

**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

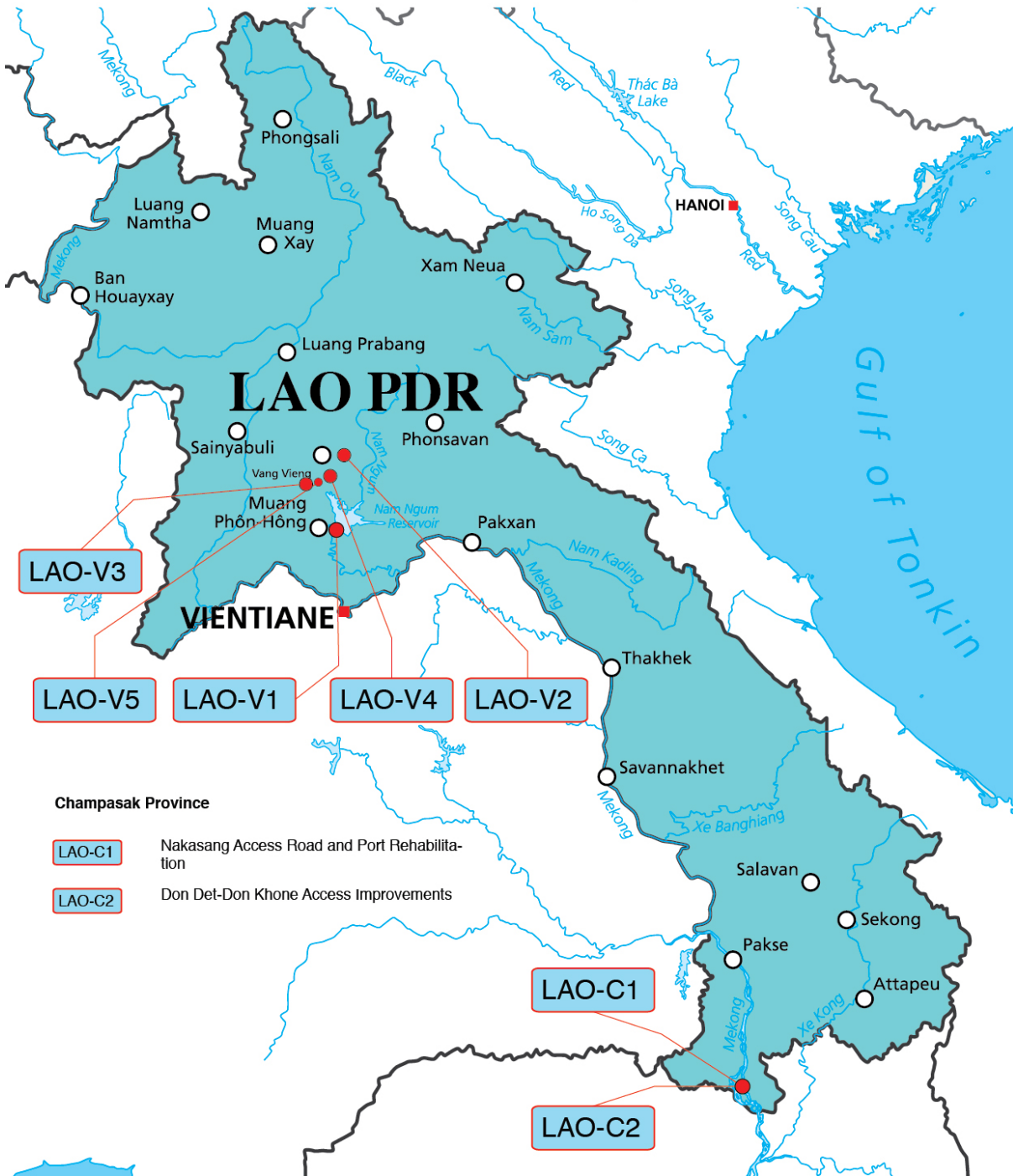
LAO-V1 Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements

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:	27 months/72 months (37.5%)
Project Overall Progress:	33.56%
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:	6 to 29 March 2021

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 march 2021, based on LFIS

	2020 (\$ mln)					2021 (\$ mln)				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
CA Projections	0.536	0.414	0.668	0.777	2.395	16.699	0.330	12.200	0.330	29.559
Cum CA Projections	11.081	11.495	12.163	12.940		29.639	29.969	42.169	42.499	
Actual CA	0.536	0.414	0.668	0.777	2.395	3.535	-	-	-	3.535
Actual Cum CA	11.081	11.495	12.163	12.940		16.475	16.475	16.475	16.475	
Disb Projections	0.367	1.234	1.119	1.471	4.191	6.146	3.350	3.350	3.350	16.196
Cum Disb Projections	2.980	4.213	5.333	6.804		12.950	16.300	19.650	23.000	
Actual Disb	0.367	1.234	1.119	1.471	4.191	1.760	-	-	-	1.760
Actual Cum Disb	2.980	4.214	5.333	6.804		8.564	8.564	8.564	8.564	

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.

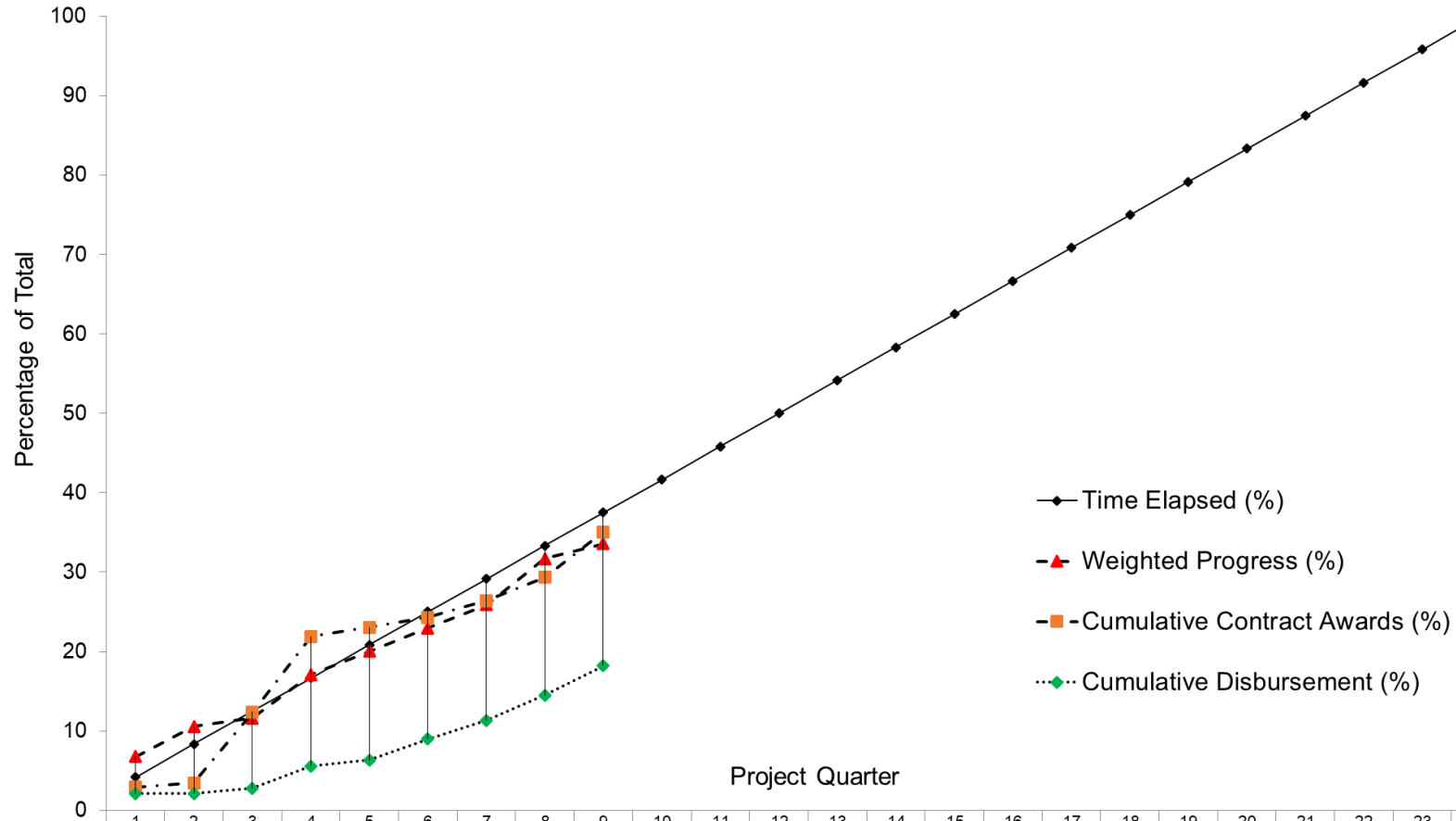
Detailed Cost Estimates by Expenditure Category and Financier

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 March 2021



	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	33.56															
Cumulative Contract Awards (%)	2.93	3.43	12.33	21.89	23.06	24.32	26.43	29.36	35.06															
Cumulative Disbursement (%)	2.13	2.13	2.80	5.56	6.34	8.97	11.34	14.48	18.21															

Contract Awards by Category:

As of 31 March 2021

Category	Total ADB financing (\$ mln)	Contract Awards (\$ mln)	Uncommitted (\$ mln)
A. Investment Cost			
1. Civil Works	29.68	7.27	22.41
2. Equipment and Vehicles	1.77	0.22	1.55
2. Consulting Services	4.41	5.88	(1.47)
4. Project Management	0.80	0.18	0.62
5. Capacity Building	3.45	2.18	1.27
6. Land Acquisition and Resettlement	-	-	
Subtotal (A)	40.10	15.82	24.39
B. Recurrent Cost^a			
1. PCU and PIU Staff Cost	0.56	0.15	0.41
2. PCU and PIU Operations	1.39	0.26	1.13
3. PCU and PIU Vehicles and Office Equipment	0.54	0.25	0.29
Subtotal (B)	2.50	0.65	1.84
Total Base Cost (A+B)	42.60	16.47	26.22

^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 March 2020

Expenditures	ADB (\$ mln)	Govt. (\$ mln)	Total (\$ mln)
Actual expenditure for Project Quarter 9 (Q1 2021)	1.760	0.031	1.791
Cumulative expenditure up end of Project Quarter 9 (Q1 2021)	8.564	0.283	8.847

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.

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 \$1mln 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:

Outcome: Tourism competitiveness of secondary towns in the Lao PDR increased

Progress towards the project's outcome in Lao PDR as of 31 March 2021 can be summarized as follows:

Outcome Performance Indicators	Baseline (2016)	Targets (2025)	Progress as of 31 March 2021
a. Lao PDR's share of ASEAN international visitor arrivals increased	3.7%	3.8%	2017: 3.1% 2018: 3.1% 2019: 3.3%

Outcome Performance Indicators	Baseline (2016)	Targets (2025)	Progress as of 31 March 2021
b. Annual international visitor arrivals in project areas increased	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	\$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	50%	55%	Statistics on the tourism industry workforce is collected periodically. Updated data will be included once available.

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 packaged into five¹ 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: 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

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/W03a, 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.

¹ Originally there were four works packages, when Subproject V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal was 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. 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.

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.

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

Stage 1 subprojects are packaged 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 sub-base, sand layer and reinforced concrete pavement works, drainage and culvert works; and (ii) Don Det-Don Khone Access Roads including cleaning and grubbing, common excavation, embankment from borrow materials. 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 including 3 bridges. The overall implementation progress, as of 31st March 2021 was 29.57% (Nakasang access improvement was 24.12% and Don Khone access improvement was 5.45% complete) against the implementation schedule of 42.39%. The overall progress of Q1 of 2021 is 17.8% which was satisfactory using the favorable weather. The design drawings of Bailey bridges on IRL-05 access roads on Don Khone were prepared and submitted to the PMCES Resident Engineer for review and approval during this reporting month.

An ADB review mission was conducted during 6-20 March 2021 including site visit to Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone during 17-March 2021 jointly with the PCU, PIU and the PMCES team. A consultation meeting on resettlement and gender issues with the project beneficiaries and the affected persons was held on 18 March 2021 in Nakasang village.

