Prabang Province ▪ Wat Xieng Thong, Luang Prabang City, Luang Prabang Province ▪ Tat Nyeuang waterfall site, Paksong District, Champasak Province ▪ Khon Phapheng waterfall site, Khong District, Champasak Province 	2018 2018 2018 2018
<u>Green Hotel (32)</u> Champasak Province <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Champasak Palace, Pakse City ▪ Champa Resident, Pakse City ▪ Champasak Grand, Pakse City ▪ Khon Phapheng Resort, Khong District ▪ King Fisher Eco-lodge, Pathoumphone District ▪ Pakse Hotel, Pakse City ▪ La Folie Lodge, Champasak ▪ Atina Hotel, Pakse City ▪ River Resort, Pakse City ▪ Sisouk Resident, Pakse City ▪ Arawan Riverside Hotel, Pakse City ▪ Bachieng Resort, Bachieng District ▪ Paksong Dangarm Hotel Luang Prabang Province <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Phou Vao, Luang Prabang City ▪ Souvannaphoum, Luang Prabang City ▪ The Grand Luang Prabang, Luang Prabang City ▪ Villa Santi, Luang Prabang City ▪ 3 Nagas Hotel, Luang Prabang City ▪ Khmu Lodge Luang Prang, Luang Prabang City ▪ Luangxay Resident, Luang Prabang City ▪ Santi Resort and SPA, Luang Prabang City ▪ Chitchareune Mueang Luang Hotel, Luang Prabang City ▪ Kiridara Hotel, Luang Prabang City ▪ Sofitel Luang prabang, Luang Prabang City ▪ Avani Hotel, Luang Prabang City ▪ Pullman Hotel, Luang Prabang City Oudomxay Province <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pakbeng Lodge, Pabeng District ▪ Charming Lao (Ngam Lao) Hotel, Xay District 	2008 2010 2010 2010 2010 2010 2010 2012 2014 2014 2016 2016 2018 2020 2008, 2014 2008, 2012, 2014 2008, 2014 2010, 2012 2010 2012 2012 2014 2016 2016 2018 2020 2012 2018

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Namkat Yor La Pa, Xay District 	2020
Vientiane Province	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inthira Hotel, Vang Vieng 	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Charming Lao (Ngam Lao) Hotel, Xay District 	2018
Luang Namtha Province	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Phou Villa, Luang Namtha 	2020
<u>Spa (2)</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SPA at Kiridara Hotel, Luang Prabang City 	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SPA at Avani Hotel, Luang Prabang City 	2019
<u>MICE Venue (7)</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Luang Prabang View Hotel, Luang Prabang City 	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pullman Hotel, Luang Prabang 	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Crowne Plaza, Vientiane Capital 	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lao National Convention Centre, Vientiane Capital 	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paksong Danngarm Hotel, Champasak Province 	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Champasak Grand Hotel, Champasak Province 	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Savannakhet Cultural Hall 	2020
<u>ASEAN Sustainable Tourism Award (4)</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Phou Si Mountain, Luang Prabang City - Urban Tourism Award 	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tree Top Explorer, Paksong District, Champasak Province - Rural Tourism Award 	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wat Xieng Thong, Luang Prabang City – Urban Award 	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wat Phou, Champasak – Rural Award 	2020