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) which is being implemented. GRM training with the District authority, district resettlement committee and affected people was conducted during this quarter

Works executed in Q1 2021 (January-March)

Item	Description	Unit	Quantity	Rate (US\$)	Amount (US\$)	Remarks
Bill No.1	GENERAL PROVISION					
102-1	Maintenance of Road, Bridges and Culvert	month	2.00	300.00	600.00	
102-3	Maintenance of Traffic	month	2.00	300.00	600.00	
103-2	Maintenance of Contractor's Establishments	month	4.20	1000	4,200.00	
105-2	Maintenance of Main/Field Laboratory	month	2.00	250	500.00	
BILL No	NAKASANG ACCESS IMPROVEMENT					
200	Earthworks					
200-1	Clearing and Grubbing	m2	- 3,062.16	0.2	- 612.43	
200-2	Common Excavation	m3	2,768.19	1.00	2,768.19	
200-3	Unsuitable Excavation and Backfilling	m3	447.00	3.50	1,564.50	
200-4	Embankment from Borrow Materials	m3	2,034.63	3.50	7,121.21	
200-5	Structural Excavation for Pipe Culverts, Inle	m3	44.40	2.00	88.80	
300	Pavement Works					
300-1	Sub-base	m3	1,280.04	9.00	11,520.36	
300-2	Sand Layer	m3	1,451.38	10.00	14,513.75	
300-4	Reinforced Concrete Pavement, 230 mm t	m2	14,513.75	26.00	377,357.50	
400	DRAINAGE AND CULVERT WORKS					
400-4	Concrete (Grade 25) For U-Drain, V-Drain	m3	382.42	112.00	42,831.26	
400-5	Reinforcement Steel For U-Drain, V-Drain S	Tonne	58.67	720.00	42,239.52	
BILL No	DET AND KONE ISLANDS ROAD AND FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENT					
200	Earthworks					
200-1	Clearing and Grubbing	m2	50,357.13	0.25	12,589.28	
200-4	Common Excavation	m3	7,318.36	1.50	10,977.54	
200-6	Embankment from Borrow Materials	m3	10,131.13	3.50	35,458.94	
300	Pavement Works					
300-1	Sub-base	m3	3,252.27	8.00	26,018.15	
	Total executed amount				590,336.58	17.80%

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. The BER was approved in Q4 2021.

During this quarter, the Letter of Acceptance was issued on 12 February 2021, the contract was awarded with a contract signing ceremony dated 19 February. The site possession was given on 24 March 2021.

It is expected that the Notice to Proceed (NTP) will be given in April 2021 with commencement of works from April 2021 as well with a Kick-off meeting

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

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	• DED prepared • IEE/EMP prepared • Social DDR prepared	• 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 • 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	• Approval of shop drawings for Don Det-Don Khone Access improvements • Conceptual design for (i) Nakasang Port rehabilitation; (ii) Don Det Port improvement; and (iii) Hang Khone area improvement • Detailed Engineering Design for 3 bridges in Don Khone • Approval of shop drawings for Don-Khone Access Roads improvements

Sub-project	Status at start	Progress to date	Outstanding Works
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • GRM Training with District Authority, Contractor and Supervision Engineer on 18 January 2021 • Training on awareness and implementing HIV/AIDS, STI, Human Trafficking, Child Labour Exploitation Prevention Information to all workers (including Gender Action Plan Implementation) on 10 February 2021 at construction site 	
<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 • 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 • The Letter of Acceptance was issued on 12 February 2021 • The Contract was signed on 19 February 2021 • The site possession was given on 24 March 2021 • First and second draft CEMP received and reviewed by PMCES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation completion report (CCR) • EMP monitoring training for concerned PIU staff • Approval of CEMP • Approval of Work Plan • Pre-works survey • Geo-technical Investigation • Approval of shop drawings • Safeguard specific training on EMP implementation to the Contractor • GRM second Training for the Contractor, PIU and Affected People

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

Following the split of the original package W03 (V1-V4) into W03 (V1-V3) and W03a (V4), the bidding documents and safeguards documents for package W03a (subproject V4) will be updated and finalized during Q2-Q3 2021 in coordination with the ADB-financed Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project in Vang Vieng.

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:

- ADB No objection to updated IEE/EMP dated on 26 January 2021
- ADB Disclosed updated IEE/EMP on the Website dated on 26 February 2021
- The National Regulatory Authority (NRA) office did the UXO survey issued a certificate of no risk of UXOs at site for the Nam Ngum Access Improvement subproject on 11 March 2021
- Additional due diligence and Re-submission of BER to ADB

It is expected that obtaining no-objection from ADB, issuing Letter of Acceptance, signing the contract, issuing the Notice to Proceed (NTP) and commencing the work will take place in Q2 2021

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

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, additional due diligence was undertaken to clarify with bidders in order to evaluate the bids. The following activities also were completed:

- IEE/EMP updated and submitted by PMCES on 12 February 2021 based on outcome of additional consultations and pending approval from ADB
- The Sang Seng Xor 1 Division of Army office at Vang Vieng District who did the UXO survey issued a certificate of no risk of UXOs at site for the Keng Yui Waterfall subproject on 18 February 2021
- The Provincial Department of Natural Resources and Environment is expected to issue the ECC for the project in April 2021.

It is expected that obtaining No objection from ADB, issuing Letter of Acceptance, signing the contract, issuing the Notice to Proceed (NTP) and commencing the work will take place in Q2 2021

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 concrete I-girder bridge of deck width 11.6m	1 no.

Key Scopes	V2	V3	Total
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 	

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 Reservoir Access Improvements • V1: Nam Ngum	<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 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of BER for awarding of Contract • Corrective Action Plan (CAP) implementation • Compensation Payment to the

Sub-project	Status at start	Progress to date	Outstanding Works
Reservoir Access Improvement		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • ADB No objection to updated IEE/EMP dated on 26 January 2021 • ADB Disclosed updated IEE/EMP on the Website dated on 26 February 2021 • The National Regulatory Authority (NRA) office did the UXO survey issued a certificate of no risk of UXOs at site for the Nam Ngum Access Improvement subproject on 11 March 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> affected people by Q2 2021 • Compensation payment and closure report by Q2 2021 • Contract signing • Commencement of Contract
TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Vang Vieng Urban-Rural Access <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"> • Approval of BER for awarding the Contract • Further update the IEE and EMP based on outcome of these consultations; • Environmental Compliance Certificate from PONRE • Compensation payment and closure report • Contract signing

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 • IEE/EMP Safeguard is updated and submitted by PMCES on 12-Feb-2021 based on outcome of additional consultations and pending approval from ADB • The Sang Seng Xor 1 Division of Army office at Vang Vieng District who did the UXO survey issued a certificate of no risk of UXOs at site for the Kang Yui Waterfall subproject on 18 February 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commencement of 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 March 2021 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.

There are seven ASEAN Tourism Standards currently being applied in Lao PDR for: (i) Clean Tourist City; (ii) Homestay; (iii) Community-Based Tourism; (iv) Public Toilet; (v) Green Hotel; (vi) Spa Service; and (vii) MICE Venue Standard. In addition, Lao PDR also implements the ASEAN Sustainable Tourism Awards (ASTA). A new MICE Exhibition Standard was released in early 2021. The project is supporting the implementation of all seven standards in Lao PDR. The new MICE Exhibition Standard will be translated into Lao language in Q2, 2021. This will include development of the accompanying Assessor and Training Manuals.

Five of the seven Standards have been adapted to the Lao context and one standard (Spa Service Standard) is being adapted to the Lao context. As per the rules governing the use of ASEAN Standards, each ASEAN Member State (AMS) can make minor modifications to each Standard. These become 'National Standards' and can be awarded national certificates by member countries at any time. This enables AMS's to drive increased service standards at a level appropriate and achievable to each AMS, closely based on the ASEAN Standards.

The award of ASEAN Tourism Standards (non-modified) is carried out at the Annual ASEAN Tourism Forum. These awards are subject to a quota system set and agreed to by ASEAN members. Awards covering the Project's timeframe are as follows:

Year	Award and Nominations per Country	Total	Host
2022	Green Hotel (5) Clean Tourist City (3) ASTA (2) MICE Venue (5) MICE Special Events (5)	20 per country	Cambodia
2023	Homestay (5) Public Toilet (5) Spa Services (5) Community Based Tourism (3)	18 per country	Indonesia
2024	Green Hotel (5) Clean Tourist City (3) ASTA (2) MICE Venue (5) MICE Special Events (5)	20 per country	Laos

The Green Hotel and ASEAN Sustainable Tourism Awards (ASTA) are applied in Lao PDR as full ASEAN Standards (translated into Lao but without modification to the assessment criteria). Priority will be placed on implementing the Lao Tourism Standards (National Standards based on ASEAN Standards), as these are more achievable and not subject to a quota system. This means service standards can be improved more widely across the tourism sector. Nominations for ASEAN Tourism Awards will be pursued as well, as per the quotas set for each category. These nominations will be a secondary priority for the Project.

The Lao Tourism Standards are subject to (i) translation into Lao; (ii) adaptation to become a Lao Tourism Standard; (iii) translation into English; (iv) approval by the Tourism Vice Minister; (v) publication; (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.

Progress of ASEAN Tourism Standards Implementation Capacity Strengthening:

As at 31 March 2021

ASEAN Tourism Standard Adaptation	ASEAN Standard							
	Clean Tourist City	Homestay	Community-Based Tourism	Public Toilet	Green Hotel	Spa Service	MICE Venue	ASTA
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 (ASEAN and national standards)	√	√	√	√	√	~	√	~
Publication of Lao national standards in Lao and English language	√	√	√	√	x	~	√	x
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 become Lao Tourism Standards was completed by Q4 2019, except for the Spa Service Standard. 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), except the Spa Service Standard. 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. The Spa Service Standard will be adapted to Lao context in 2021. The Tourism Vice Minister has yet to approve all of the Lao Tourism Standards that have been adapted.

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. During the reporting period, a new ASEAN Tourism Standards Secretariat was established within MICT. Its role is to coordinate the implementation of ASEAN and Lao

Tourism Standards. A restructuring process for national and provincial level Certification Bodies also started during the reporting period to (i) increase participation by women and (ii) focus on a smaller core team of assessors.

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. Training in Q1 2021 and Q2 2021 will focus on new members who have or are about to be appointed through the restructuring process referred to above.

2.4 ASEAN Tourism Standards promotion

During the reporting period, awareness was raised among the tourism businesses in the Project provinces via ongoing workshops and meetings. The Tourism Standards website is still under construction with a launch planned for Q3 2021. This will host all of the Lao and ASEAN Tourism Standards. A lot more promotion and awareness activities will be carried out after the launch. This is because so far, almost all applications for the ASEAN and Lao Tourism Standards are initiated by government and not by the industry.

2.5 ASEAN Tourism Standards and ASEAN Sustainable Tourism Awards implementation

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

Q4 2020 and Q1 2021 focused on the implementation of the Clean Public Toilet Standard in Vang Vieng, Luang Prabang and Vientiane Province, and the Clean Tourist City Standard in Vang Vieng and Pakse. Other activities relating to the CBT and Homestay standards were delayed due to the COVID-19 situation, particularly the inspection of properties.

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 the Mid-Term Review, Q1 2022.

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 ASEAN Tourism Standards Secretariat

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 Homestay Standard. This figure relates to the number of service providers and not Homestay villages – the Standard is awarded at village level, with a minimum requirement of 5 Homestay providers per village. The actual number of ASEAN certified Homestay villages in Lao, as at Q1 2021 is three (3). Thus, the DMF indicators and targets will need to be adjusted at the Mid-Term Review, Q1 2022.

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 its 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. Annex 12 provide an overview of certification targets for 2021, for both ASEAN and Lao Tourism Standards.

Annex 2 includes a complete overview of Output 2 activities implemented during Q1 of 2021. 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.

To date, DMNs have not fully developed their potential to be vehicles for public-private sector collaboration. In order to strengthen public-private collaboration and coordination, during this reporting period, meetings with the key businesses and development partners in the tourism sector were organized at the national level. The purpose was to agree on a private sector-led action plan, identify private sector key players and synergize the support amongst the relevant projects and development partners. This process will be replicated in the project target areas in Q2-Q3 2021 and will lead to a restructuring of the DMNs in Q4 2021.

Public sector DMN members from MICT and DICTs in the project target areas continued their post-graduate education and English training 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 regularly to identify and discuss policy issues affecting tourism sector in project target destinations. Recent focus has been on addressing the negative impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic and plans for eventual gradual reopening.

During this reporting period, the tourism activity standards manual (water activities, caving and ziplining activities), prepared in 2020, was published.

Work regarding the preparation of tourism masterplans for the project target areas of Siphandone, Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir and Luang Prabang City is delayed due to 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 considered 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 end of 2021.

Further, it has also been decided, in response to an urgent request from the Government, that the project will also support updating of the Vang Vieng tourism masterplan. This is within the project scope and has been included in the 2021 annual workplan.

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 Q1 of 2021, destination marketing activities were included in the private sector-led action plan 2021 at the national level, which includes promoting the Lao-Visit-Laos Campaign

and destination Laos in regional markets (short and medium-term priorities of the Lao PDR Tourism Recovery Roadmap 2021-2025). The action plan will be implemented in Q2 2021. A private sector-led action plan in the project target provinces will be developed in Q2 2021.

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.

During Q1 of 2021, key tourist sites and routes in the project target areas were prioritized based on the Heritage Interpretation Plans. The contents of the interpretation panels, signage and online tools will be developed in Q2 – Q3 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, assessments of COVID-19 impact on tourism-related SMEs in the project target areas were being prepared, including objectives of the assessment, definition and criteria of target SMEs, data collection and analysis methods and questionnaires. The assessments will be conducted in Q2 – Q3 2021.

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.

The Internet based tourism knowledge repository's concept was developed, including objectives of the website, target audiences and languages. The website's technical aspect was defined, such as web hosting, domain name, theme and plug-in. The contents will be uploaded to the site in Q2 and the site will be launched in Q3 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.

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 draft O&M manual was done during detailed design and will be confirmed and finalized during construction.

Subproject V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements. Development of draft O&M manual was done during detailed design and will be confirmed and finalized during construction.

Subproject V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements. Development of draft O&M manual was done during detailed design and will be confirmed and finalized during construction.

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

Subproject V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements.

Development of draft O&M manual was done during detailed design and will be confirmed and finalized during construction. Capacity and training needs assessment was conducted in Q4 2020 and a capacity development plan will be prepared during Q2-Q3 2021.

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 was conducted in Q4 2020 and a capacity development plan will be prepared during Q2-Q3 2021 for subproject V5 (landfill) and training and capacity building activity plan will be developed in Q2-3 2021.

Annex 2 includes a complete overview of Output 3 activities implemented during Q1 of 2021. The DMF, in Annex 3, also includes progress updates on Output 3 activities.

Progress towards realizing contributions to ADB Results Framework:

As of 31 March 2021

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 rural roads (kilometers)	62.6 km	Built or upgraded to concrete paving or double bituminous surface treatment.	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.

No.	Level 2 Results Framework Indicators (Outputs and Outcomes)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Methods / Comments	Actually planned / realized (Lao PDR)
				<p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements is scheduled to be signed in Q2 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 Q2 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 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 was 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>TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements was signed on 19 February 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-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements</p>

No.	Level 2 Results Framework Indicators (Outputs and Outcomes)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Methods / Comments	Actually planned / realized (Lao PDR)
				was completed during the first half of 2020, and contract signing is targeted for Q2 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 is scheduled in Q2 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). Draft PPMS and a Baseline Report were submitted to ADB for comment, and are being improved during Q1-2 of 2021.

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 March 2021 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 March 2021 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 March 2021, the Project has spent the amount \$4.080 million. The amount of \$0.427 million for January to March expenditures will be submitted soon. ADB has approved the increase in the ceiling of the advance account to \$1,500,000 on 4 December 2020. The advance account including the PIU subaccounts have an existing balance \$0.xxx 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 testing of the accounting software are still ongoing to ensure that the software meets the Project requirements. Still, 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 solely.

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 to cover 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. The audited financial statements for Fiscal Year 2020 are due for submission to ADB on 30 June 2021. The SAO is likely to start the fielding of audit soon to meet the deadline.

Progress on implementation of the Project Financial Management Action Plan as of 31 March 2021 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 March 2021.

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-W04	Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements	USD 3,600,000	USD 3,156,160	ICB	15-Sep-20	28-Dec-20	Signed: 19 February 2021 PCSS G22778 No additional contracts planned

^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 March 2020:

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.

Goods and Works						
Package Number	General Description	Estimated Value ^a	Procurement Method	Advertisement Date	Estimated Contract Award	Comments
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
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^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 March 2021:

Package Number	General Description	Estimated Value	Recruitment Method	Advertisement Date	Estimated Contract Signing Date	Comments
TIIGP2-LAO-C8a	National Financial Management and Procurement Specialist	\$12,494.00	ICS	23/Feb/21	15 April 2021	Replacement National 3 person-months

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:

Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01: 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 Q4 2020 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 order 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. 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.

The CAP is being implemented in two phases. Phase 1, consisting of compensation payment for disturbance and transitional allowance, was completed during this reporting period. During Phase 2, which will be implemented during Q2 2021, assessment of value of impacted structures and cost of transportation will be determined and paid to AHs accordingly.

Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: 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. ADB approved the updated IEE and EMP on 26 February 2021. The UXO Clearance Certificate was issued on 11 March 2021.

After the consultation meeting held in December 2020 it was observed that not all affected households are fully aware of their entitlements and in particular the compensation “in kind”. It was decided to organize follow up meetings with the affected households to ensure full understanding and agreement on the compensation package. In the first quarter of 2021 several consultation and disclosure meetings were held with both PIU and the affected

households. During the first meeting in January 2021 the stakeholders were informed about the approach and methodology for calculating replacement structures. At the second meeting organized in early February 2021 the draft calculations on replacement structures and rent for individual households were disclosed to the PIU and affected household. At the level of affected households there was a general rejection of the proposed compensation package and moreover several additional impacted assets and asset owners were identified. In response to that a meeting was organized with the Provincial Governor to discuss these issues and potential new compensation approach. The two main issues which currently need to be addressed are the impacts on Ministry of Public Security land and structures, and the identification of suitable relocation land for eligible affected households.

Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: 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, The PMCES conducted a follow-up GRM training for the PIU (Vang Vieng District) on 14 December 2020. The PMCES Consultant has subsequently updated the IEE and EMP and the updated documents were submitted to ABD on 12 February 2021. The approval by ADB is pending confirmation of the classification of the forest surrounding the Kaeng Yui Waterfall area. New information in the form of an agriculture and forest land use planning map for the Naduang Village (2014) has come forward that indicates that the forest where the waterfall is located is classified as conservation forest. The PMCES and the PIU are investigating the issue. The Provincial Department of Natural Resources and Environment is expected to issue the ECC for the IEE/EMP in April 2021. The UXO Clearance Certificate for the Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge was issued on 16 December 2020, and the UXO Clearance Certificate for Kaeng Yui Waterfall was issued on 18 February 2021.

In light of discoveries at the V1 subproject site where it became apparent that the identification of social impacts and determination of associated mitigation measures had been inadequate, it was decided to conduct additional social due diligence for both V2 and V3 subprojects during Q1 2021. The findings suggest that there are minor deviations and inconsistencies between baseline data and the approved Resettlement Plan, which are currently being verified. Additionally, some minor issues were identified which are verbally agreed, however these need to be formalized in writing, such as ownership of land and structures within subproject footprint, and the full consent from owners (government and community) to demolish structures, rebuild new structures and use the land for subproject purposes.

Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: 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.

There have been no further developments on sub project V4 since last quarter. First round of consultation meetings with PIU and representatives of the affected households and business owners are planned to take place in third quarter of 2021. Following that an approach for addressing potential social safeguard issues will be discussed with ADB social safeguards specialists.

Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: 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. The Contractor submitted the first draft CEMP to the PMCES on 11 March 2021. PMCES reviewed the draft CEMP and provided comments, and the Contractor submitted the 2nd draft on 24 March 2021. PMCES provided comments on 29 March and met with the contractor on 31 March 2021 to go through and explain the outstanding issues. The CEMP is expected to be finalized and approved in April 2021.

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 three 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 SMRs describe 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.

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	Submitted on 16 February 2021; Comments from ADB addressed and resubmitted on 6 April 2021
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 of implementing the GAP can be summarized as follows:

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

A detailed progress report on GAP implementation is included in Annex 9.

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	\$ 4,669,065
TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yu Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvement	\$ 8,829,708
Total	\$13,498,773

Main activities planned for Q2 2021:

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

The primary focus for Q2 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-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements focus will be (i) Notice to proceed (NTP) and commencement of construction works; (ii) pre-works survey; (ii) geo-technical investigation; (iii) 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 (iv) capacity needs assessment for solid waste management for the basis of the development of O&M capacity building program for the Vang Vieng Landfill; (v) compensation Completion Report and closure report; (vi) safeguard specific training on EMP implementation to the Contractor; (vii) GRM second Training for the Contractor, PIU and Affected People and (viii) Shop drawings

For packages of TIIGP2-LAO-W02/W03 focus will be on: (i) approval of BER for awarding of the contract; (ii) revise workplan ; (iii) compensation payment and completion report; (iv) obtain performance bank guarantee (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 Q2 2021 is as follows:

Activities	Who	When
TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvement (C1, C2)		
Construction of reinforced concrete U-drain lining ditches and concrete pavement for Nakasang Access Improvements	Contractor/PKCC	Apr – Jun 2021
Update Work Program	Contractor/PKCC	Apr 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	May 2021
Implementation of CAP due to non-compliance of Social Safeguard at Nakasang Port	PMCES	Apr-Jun 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)		
CAP of Social Safeguard and Implementation	PMCES/PIU/PCU	Apr - Jun 2021
Compensation payment and closure report	PMCES/PIU/PCU	Apr - Jun 2021
Bid Evaluation Report submission to ADB	MICT/ FMPS	Apr 2021
Contract Award	MICT/ FMPS	Apr 2021
Contract Sign	MICT/ FMPS	Apr 2021
Commencement of construction of works	MICT/ FMPS	Jun 2021
TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements		
Update IEE/EMP and obtain ADB endorsement	PMCES/PIU/PCU	Apr - Jun 2021
Compensation Completion Report and closure	PMCES/PIU/PCU	Apr - Jun 2021

Bid Evaluation Report submission to ADB	MICT/ FMPS	Apr 2021
Contract Award	MICT/ FMPS	May 2021
Contract Sign	MICT/ FMPS	May 2021
Commencement of construction of works	MICT/ FMPS	Jun 2021
TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban-Renewal		
ADB NOL IEE/EMP	PMCES/MICT/ADB	Apr 2021 - Sep 2021
ADB NOL RP	PMCES/MICT/ADB	Apr 2021 - Sep 2021
IFB	MICT/FMPS	01 Oct 2021
Compensation payment and closure report	PMCES/PIU/PCU	01 Nov 2021
Pre-bid Meeting	MICT/FMPS	21 Oct 2021
Site Visit	MICT/FMPS	22 Oct 2021
Bid Opening	MICT/ FMPS	15 Nov 2021
Bid Evaluation	MICT/ FMPS	Nov-Dec 2021 and Jan-22
Contract Award	MICT/ FMPS	Jan 2022
Contract Sign	MICT/ FMPS	Jan 2022
Approved IEE/EMP/Certificate by PONRE	PONRE/PMCES/PIU	Nov -Dec 2021
TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements (V5)		
(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	Apr - Jun 2021
Compensation Completion Report and closure report	PMCES/PIU/PCU	Apr - Jun 2021
Notice to proceed (NTP)	MICT/PCU	Apr 2021
Commencement of construction of works	MICT/ FMPS	Apr 2021

Output 2: Capacity to implement ASEAN Tourism Standards strengthened

Focus during Q2 of 2021 will be on (i) completing adaptation of the latest updates of ASEAN Tourism Standards to the Lao context (Spa Service and MICE) (ii) finishing the logos for the various national adapted standards; (iii) restructuring the assessment and certification bodies; (iv) develop self-assessment tools for standards; (v) finalize assessment manuals; (vi) continue training of assessors; (vii) continue to publish the national adapted standards; (viii) continue dissemination workshops; and (ix) complete the development of criteria and policy for project support for implementation of the standards.

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

In Q2 2021, DMN work will focus on (i) finalizing and supporting the implementation of the private sector-led action plans at the national level and the project target areas, (ii) continuing to support public sector DMN members with their foreign languages and post-graduate degrees, (iii) facilitating approval, dissemination and implementation of the national tourist attraction standard, tourist activity standards and other industry regulations, (iv) continuing the tourism master planning work for the three target destinations (mission 2 – if feasible due to COVID-19) and update tourism master planning for Vang Vieng (mission 1 – if feasible due to COVID-19), (v) developing a 2021 tourism marketing plan for Lao PDR and the project target destinations, (vi) developing contents for heritage interpretation on the prioritized tourism sites

and routes, (vii) conducting tourism-related SME needs and COVID-19 impact assessments and developing SME support plans for the project target areas, including developing a SME database, and (viii) uploading the contents to the Internet based tourism knowledge repository and DMN website.

Regarding institutional arrangements for O&M planning work, focus during Q2 of 2021 will be on the landfill subproject (V5), particularly (i) preparing capacity building plan based on needs assessment already conducted; and (ii) commencing the financial analysis for the operation.

Project Management Activities

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:
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 - WA #34 (SOE Jan 2021): \$111,470.08
 - WA #35 (SOE Feb 2021): \$156,563.14
 - WA #36 (SOE Mar 2021): \$159,889.53
 - WA #37 (SOE Apr 2021): \$150,000.00 (estimate)
- Direct payments:
 - WA #xx direct payment \$315,616 (Advance under Package W04)
 - WA # xx direct payment \$464,906(Advance under Package W02)
 - WA # xx direct payment \$882,970 (Advance under Package W03)
 - WA # xx direct payment \$500,000 (IPC 2 under Package W01)
 - WA for direct payment to Ramboll A/S under contract TIIGP2-LAO-C01 PMCES Consultant: \$400,000 (estimate)

12. Issues and Recommendations

Civil works contracts for packages 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 and additional due diligence requested by ADB have prevented this. Moreover, additional social safeguards issues identified related to Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02 require significant additional time and resources to resolve. Additional social safeguards due diligence has been completed and updated BERs submitted to ADB. It is hoped the internal approvals can be obtained in by April 2021 and that ADB can provide no-objection 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, so that these two contracts can be awarded in April/May 2021.

As previously reported, the global COVID-19 pandemic has prevented a number 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. However, the recent “second wave” of COVID-19 in Lao PDR has resulted in another strict lockdown, including work-from-home order and suspension of all internal travel in the country, which will undoubtedly have an impact on progress.

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Annex 1: Progress of civil works by subproject as of 31 March 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>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>The present status of the project is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DED Review submission by PMCES on 28 August 2019 • IEE and EMP approved by ADB on 12 September 2019 • ADB No Objection to the Bidding Document on 17 September 2019
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFB issued on 18 September 2019 • IEE/EMP clearance Other certificates by PONRE/Champasak/ permits on 21 October 2019 • DED clearance certificates by DPWT/Champasak on 22 October 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 • ADB No objection to the DDR on 23 December 2019 • Contract Award on 26 December 2019 • Contract Signing on 30 December 2019 • Kick-off meeting on 20 January 2020 • Site possession on 7 January 2020 • CEMP on 12 May 2020 • Revised Work Program on 12 May 2020 • UXO clearance on 29 April 2020 • Notice to proceed by 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 • GRM Training with District Authority, Contractor and Supervision Engineer on 18 January 2021 • Training on awareness and implementing HIV/AIDS, STI, Human Trafficking, Child Labour Exploitation Prevention Information to all workers (including Gender Action Plan Implementation) on 10 February 2021 at construction site • The pre-works survey completed for Nakasang, Don Det-Don Khone access roads • The constructional drawings for Nakasang Access Roads have been submitted and approved.

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The constructional drawings for Don Khone access roads have been submitted by the Contractor and being reviewed by the PMCES consultant. • Soil investigation for 3 bridges in Don Khone completed and the detailed engineering design are being prepared by the Contractor. <p>All of construction works on site are being daily supervised by the PMCES consultants.</p> <p>The Contractor taken safety measures in response of COVID-19 Pandemic.</p> <p>Overall construction progress as of 31 March 2021, was 29.57%.</p>
Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements		
V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements	<p>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 m² parking area; (iii) construct a new 3,860 m² public market and shophouses to replace existing 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.</p>	<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.</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 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 07September 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

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further updated the IEE and EMP based on outcome of these consultations to the ADB on 29 December 2020 • ADB No objection to updated IEE/EMP dated on 26 January 2021 • ADB Disclosed updated IEE/EMP on the Website dated on 26 February 2021 • The National Regulatory Authority (NRA) office did the UXO survey issued a certificate of no risk of UXOs at site for the Nam Ngum Access Improvement subproject on 11 March 2021 <p>Target contract signing is in Q2 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.	<p>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.</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 bid evaluation and additional due diligence were carried out in Q1 2021.</p>
V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements	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>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 • IEE/EMP Safeguard is updated and submitted by PMCES on 12-Feb-2021 based on outcome of additional consultations and pending approval from ADB

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sang Seng Xor 1 Division of Army office at Vang Vieng District who did the UXO survey issued a certificate of no risk of UXOs at site for the Kang Yui Waterfall subproject on 18 February 2021 <p>Target contract signing is in Q2 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 and Q1 2021.</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 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</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>

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
	<p>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>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 bid evaluation and additional due diligence were carried out in Q4 2020.</p> <p>The contract was awarded on 19 February 2019 to Ceteau-Panyathilath Joint Venture with a contract amount of USD \$ 3,156,160.09 including contingency of USD US\$ 286,923.64)</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 • 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 • ADB No Objection to the BER on 28 December 2020 • The Letter of Acceptance was issued on 12 February 2021 • The Contract was signed on 19 February 2021 • The site possession was given on 24 March 2021 <p>Target commence of the works is in Q2 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	13,208,778
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	3,156,160.09 (The contracted cost with CeTeau-Panyathilath Joint Venture)
V5. Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements.	5,632,000		
Total	29,676,093	29,564,308.36	29,399,560.45

Annex 2: Record of Output 2 and 3 and Project Management Activities implemented during Quarter 1 of 2021 (1 January– 31 March 2021)

Budget code	Activity	Date	Location	Objective	Implementing Personnel	Participants	Women	Results/Outcome/Comments	Budget(\$/Kip)
1.1.20	Work with PMCES consultants and training on	25-29/01/2021	Khong district, Champasak	Training on procedures and methods for collecting information on affected assets, procedures for resolving project grievances for PIU District Arbitration Committee Members (RC)	PMCES, PIU and	41	13	Completed as plan	14,140,000
1.2.1	Participate in the signing ceremony of the contract award for Vang Vieng landfill improvement project, Vang Vieng district	2/19/2021-2/21/2021	Vang Vieng	Be a witness	VTP-PIU	6	1	Contract award signed	5,000,000
1.2.1	Organize signing ceremony meeting for Vang Vieng landfill improvement project	19-21/02/2021	Silver Naga Hotel Vang Vieng District	Signing contract award	PIU - VV	53	21	Complete as plan	9,670,000
1.3.20	Organize meeting with project-affected people in the Nam ngum1 reservoir subproject site	2/8/2021-2/12/2021	Nam ngum 1 reservoir subproject site, VTP	Consultation on social safeguards	VTP-PIU	35	13	Workshop organized	19,850,000
1.3.20	Workshop to summarize the forms of compensation of the social safeguards	2/22/2021-2/22/2021	Vientiane province	Summarize the social safeguards work that will continue to work together in the future	VTP-PIU	17	2	Able to arrange inkind compensation meeting according to the plan	3,530,000
1.4.6	VV-PIU: Workshop to identify Vang Vieng tourist map and issues about Nam Song - Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements	21-23/01/2021	Thavisouk Hotel Vang Vieng	Identify Vang Vieng tourist map and issues, regarding the Nam Song Western Loop Access Improvement	PIU - VV	43	15	Activity completed as plan	21,460,000
1.4.20	Compensation payments and conduct training on grievance redress mechanisms for affected people at Vang Vieng landfill project area (W04) and W03.	17-19/02/2021	Vang Vieng	GRM training and consultation meetings for W04 and W03	PIU - VV	192	95	The mission completed as plan	16,560,000
1.4.20	Collect information and issue/approve the environmental certificates for W03 (Kaeng Nyui waterfall access improvement and Vang Vieng Western loop road and bridge improvement)	12-26/02/2021	Vang Vieng	Issue/approve the environmental certificates for W03 subproject sites	PIU - VV			Environmental certificates for W03 approved/issued	3,500,000

Budget code	Activity	Date	Location	Objective	Implementing Personnel	Participants	Women	Results/Outcome/Comments	Budget(\$/Kip)
1.4.6	PCU: Workshop to identify Vang Vieng tourist map and issues about Nam Song - Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements	21-23/1/2021	Vang Vieng, VTP	Identify Vang Vieng tourist map and issues, regarding the Nam Song Western Loop Access Improvement	PCU	27	10	Stakeholders workshop has been consulted for agreement on tourism development issue at subproject sites	29,217,000
1.4.6	Design the Vang Vieng district tourist map	12/2020 - 1/2021	Vang Vieng, VTP	Design the map 2020-2030	PCU	1	1	Tourist map designed	\$400
2.4.3.2	Meeting to discuss the implementation of tourism activity standards	25-27/01/2022	Vang Vieng, VTP	Organize consultation meeting about tourism activity standards	PCU	20	5	Complete as plan	14,800,000
2.7.2	Consultation meeting with tourism business association and tourism network on the ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard	27-29/01/2022	Vang Vieng, VTP	To discuss with tourism business association	PCU	18	8	Fruitfull workshop	13,460,000
2.7.2	Public-Private and tourism network workshop to promote ASEAN tourism standards	21-22/1/2021	VTE	To promote and disseminate the ASEAN tourism standards	PCU	40	21	Completed as plan	18.000.000
2.8.1	Organize consultation meeting with relevant tourism departments/Divisions to identify the activities to be implemented in 2021 for ASEAN and Lao PDR tourism standards (Tourism Standards Secretariat)	13-15/01/2021	Vang Vieng, VTP	To discuss and identify the activities to be implemented in 2021	PCU	20	9	Activities to be implemented in 2021 identified	15,480,000
3.2.4	Summary of Survey Opinions and Needs for Developing Short-Term Curriculum in the Department of Tourism and Hospitality	21-23/2021	NUOL, VTE	Summary of survey results/comments	Department of Tourism and Hospitality, NUOL	6	5	Be aware of survey data	8.800.000
3.2.4	Improve English language skills for teachers 12/1-5/8/2021 at Vientiane College (2nd payment)	11/1-5/8/2021	Vientiane College	Upgrade English language	Tourism Department, NUOL	2	2	English language upgraded	\$1,664
3.2.4	Revise the draft strategic plan for human resource development in the tourism sector 2020-2025	14-15/12/2020	VTE	To complete the format, content and grammar	Technical and Planning Division	2	1	The draft finalized/completed	\$2,000
3.4.2	Workshop to disseminate Lao PDR Tourism Evaluation Manual in Vientiane Capital	4-5/2/2021	VTE	Promote Vientiane Capital become a place to develop sustainable tourism along with nature	Planning and Development Division	22	12	Implemented	4,400,000

Budget code	Activity	Date	Location	Objective	Implementing Personnel	Participants	Women	Results/Outcome/Comments	Budget(\$/Kip)
3.4.3	Publish tourism activity standards manual (water activities, caving and ziplining activities)	10/09-15/10/2020	VTE	Publish tourism activity standards manual	Tourism Development Department	3	0	Tourism activity standards manual distributed (for stakeholders)	28.490.000
3.5.1	Report writing and revision under research on the effectiveness of tourism development in Vang Vieng District, Vientiane Province	18-20/01/2021	NUOL, VTE	Finalize the report	Department of Tourism and Hospitality, NUOL	5	3	Report completed	17.600.000
3.5.1	Complete research paper on recruitment of tourism workers in the tourism businesses in Luang Prabang City	15-26/01/2021	LPB	Finalize the report	Department of Tourism and Hospitality, NUOL	1	1	Report completed	17.600.000
3.5.2.2	Support annual Festival "Savan Fun Fest 2020" .in Savannakhet 4-6/12/2020 (1st payment)	16/2/2021	Savannakhet	- To promote Lao visit Laos during COVID 19 outbreak - To promote outstanding attractions in Savannakhet - To promote festival "Savan Fun Fest" becomes annually	Green Advanture	4	1	Number of visitors increased	80,000,000
3.5.2.2	The 1st Sustainable Tourism Exchange Forum 2020 Meeting: How Sustainable Tourism Meetings Can Help Your Tourism Business?. Vientiane Capital	02/08/2021	VTE	To develop sustainable tourism along with nature	Planning and Development Division	58	28	Completed as expected	17,600,000
3.5.2.3	Design the travel guide book for Champasak province	1/7/2020 Late submitted	CPS	To promote new attractions	PCU	4	2	Completed	4,290.00
3.5.2.3	Design the tourist map of Champasak District	1/7/2020 Late submitted	CPS	To promote new attractions	PCU	4	2	Completed	3,470.00
3.5.2.4	Design tourist information center and toilets at Tourism Marketing Department	23/02/2021	VTE	To improve the visitor center	Marketing	6	2	Design completed	\$2,000
3.8a	Funding to be disbursed to the executives of Green AdvantureTravel Co., Ltd.(Parent Company), During COVID 19 outbreak	02/12/2021	VTE	To compensate the salaries of 5 administrative staff/Managers	Green AdvantureTravel Co., Ltd.	5	1	Incentive for staff /Encourage staff	40,005,000
3.8a	Revise and edit the Entertainment Standards Manual	15-17/12/2020 Late submitted	VTE	Revise and edit	Tourism Management Department	3	0	Revise completed	2,000,000

Budget code	Activity	Date	Location	Objective	Implementing Personnel	Participants	Women	Results/Outcome/Comments	Budget(\$/Kip)
4.12.1	Participate in annual National Steering Committee Meeting to review the project progress 2020 and planning meeting 2021	18-21/1/2021	LPB	Review the project progress and planning meeting	LPB-PIU	5	4	Constructive comments provided	11,650,000
4.12.1	Participate in annual National Steering Committee Meeting to review the project progress 2020 and planning meeting 2021	18-21/1/2021	VTE	Review the project progress and planning meeting	VV-PIU	7	3	Completed as expected	10,252,000
4.12.1	Participate in annual National Steering Committee Meeting to review the project progress 2020 and planning meeting 2021	1/18/2021-1/21/2021	VTE	Review the project progress and planning meeting	VTP-PIU	5	2	Completed as expected	4,570,000
4.12.1	Organize project review 2020 and planning meeting for four tourism departments 2021 at national level	05-06/01/2021	VTE	Review the project progress and planning meeting	PCU	54	25	Planning completed	28,800,000
4.12.1	Participate in annual National Steering Committee Meeting to review the project progress 2020 and planning meeting 2021	18-21/01/2021	VTE	To review the progress	CPS-PIU	5	2	Completed as plan	11,950,000
4.12.2	Training on budget planning to serve the implementation of the Departments in the tourism sector using the project budget	25/2/2021	VTE	To learn budget planning process	PCU/Financial and administration staff	42	26	Improve knowledge	17,485,000
4.12.2	Auditing the implementation of activities and financial accounting of the project in LPB	17-20/3/2021	LPB	Audit the financial accounting	Auditors, PCU, PIU	9	7	To make the financial account in accordance with the project system	5,150,000
4.12.3	Baseline data collection for target groups/project areas in LPB	25-30/1/2021	LPB	To collect baseline data	PIU LPB	60	28	Data/information collected	6,815,000
4.12.3	Baseline data collection for target groups/project areas in LPB (additional budgeting)	25-30/1/2021	LPB	To collect baseline data	PIU LPB	60	28	Data/information collected	3,600,000
4.12.3	Baseline data collection for target groups/subproject sites/villages in Vang Vieng	6-13/01/2021	Vang Vieng	To collect baseline data	PIU - VV	455	196	Data/imformation collected	28,160,000
4.12.3	Participate in baseline data collection in Vang Vieng subproject sites/villages	6-13/1/2021	Vang Vieng	To collect baseline data	PCU	5	2	Data/imformation collected	9,250,000
4.12.3	Pay the fee for the environmental certificate and the certificate of use of Phou En protected area at Nam Ngum 1 reservoir subproject site (W02)	1/1/2021-1/30/2021	Vientiane province	Pay the fee for the environmental certificate	VTP-PIU	8	3	Service fee paid	7,000,000
4.12.3	Collect information and inspect for UXO certification for Nam Ngum 1 subproject site (W02)	1/1/2021-1/30/2021	Vientiane province	Issue unexploded ordnance safety zone certificate for W02	VTP-PIU	12	3	Able to survey and issue certificates for unexploded ordnance collection	26,942,000

Budget code	Activity	Date	Location	Objective	Implementing Personnel	Participants	Women	Results/Outcome/Comments	Budget(\$/Kip)
4.12.3	Collect information and inspect for UXO certification for Kaeng Nyui waterfall access road (Ban Phone Pheng - Ban Naduang)	02/02-13/03/2021	Vang Vieng	Issue unexploded ordnance safety zone certificate for W03 (Kaeng Nyui access road)	PIU - VV	42	12	Certificate for UXO issued	44,195,000
4.12.4	Participate in the field trip together with EA/PCU and national gender specialist to monitor the project progress of Nakasang - Don Det -Don Khone subproject sites, Khong district	8-11/02/2021	Champasak	To monitor and supervise the progress	CPS-PIU	59	20	Completed as expected	14,530,000
4.13.3	Organize National Project Steering Committee meeting to review the progress 2020 and planning meeting for 2021	19-20/01/2021	VTE	To review the progress and planning 2021	PCU	84	40	Planning completed	50,095,500
4.14.3	Organize baseline data collection in target areas/target groups in LPB	25-30/01/2021	LPB	Consultant team/PCU	LPB-PIU/DICT, PCU and consultants	7	3	Data/information collected	8.490.000

Annex 3: Progress towards DMF targets and activity implementation as of 31 March 2021

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 March 2021
Outcome: Tourism competitiveness of secondary towns in Cambodia and the Lao PDR increased	By 2025				
	e. 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%
	f. 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
	g. 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
	h. 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 Mar 2021	Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 March 2021
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 Q2 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 Q2 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/Q1 2022. 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 was scheduled on 19 February 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 Mar 2021	Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 March 2021
	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>Contract for package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements, which includes passenger/ferry port improvement, was is scheduled to be signed in Q2 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>Contract for package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements was signed 17 February 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/Q1 2022. 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>
	1e. Solid waste management services improved for 5,700 households and businesses (2017 baseline)	2,596	5,700	20%		
	Cambodia	968	1,600			

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline	Targets	Weight (%)	Achievement in Lao PDR as of 31 Mar 2021	Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 March 2021
	Lao PDR	1,628	4,100		0	Contract for package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements was signed 17 February 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			
	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.

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline	Targets	Weight (%)	Achievement in Lao PDR as of 31 Mar 2021	Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 March 2021
	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. Baseline and 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 Mar 2021	Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 March 2021
	Lao PDR	23	113		28	<p>3 homestay villages certified in target provinces, with a combined number of 23 service providers in 2016:</p> <p>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)</p> <p>2017: 25 service providers 2018/19: 28 service providers 2020: 28 service providers</p> <p>Baseline and target may need to be reviewed at mid-term.</p>
	2d. At least 6 towns ASEAN Clean City Standard certified (2017 baseline)	2	6	8%		
	Cambodia	1	3			
	Lao PDR	1	3		1	<p>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.</p>
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	<p>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.</p>

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline	Targets	Weight (%)	Achievement in Lao PDR as of 31 Mar 2021	Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 March 2021
	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		3,529	To date, 3,529 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 (March 2021), of the residents and tourism workers who have participated in destination management training and awareness-raising activities, 46 % were women (1,639 out of 3,529)

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline	Targets	Weight (%)	Achievement in Lao PDR as of 31 Mar 2021	Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 March 2021
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 list of targeted SMEs for remainder of project will be compiled through SME needs assessments planned for Q2-Q3 2021. Data available to date: 845 participants in SME development activities.
	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 is being compiled and list of targeted SMEs for remainder of project will be compiled through SME needs assessments planned for Q2-Q3 2021. Data available to date: 45.4% (384 out of 845) participants in SME development activities were women. 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.

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. X
 - Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: (subproject V1): Updated RP and IEE/EMP report approved and included in the bidding document and contract. PONRE/Vientiane Province issued Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) on (IEE/EMP) on 7 September for the period of 1 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 and contract. PONRE/Vientiane Province issued Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) on IEE/EMP.
 - TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal (subproject V4): RP and IEE/EMP report in process of being update, scheduled to be completed by Q3/4 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 and contract. 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 March 2021
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. LAR CAP prepared and under implementation. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: (subproject V1): LAR CAP under preparation, compensation delayed. • 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 Compensation Completion Report ready to be prepared pending a few minor confirmations. • TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal (subproject V4): Compensation payments based on RP (under preparation) is scheduled for Q3/4 2021. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: (Subproject V5): Compensation payments based on EGDRP and preparation and Compensation Completion Report being reviewed and finalized.
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 delayed but expected to be completed by April/May 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 delayed but expected to be completed by April/May 2021. • TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal (subproject V4): IFB scheduled for Q3/4 2021, contract award by Q4 2021/Q1 2022. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: (Subproject V5): Completed. Contract signed 19 February 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): Commenced on 26 May 2020. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: (subproject V1): Scheduled to commence Q2 2021. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: (subprojects V2, V3): Scheduled to commence Q2 2021. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: (subproject V4): Scheduled to commence Q4 2021/Q1 2022. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: (Subproject V5): Site possession given March 2021.
2. Capacity to implement ASEAN tourism standards strengthened	
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.

Key Activities with Milestones		Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 March 2021
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.
2.5.1	Prepare implementation plans for ASEAN Tourism Standards: Q4 2019–Q4 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of implementation plans is scheduled for Q2 2021.
2.5.2.1	Standards inspection and certification: Q4 2019–Q4 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trial assessments conducted and more planned.
2.5.2.2	Support public sector implementation of ASEAN Tourism Standards (e.g. ASEAN Clean City Standard, ASEAN Public Toilet Standard): Q1 2020–Q4 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support of Tourism Standard Implementation in project target commenced with public toilets, and support for others, including 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. • Structures of DMNs will be reviewed and updated to ensure better gender balance and more private sector participation.
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 March 2021
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. Tourism masterplan update for Vang Vieng planned.
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 and is ongoing. • 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 Q2 2021.
3.6 Design and implement SME training Q2 2020–Q4 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs assessment are completed related to support for SMEs suffering from the COVID-19 situation. • More needs assessments planned for SME support targeting the subproject areas. • Roll out of SME support has started but will be ramped up during 2021/2022.
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 Q2/3 2021.
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 ongoing, 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"> • Needs assessment for landfill subproject completed and capacity building plan under preparation.
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.

Key Activities with Milestones	Progress in Lao PDR as of 31 March 2021
Mobilize consultants and procure equipment: Q1 2019-Q2 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed – all planned consultants recruited and mobilized.
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 is operational
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"> PPMS and updated baseline report drafted and submitted to ADB in Q2 2020. International and National Gender Specialists are supporting the project with GAP implementation. Safeguards experts 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, but under review, - will become 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 4: Weighted implementation table with progress as of 31 March 2021

		incompleted activities												completed activities (all in past)																							
		1 future, orig. plan				2 past, orig. plan (not done)				3 past, actual, orig. plan				4 past, actual, unplanned				5 future, latest plan				6 past, actual, orig. plan				7 past, actual, unplanned											
No.	Activities	2018				2019				2020				2021				2022				2023				2024				(a) Progress (%)	(b) Assigned Weight (%)	(a) x (b) Weighted Progress (%)					
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
A.	Design and Monitoring Framework																																				
	Output 1: Last-mile tourism access infrastructure improved																																				
	<u>TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements</u>																																			10.22%	5.59%
	1.1 Prepare civil works design and bidding documents																																	100.00%	2.00%	2.00%	
	1.2 Safeguards document approval																																	100.00%	0.40%	0.40%	
	1.3 Complete land acquisition and resettlement																																	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
	1.4 Civil works procurement																																	100.00%	1.20%	1.20%	
	1.5 Implement civil works construction, supervision, and supply equipment																																	30.00%	6.62%	1.99%	
	<u>TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements</u>																																			16.19%	4.28%
	1.1 Prepare civil works design and bidding documents																																	100.00%	2.00%	2.00%	
	1.2 Safeguards document approval																																	100.00%	0.40%	0.40%	
	1.3 Complete land acquisition and resettlement																																	80.00%	1.00%	0.80%	
	1.4 Civil works procurement																																	90.00%	1.20%	1.08%	
	1.5 Implement civil works construction, supervision, and supply equipment																																	0.00%	11.59%	0.00%	
	<u>TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements</u>																																			26.62%	4.83%
	1.1 Prepare civil works design and bidding documents																																	100.00%	2.00%	2.00%	
	1.2 Safeguards document approval																																	100.00%	0.40%	0.40%	
	1.3 Complete land acquisition and resettlement																																	90.00%	1.20%	1.08%	
	1.4 Civil works procurement																																	90.00%	1.50%	1.35%	
	1.5 Implement civil works construction, supervision, and supply equipment																																	0.00%	21.52%	0.00%	
	<u>TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal</u>																																			7.41%	1.60%
	1.1 Prepare civil works design and bidding documents																																	80.00%	2.00%	1.60%	
	1.2 Safeguards document approval																																	0.00%	0.40%	0.00%	
	1.3 Complete land acquisition and resettlement																																	0.00%	0.50%	0.00%	
	1.4 Civil works procurement																																	0.00%	1.20%	0.00%	
	1.5 Implement civil works construction, supervision, and supply equipment																																	0.00%	3.31%	0.00%	
	<u>TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements</u>																																			9.57%	4.55%
	1.1 Prepare civil works design and bidding documents																																	100.00%	2.00%	2.00%	
	1.2 Safeguards document approval																																	100.00%	0.40%	0.40%	
	1.3 Complete land acquisition and resettlement																																	95.00%	1.00%	0.95%	
	1.4 Civil works procurement																																	100.00%	1.20%	1.20%	
	1.5 Implement civil works construction, supervision, and supply equipment																																	0.00%	4.97%	0.00%	
	Subtotal:																																			70.00%	20.85%

		<i>incompleted activities</i>												<i>completed activities (all in past)</i>																			
		1 future, orig. plan				2 past, orig. plan (not done)				3 past, actual, orig. plan				4 past, actual, unplanned				5 future, latest plan				6 past, actual, orig. plan				7 past, actual, unplanned				(a)	(b)	(a) x (b)	
No.	Activities	2018				2019				2020				2021				2022				2023				2024				Progress (%)	Assigned Weight (%)	Weighted Progress (%)	
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
A.	Design and Monitoring Framework																																
	Output 2: Capacity to Implement ASEAN Tourism Standards Strengthened																													3.78%			
	2.1 National ASEAN Tourism Standards adaptation																												100.00%	1.00%	1.00%		
	2.2 Establishment of certification bodies and processes																												70.00%	1.00%	0.70%		
	2.3 Assessor training																												80.00%	1.00%	0.80%		
	2.4 ASEAN Tourism Standards promotion																												20.00%	1.00%	0.20%		
	2.5 Implement ASEAN Tourism Standards and the ASEAN Sustainable Tourism																												18.00%	6.00%	1.08%		
	Subtotal:																														10.00%	3.78%	
	Output 3: Institutional Arrangements for Tourism Destination Management and Infrastructure O&M Strengthened																																
	<u>Capacity building for tourism destination management</u>																																
	3.1 Destination management network institutional strengthening																														7.00%	2.17%	
	3.2 Destination management plan preparation																														32.00%	1.00%	0.32%
	3.3 Policy, Regulation and Master Planning Support																														100.00%	1.00%	1.00%
	3.4 Destination Marketing and Promotion Support																														21.00%	1.00%	0.21%
	3.5 Heritage Interpretation Support																														13.00%	1.00%	0.13%
	3.6 Tourism-related SME development																														20.00%	1.00%	0.20%
	3.7 Establish and maintain internet-based tourism knowledge repositories																														20.00%	1.00%	0.20%
	<u>Capacity building for infrastructure O&M</u>																														11.00%	1.00%	0.11%
	3.8 Develop infrastructure O&M plans with sustainable finance mechanisms																														15.00%	1.00%	0.15%
	3.9 Facilitate Public-Private Partnerships for operations and maintenance																														0.00%	1.00%	0.00%
	3.10 Infrastructure O&M training																														0.00%	1.00%	0.00%
	Subtotal:																															10.00%	2.32%
B.	Management Activities																																
	Establish project supervision and management structure																														100.00%	1.00%	1.00%
	Mobilize consultants and procure equipment																														100.00%	1.00%	1.00%
	Establish financial management arrangements																														100.00%	1.00%	1.00%
	Financial management and procurement training																														100.00%	1.00%	1.00%
	Finalize monitoring arrangements and establish the project website																														81.00%	1.00%	0.81%
	Conduct project planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting																														40.00%	1.00%	0.40%
	Implementation of environmental, social safeguards and the gender action plan																														35.00%	4.00%	1.40%
	Subtotal:																															10.00%	6.61%
	Total																															100.00%	33.56%

Annex 5: Project Financial Management Action Plan progress as of 31 March 2021

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. SAO will start soon the fielding of audit for FY 2020, deadline of submission to ADB is 30 June 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 March 2021

Grant 0599-LAO: Second GMS Tourism Infrastructure for Inclusive Growth Project (49387-002)																			
Procurement Monitoring Sheet - Civil Works																			
Procurement Plan Approved on: 18 November 2020 (Version 4)																			
Package No.	Description	Mode	Resp Proj Mgt Unit	CA	Adv	Estimate	Draft Bid Docs		Bids	Bid	Bid Evaluation		Contract						
				Target Date	Date	(\$)	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-Sep-20	18-Sep-20	30/Oct/20	20/Apr/21	\$	4,669,065	26/Apr/21					
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	19/Feb/21	25/Feb/21	G22778	\$	3,156,160	3,156,160
TIIGP2-LAO-W05	Small works for ASEAN Tourism Standards certification bodies	Shopping		Q4/2020		5,000													
TIIGP2-LAO-W06	Small works for AESAN Tourism Standards implementation (public sector)	Shopping		Q4/2020		350,000													
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-VV03	Renovation of Lom Cave Toilets, Vang Vieng District	Shopping												4-Sep-20		G22466		265,224,000	28,584.64
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-CPS04	Renovation of Wat Phou Toilets	Shopping												7-Sep-20		G22462		265,187,000	28,573.78
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-PCU06	Renovation of ASEAN Public Toilets at Lao-Thai International Customs Post on the Road to Luangprabang Heritage Town	Shopping												23-Mar-20		G22461		281,609,202	30,343.25
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-LPB07	Renovation of Public Toilets at Mekong River Recreational Area, Phonheuang Village, Luangprabang Capital	Shopping												3-Oct-20		G22453		330,941,516	35,678.79
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-VV07	Procurement of Vang Vieng Urban Landscape Improvements	Shopping												20-Oct-20		G22652		66,330,000	7,140.39
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-VP05	Renovation of Toilets of Nuanta Fuel Station, Sensoum Village, Phonhong District, Vientiane Province	Shopping												2-Sep-20		G22808		195,381,780	20,899.64
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-07																			
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-08																			
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-09																			
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-10																			
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TIIGP2-LAO-W06-17																			
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-18																			
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-19																			
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-20																			
Total						33,485,000													7,120,468

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Status of Procurement - Goods

Procurement Plan Approved on: 18 Nov

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	\$ Equiv
TIIGP2-LAO-G01a	PCU & PIU vehicles	NCB			Q1/2019	255,000	2											
TIIGP2-LAO-G01a	PCU & PIU vehicles (3 units)	NCB			13-Feb-19	155,000		18/Feb/19	26/Feb/19	27/Feb/19	22/Mar/19	11/Apr/19	LAK 1,136,220,000	25/Apr/19	10/May/19	G20440	LAK 1,136,220,000	130,633.78
TIIGP2-LAO-G01b	PIU vehicles (2 units)	NCB			31-Aug-20	110,000						3/Nov/20	\$ 92,880				\$ 92,880	92,880.00
TIIGP2-LAO-G02	PCU office furniture and equipment	Shopping			Q4/2018	25,000	Various											19,641.20
TIIGP2-LAO-G02	Office Furnitures for PCU													19/Feb/19		G20443	LAK 31,955,000	3,720.00
TIIGP2-LAO-G02-02	Office Equipment													14/Feb/19		G20860	LAK 17,200,000	1,994.20
TIIGP2-LAO-G02-03	Office Renovate													18/Mar/19		G20861	\$ 3,500	3,500.00
TIIGP2-LAO-G02-05	Office Equipment													9/Apr/19		G20865	LAK 49,170,000	5,724.00
TIIGP2-LAO-G02-06	Office Furniture													11/Apr/19		G20866	LAK 7,458,000	867.00
TIIGP2-LAO-G02-07	Office Equipment													11/Apr/19		G20867	LAK 33,000,000	3,836.00
TIIGP2-LAO-G02-08	Office Equipment													28/Oct/20		G22643	LAK 5,197,500	560.08
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VV01	PIU office furniture and equipment (4 PIUs)	Shopping			Q1/2019	90,000	Various											69,485.79
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VV01	Office Furniture for VV													25/Mar/19		G20868	LAK 45,782,000	5,301.00
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VV02	Office Equipment of VV													26/Mar/19		G20869	LAK 56,760,000	6,387.39
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VV03	Office Equipment of VV													30/Mar/19		G20870	LAK 23,953,900	2,655.10
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VV04	Office Repair of VV													30/Mar/19		G20871	LAK 39,864,000	4,616.00
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-LPB01	Office Renovate of LPB													14/Jun/19		G20876	LAK 67,947,000	7,859.00
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-LPB02	Office Furniture & office Equipment (LPB)													27/Jun/19		G20877	LAK 97,746,000	11,291.00
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-CPS01	Office Equipment of CPS													24/Jun/19		G20878	LAK 63,294,000	7,122.68
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VP01	Office Furniture for VP													26/Mar/19		G20879	LAK 43,211,300	4,998.00
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VP02	Office Equipment of VP													26/Mar/19		G20881	LAK 60,099,600	6,951.00
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VP03	Office Repair of VP													20/Jun/19		G20883	LAK 62,421,348	7,210.51
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-CPS02	Office furniture for Champasak PIU Office	Shopping												28/Aug/20		G22469	LAK 46,387,000	5,094.11
TIIGP2-LAO-G04	Vang Vieng landfill management equipment	NCB				1,160,000	2											
TIIGP2-LAO-G04-01						650,000												
TIIGP2-LAO-G04-01						650,000												
TIIGP2-LAO-G05	Equipment for ASEAN Standards certification bodies	Shopping			Q2/2019	30,000	Various											36,752.18
TIIGP2-LAO-G05-01	Purchasing sets of computers for ASEAN standard implementation Units at the national level, Vientiane Province, and members of Lanexang Cultural Quadrangle networks from public and private sectors of Vientiane Capital and Sayabouli Province 2.4.2b													25/Sep/19		G21439	LAK 206,800,000	23,393.67
TIIGP2-LAO-G05-02	Provision of IT equipment and materials for ASEAN standard certification body of Luang Prabang Province 2.4.2.b													15/Oct/19		G21440	LAK 49,632,000	5,610.04
TIIGP2-LAO-G05-03	Procurement of IT Equipment for Tourism Destination				Q1/2020									11/Feb/20		G22218	LAK 12,952,500	1,399.90
TIIGP2-LAO-G05-04	Procurement of computer for the secretariat of ASEAN Standard Implementation													10/Jul/20		G22220	LAK 58,740,000	6,348.58
TIIGP2-LAO-G05-05																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G05-06																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G05-07																		

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	\$ Equiv	
TIIGP2-LAO-G06	Equipment for ASEAN Tourism Standards Implementation (public sector)	Shopping				150,000	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 Linxan 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 Issuance	Bid Closing	Bid Evaluation		Contract				
								Received	Approved			Approved	Amount	Signed	Received	PCSS No.	Amount	\$ Equiv
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																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-06																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-07																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-08																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-09																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-10																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-11																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-12																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-13																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-14																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-15																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-16																		
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-17																		
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						3,775,000												

Annex 7: Consultant recruitment monitoring table as of 31 March 2021

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 Issuance	RFP Closing Date	Submission 2		Submission 2-3		Submission 3		Submission 4		Submission 5										
								Received	Approved			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- Various Resource Persons	SSS			Q2/2019	40	200,000.00																							
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-001	SSS				1																			23-May-19	26-Sep-19	\$	3,150	3,150	
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-002	SSS				1																				23-Jul-19	26-Sep-19	\$	2,500	2,500
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-003	SSS				1																				30-Jul-19	26-Sep-19	\$	3,150	3,150
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-004	SSS				1																				17-Sep-19	26-Sep-19	\$	2,100	2,100
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-005	SSS				1																				22-Oct-19	04-Nov-19	\$	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	National Tourism Destination Development and Management 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				
TIIGP2-LAO-C8a	National Financial Management and Procurement Specialist	ICS			23/Feb/21	1	12,494.00	12-Mar-21	25-Mar-21			23-Apr-21									23-Apr-21			\$	12,494	12,494				
	Total						5,351,030.00																							5,627,097

Annex 8: Utilization of consulting services as of 31 March 2021

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-Mar-21	Balance (pm)	Notes
TIIGP2-LAO-C01: Project Management and Civil Engineering Support (Firm)									
International									
1 International Civil Engineer - Co-Team Leader	Mr. Mrityunjoy Ghosh	54	05/Aug/19	41	41	04/Apr/23	20.15	20.85	
2 International Environmental Specialist	Mr. Peter Gammelgaard Jensen	6	12/Aug/19	6	6	04/Apr/23	5.95	0.05	Additional inputs to be considered
3 International Social Safeguards Specialist (Resettlement & Indigenous People)	Mr. Nils Gardek	6	05/Aug/19	6	6	04/Apr/23	5.74	0.26	
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		33.25	23.75	
National									
1 National Lead Civil Engineer	Mr. Phomma CHANTHIRATH	54	07/Sep/19	41	41	04/Apr/23	17.57	23.43	
2 National Environmental Specialist	Ms. Phaylin BOUNMANYVONE	12	05/Aug/19	12	12	04/Apr/23	11.91	0.09	Additional inputs to be considered
3 National Social Safeguards Specialist (Resettlement & Indigenous People)	Mr. Misa PHOUTHILATH	12	05/Aug/19	12	12	04/Apr/23	11.14	0.86	Additional inputs to be considered
4 National Institutional Development Specialist	Ms. Baythone Lovanxay	12	22/Jun/20	12	12	04/Apr/23	1.90	10.10	
5 Resident Engineer 1	Mr. Vongdeth Frichithavong		22/Jun/20	24	24	04/Apr/23	9.18	14.82	
6 Resident Engineer 2	Mr. Xayavath Chanthavongsa		11/Sep/19	24	24	04/Apr/23	16.68	7.32	Additional inputs to be considered
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	9.41	10.59	
Subtotal		90		213	213		77.79	135.21	
Summary									
Total International		70		57	57		33.25	23.75	
Total National		90		213	213		77.79	135.21	
Grand Total TIIGP2-LAO-C01: PMCES Consultant		160		270	270		111.04	158.96	

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-Mar-21	Balance (pm)	Notes
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	21.68	32.32	
2	TIIG2P-LAO-C03: International Tourism Standards Specialist	Mr Ross Alexander Corbett	8 19/Aug/19	7	7	31/Dec/24	3.15	3.85	
3	TIIGP2-LAO-C05: International Gender Specialist	Ms Luz Lopez Rodriguez	2 19/Aug/19	2	3.5	31/Dec/24	2.34	1.16	
4	TIIGP2-LAO-C07: International Financial Management & Procurement Specialist	Ms Nida Azada CALMA	5 19/Feb/19	5	9	31/Dec/24	8.98	0.02	Additional inputs to be considered
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
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	3.29	0.71	Additional inputs to be considered
Subtotal			72	74.5	80		40.44	39.56	
<i>National</i>									
1	TIIGP2-LAO-C04: National Tourism Specialist - Deputy Team Leader	Ms Phongisth DAVADING	54 19/Feb/19	54	54	31/Dec/24	24.50	29.50	
2	TIIGP2-LAO-C06: National Gender Specialist	Ms Sipaseuth Chanthapanya	12 19/Feb/19	12	12	31/Dec/24	12.00	0.00	Additional inputs to be considered
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	Contract with Kim Xaisana closed; recruitment replacement ongoing (3p-m)
4	TIIGP2-LAO-C10: National Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist	Dr Vivath Sauvaly	12 13/Nov/19	11	11	31/Dec/24	11.00	0.00	Additional inputs to be considered.
5	TIIGP2-LAO-C11: National Internal Auditor	Mr Lomphet PHONGSVANH	- 18/Feb/19	30	30	31/Dec/24	15.00	15.00	

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-Mar-21	Balance (pm)	Notes
6 TIIGP2-LAO-C12: Tourism experts - various resource persons	001: Mr Phonesouk Khounsomebat 002: Mr Jens Jensen (Norconsult) 003: Mr Phonesouk Khounsomebat 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	5.50	26.50	
Subtotal		84		145	145		73.94	71.06	
Summary CBS Individual Consultants									
<i>Total International</i>		72		74.5	80		40.44	39.56	
<i>Total National</i>		84		145	145		73.94	71.06	
Total CBS Individual Consultants		156		219.5	225		114.38	110.62	
Project Summary									
Total International		142		131.5	137		73.69	63.31	
Total National		174		358	358		151.73	206.27	
Project Grand Total		316		489.5	495		225.42	269.58	

Annex 9: GAP implementation progress as of 31 March 2021

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

Gender Action Plan (GAP) ²	Progress to date (as of 30 March 2021) ³	Issues and Challenges ⁴
Output 1: Urban-Rural Access Infrastructure and Urban Environmental Services Improved		
Objective 1: Strengthen women's voice in project design.		
<p>Target 1: Two consultations held during detailed design of each infrastructure subproject to optimize inclusiveness, gender responsiveness, and employment opportunities during and after construction.</p>	<p>Ongoing. The Project includes the following seven infrastructure sub-projects, packaged into five work packages, as follows;</p> <p>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</p> <p>Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements Sub-project V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements</p> <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</p> <p>Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal Sub-project V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal</p> <p>Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements Sub-project V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements</p> <p>For Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (subprojects C1-C2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The detailed design for this subproject was undertaken during project preparation of technical assistance. Two consultations were held: the first in June 20-21, 2018 had a total of 12 participants, with 5 women or 38 %; and on October 17-18, 2018 with 37 participants, 7 of women were women. The total for both consultations was 49, of whom 12 were women or 24 %. <p>For Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02 (subproject 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), 	<p>The earlier round of consultations focused more on general infrastructure design and did not have the input of gender specialists in terms of gender concerns.</p> <p>The GAD specialist drafted contract provisions for Works that include GAP targets to be achieved. The succeeding pre-construction consultations in Q2 to Q3 2021 on the detailed design will focus on involving more local women participants and potential unskilled workers to be employed.</p> <p>Follow-up consultations in the sub-areas will focus on GAP targets on employment of unskilled women.</p>

² GAP Activities, Indicators and Targets, Timeframe and Responsibility

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 or 67 %) 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 Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03 (subproject 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 Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03/3a (subprojects V3 and V4):</p> <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 Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04 (subproject 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 was 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. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 were women, representing 37.2% of the total participants.</p>	<p>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>GAD specialists will continue to work with the PCU and PIUs on the need to consciously increase women's participation in these consultations to reach the overall target of 50% from Q2 to Q4 of 2021.</p> <p>Women's concerns should be elicited, documented and addressed.</p>
<p>Objective 2. Promote women's economic employment and safety.</p>		
<p>Target 3: At least 300⁵ entrepreneurs (60% women) receive SME support services (2017 baseline:0)</p>	<p>Ongoing: The cumulative tally of participants from 2019 to 2020 to various SME-related training is 845 participants. A total of 384 or 45% are women.</p> <p>Data audit is being done. Instead of training participants, the unit to be counted is the enterprise owned or co-owned and managed by the women themselves.</p>	<p>For the Mid-term Review, it is suggested that this target be moved under Output 3, Objective #8, alongside Target 21. Moreover, in the DMF this</p>

⁵ The previous figure listed is 500 based on the total count of Cambodia and Laos. This is now disaggregated to 300 only for Lao PDR. .

		<p>indicator is also included under Output 3.</p> <p>The list of targeted SMEs for the 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 a binding document in (draft) contracts for packages TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (Subprojects C1&C2), TIIGP2-LAO-W02 (Subproject V1), and TIIGP2-LAO-W03 (Subprojects V2, V3) and TIIGP2-LAO-W04 (Subproject V5). It includes a 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.</p> <p>At Subproject C1 Nakasang Access Road (part of TIIGP2-LAO-W01), construction has proceeded. Of the total of 42 unskilled workers hired, there are 6 women or 12.5 %.</p>	<p>Pre-hiring consultations in sub-project areas will target women in local communities to encourage more women applicants. Monitoring arrangements should be setup between PMCES consultant and GAD specialists to ensure implementation from Q2 to Q4, 2021.</p>
<p>Activity 1: Contractors ensure separate access to water and sanitation facilities for women and men in construction sites and separate quarters, as well as suitable worker safety training, equipment</p>	<p>Ongoing. The Project's GAP is included as binding document (draft) contracts for packages TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (Subprojects C1&C2), TIIGP2-LAO-W02 (Subproject V1), and TIIGP2-LAO-W03 (Subprojects V2, V3) and TIIGP2-LAO-W04 (Subproject V5). .</p>	
<p>Activity 2: Contractors provide gender-responsive information on HIV/AIDS, STI, human trafficking and child labor exploitation prevention.</p>	<p>Ongoing. This requirement is included as binding document in (draft) contracts for packages TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (Subprojects C1&C2), TIIGP2-LAO-W02 (Subproject V1), and TIIGP2-LAO-W03 (Subprojects V2, V3) and TIIGP2-LAO-W04 (Subproject V5) 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.</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> <p>A series of gender safeguards orientation on human trafficking and HIV-AIDS were conducted in Nakasang by the National GAD specialist on 8-11 February 2021. A total of 93 persons</p>	<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.</p>

	attended, 33 of who were women (35.48)%. The session is much appreciated by the workers. Representatives of the village community attended.	
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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. 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.
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.	
Activity 3: Infrastructure subproject gender design features include suitable road shoulders, access for people with disabilities, public lighting, separate male and female toilets, lockable kiosks, road safety instruction, and others identified during consultations.	<p>Ongoing. For detailed designs for Packages TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (subprojects C1, C2) and TIIGP2-LAO-W04 (subproject 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. • 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 (V5). • 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. 	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>These provisions have been integrally retained in the final DED for TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (subprojects C1&C2) and in the revision of DED for TIIGP2-LAO-W04 (subproject V5).</p> <p><u>For TIIGP2-LAO-W02 (subproject V1), TIIGP2-LAO-W03 (subprojects V2, V3) and TIIGP2-LAO-W03a (subproject V4):</u> Gender and disability design features have been considered and incorporated in the detailed design. For example, for subprojects V1 (Nam Ngum) and V2 (Kaeng Yui), 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 has been considered in the TIIGP2-LAO-W04 (subproject 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 gender-sensitive IEC materials and give feedback to the TDD</p>	<p>The GAD specialists will coordinate with the TDD and the MICT GAD focal person/s to do a gender review of the IEC materials and share recommendations for enhanced gender responsiveness, if needed. A report of the review will be shared during Q2, 2021.</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>Activity 5: IEC materials are gender-sensitive (i.e. without gender bias/stereotypes) and 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.</p>	<p>Ongoing: GAD specialists are identifying and reviewing gender-sensitive IEC campaigns appropriate to the tourism sites.</p>	
<p>Output 2: Capacity to implement ASEAN Tourism Standards strengthened</p>		
<p>Objective 5. Promote women's leadership.</p>		
<p>Target 9: At least 30% of ASEAN tourism standards certification board members and assessors</p>	<p>Ongoing The national tourism standard assessment and certification committees (equivalent to the "certification bodies" referred to in the PAM) were already set up earlier for all seven standards, with a total count of 189 members, of whom 40 (21 %) are women. National Level 26.6% (25 out of 94)</p>	<p>National tourism standard assessment and certification committees are being restructured, and gender targets</p>

are women (2017 baseline: 0).	Champasak Province 16.7% (4 out of 24) VTE 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)	are being considered in the process. Gender specialists to coordinate with the Tourism Development Department and the Tourism Management Department, including with the gender focal persons, to provide a gender review of the ASEAN standards and their implementation for Q2, 2021
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.
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.	GAD specialists will review the ASEAN Tourism manuals and share feedback to the TDD-MICT on ways to enhance gender responsiveness.

<p>Target 12. At least 40 % of women participants in ASEAN tourism standards training for businesses are women</p>	<p>Achieved. Four (4) training were conducted with 192 participants (107 women or 56 %). This is sifted from the numerous activities conducted, many of which are information dissemination activities.</p> <p>Previous reports indicated a series of workshops to disseminate the ASEAN tourism standards were conducted in 2019. There was a total of 2,550 participants, of whom 1,041 or 41% are women.</p> <p><u>As of Q3 / 2020,</u> a series of provincial-level training on the 7 ASEAN tourism standards involved at least 283 participants, 87 or 31 % are women. These upgraded their knowledge and disseminated the manuals.</p>	<p>The NGS will assist in the comprehensive review of 2019-2020 activities will provide updates and improve the 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: At the national level, there are only 2 women (29 %) out of 7 PSC members. It has to be clarified if the provinces have their own PSC or are they an extension of the national committee. The following provinces are listed: Champasak Province (1 out of 2); VTE 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: Of the total 10 members across the 4 provinces, 4 or 40 % are women. National Level 50% (1 out of 2) Champasak Province 0% (0 out of 2) VTE 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: Total: 59% (16 out of 27) National Level 67% (4 out of 6) Champasak Province 60% (3 out of 5) VTE Province 40 % (2 out of 5) Vang Vieng District 50% (3 out of 6) Luang Prabang Province 80% (4 out of 5)</p>	
<p>Target 16: At least 30% of PCU and PIU staff that attend technical and project management training are women.</p>	<p>Achieved. A total of 9 training were conducted with 79 participants; of whom 40 (51 %) of were women.</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</p>

		activities, and number of women among them. This will be completed during Q1 2021.
Objective 8. Promote women's representation in destination management network and infrastructure O&M entities.		
Target 17: DMN managers comprise at least 30% women (2017 baseline: ~30%).	Ongoing. Of the total 12 DMN managers at provincial and national secretariat, 2 or 17 % are women. The DMN is being re-structured.	GAD Specialists to coordinate with the MICT department and GAD focal persons on supporting the DMN to promoted responsive elements in Objective #8.
Target 18: Women comprise at least 40% of total DMN membership (2017 baseline: ~30%).	Ongoing. DMN Members were a total of 113 (27 women / 20 %)	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 girl's 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. 16-23 February 2020: One hospitality training for hotel, guesthouse and restaurant providers in Nong Khiaew, Ngoi district, Luang Prabang, was conducted on (16-23/02/2020) with the participation of 57, 41women (72%) -7-18 September 2020: Training to organize the tour group: 5 participants, 3 women 16-17 September, /2020: First Aid training & tourist safety for tourism business, total number of participants is 66,32 women;	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.

	<p>6-12 September 2020: English language skills for effective services of tour guide with 40 participants, 18 are women.</p> <p>11-17 September /2020: Training on the use IT in TRSM in DICT & TRSM Operators in Southern Laos: 32 participants, 9 women;</p> <p>7 May2020 to 7 September 2020 – Series of training for provincial level assessment and certification committee in CTB standard; had 26 participants; 8 are women;</p> <p>22-30 July /2020: Training on for tourism hospitality.</p> <p>-On 5-11/7/2020/ English language training for effective tour guide: 50 of 17 women ,</p> <p>Total participants are 226, 87women (38.49%)</p>	<p>GAD Specialists will coordinate with the MICT GAD focal persons to provide technical assistance to the newly established traini</p>
<p>Objective 9. Improve gender mainstreaming capacity to implement and monitor the GAP and report gender impacts.</p>		
<p>Target 22: 50% of 18 (10 for Lao PDR) gender focal persons appointed to PCUs, PMUs, and PIUs are men.</p>	<p>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>	<p>The GAD specialist will continue to mentor the PIU focal points in monitoring and providing support to sub-project implementation of the GAD targets.</p>
<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) was recruited in October 2019 and has been working closely with the National Gender Specialist (NGS). Together they consulted with the PCU officers and PMCES and M&E consultants.</p> <p>They provided gender orientation training to PCU members and project consultants on 21 Oct. 2019. A total of 18 attended, 10 or 56 % of whom are women. This was followed by a series of gender consultation workshops on 9-10 Oct 2019 with PIU-Vang Vieng, Ban Naduang and Ban Phon Vieng (target sub-project sites) and Sengsavang village authorities. A total of 103 participated, 40 (39 %) of whom 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, 55 (64%) of whom were women.</p> <p>The IGS also drafted the contractual provisions for GAD measures in the Works Contract of infrastructure projects. The IGS and NGS put together the orientation modules and</p>	<p>The IGS and NGS will update their individual and team work plan for 2021 for approval by end of March 2021.</p>

	presentation materials, and a list of resource pool for the sub-project areas. The module was successfully ran by the NGS in Nakasang in February 2021.	
Activity 8: GAP targets and actions are reflected in annual project work plans and reported in quarterly progress reports.	<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.</p> <p>The NGS/IGS collaborate in the preparation of quarterly reports .</p>	The GAD specialists will draft and submit their individual and team annual work plan for 2021 based on the GAP
Activity 9: PPMS includes sex-disaggregated indicators and templates to track GAP progress, implementation, and project benefits.	<p>Ongoing. The final draft of the PPMS and baseline report was submitted to ADB in Q2,2020. The International and National Gender Specialists are supporting the implementation indicators and GAP progress reporting template and procedures.</p>	Periodic consultations with the PMCES, the M& E specialists and the PCU officers.
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>Ongoing. The GAD specialists consulted with PIU gender focal persons on the draft template of gender case studies.</p>	The GAD specialist will work with the M&E specialists coordinated design and plan for the human impact stories on GAD and other project impacts and benefits.

Annex 10: Status of compliance with Grant Covenants as of 31 March 2021

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) are audited by the State Auditing Organization of Lao PDR (SAO). The first annual audit to cover 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 financial statements for Fiscal Year 2020 are due for submission to ADB on 30 June 2021.
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.	Complaint. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first audited APFS (25 December 2018 to 31 December 2019) and auditor's opinion were disclosed in the ADB website on 18 November 2020.
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.	To be complied with.
	Grant Agreement Schedule 4	
6	<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.	Compliant

Item	Covenants	Status of Compliance
7	<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.	Compliant
8	<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.	Partially compliant Physical displacement in connection with Subproject V1 in Champasak Province (Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01) 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.
9	<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.	Compliant
10	<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.	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>	<p>Compliant</p> <p>IEE/EMPs, RPs and EGDRPs are included in Works bidding documents and contracts, and contracts include provisions that require contractors to make available budget and comply with these documents, and to promptly report any safeguards risk or impacts.</p>
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>
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>	<p>Compliant</p>
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:</p> <p>(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>	<p>Compliant</p>

Item	Covenants	Status of Compliance
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>	<p>Compliant</p>
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>	<p>Compliant</p>

Annex 11: ASEAN Tourism Standards Certification Since 2008

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 	<p>2016, 2018</p> <p>2017, 2019</p> <p>2017, 2019</p>
<u>Clean Tourist City (2)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Luang Prabang City, Luang Prabang Province ▪ Vientiane City 	<p>2018</p> <p>2020</p>
<u>Community-Based Tourism (5)</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 ▪ Gibbon Experience, Luang Namtha Province ▪ Nalan Trails, Nam Ha NPA, Luang Namtha Province 	<p>2017</p> <p>2017</p> <p>2019</p> <p>2019</p> <p>2019</p>
<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 	<p>2018</p> <p>2018</p> <p>2018</p> <p>2018</p>
<u>Green Hotel (32)</u> <p>Champasak Province</p> <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 Danngarm Hotel <p>Luang Prabang Province</p> <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 <p>Oudomxay Province</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pakbeng Lodge, Pabeng District 	<p>2008</p> <p>2010</p> <p>2010</p> <p>2010</p> <p>2010</p> <p>2010</p> <p>2010</p> <p>2012</p> <p>2014</p> <p>2014</p> <p>2016</p> <p>2016</p> <p>2018</p> <p>2020</p> <p>2008, 2014</p> <p>2008, 2012, 2014</p> <p>2008, 2014</p> <p>2010, 2012</p> <p>2010</p> <p>2012</p> <p>2012</p> <p>2014</p> <p>2016</p> <p>2016</p> <p>2018</p> <p>2020</p> <p>2012</p>

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

Annex 12: 2021 certification targets for ASEAN and Lao Tourism Standards

No.	Standard	Level	Luang Prabang	Vientiane Province	Vang Vieng	Champasak
1	Homestay Standard	ASEAN	- ບ. ນາຢາງ, ມ. ນໍ້າບາກ - Nayang V., Nambak D.	- ບໍ່ມີ - None	- ບ. ນາດ້ວງ - Nduang V.	- ບ. ຫນອງຫລວງ, ມ. ປາກຊ່ອງ - Nong Luang V., Paksong D.
		Laos	- ບ. ຈານເໜືອ, ມ. ຈອມເພັດ - Chan Neua V. Chomphet D.	- ບ. ຫລິ່ງຊັນ, ມ. ທຸລະຄົມ - Lingsanh V., Thoulakhom D.	- ບ. ນາທອງ - Nathong V.	- ບ. ຫນອງຢາເທິງ, ມ. ປາກຊ່ອງ - Nong Ya Theung V., Paksong D.
2	Community Based Tourism (CBT) Standard	ASEAN	- ບ. ນາຢາງ, ມ. ນໍ້າບາກ - Nayang V., Nambak D.	- ບ. ໂພນ, ມ. ໂພນໂຮງ - Phone V., Phone Hong D.	- ບ. ນາທອງ - Nathong V.	- ບ. ຫລັກ 38 (ຕາດຟານ) ແລະ ຕາດເຍືອງ, ມ. ປາກຊ່ອງ - Km 38 V. (Tad Fan Waterfall) and Tad Yeuang Waterfall, Paksong D.
		Laos	- ບ. ຊ່າງໄຫ, ມ. ປາກອູ - Sang Hai V., Pak Ou D.	- ບ. ປາກກະຍູງ, ເມືອງວຽງຄໍາ - Pakkayung V., Viengkham D.	- ຈຸດຊົມວິວບ້ານຫ້ວຍແຍ້ - Houai Yea Village Viewpoint	- ຕາດຈໍາປີ ແລະ ຈຸດຊົມວິວດ່ານສະຫວັນ, ມ. ປາກຊ່ອງ - Champy Waterfall and Dansavanh Viewpoint, Paksong D.
3	Public Toilet Standard	ASEAN	- ວັດໃຫມ່, ນະຄອນຫລວງພະບາງ - Mai Temple, Luang Prabang City	- ກ້ອງເຂື່ອນນໍ້າງື່ມ, ມ. ແກ້ວອຸດົມ - Nam Ngum Dam Park, Thoulakhom D.	- ຖ້ຳປູຄໍາ, ບ. ນາທອງ - Poukham Cave, Nathong V.	- ຫໍພິພິດທະພັນວັດພູ, ມ. ຈໍາປາສັກ - Vatphu Museum, Champasak D.
		Laos	- 1) ວັດຖ້ຳພູສີ, 2) ບ. ນາຢາງ, ມ. ນໍ້າບາກ, 3) ຫນອງຂຽວ, ມ. ງອຍ - 1) Tham Phousi Temple, 2) Nayang V. Nam Bak D., 3) Nong Khiew, Ngoy D.	- ວັດຫລິ່ງຊັນໃຕ້, ມ. ທຸລະຄົມ - Lingsanh Tai Temple, Thoulakhom D.	- ວັດກາງ, ວັດທາດ, ວັດວຽງແກ້ວ, ຈຸດຂຶ້ນລົງທ່າເຮືອກາຍັກ - Vat Kang, Vat That, Vat Viengkeo, Kaya landing	- 1) ນະຄອນປາກເຊ, 2) ເຂດເມືອງປາກຊ່ອງ, 3) ເສັ້ນທາງໄປຕາດເລາະ, 4) ເຂດຫ້ວຍສັງ, ທາງໄປເມືອງໂຂງ, 5) ດ່ານຫນອງນົກຂຽນ - 1) Pakse City, 2) Paksong D., 3) Road to Tad Lor Waterfall, 4) Houai Mai Sang (Road to Khong D.), 5) Nong Nok Khien Border
4		ASEAN	- ນະຄອນຫລວງພະບາງ - Luang Prabang City	- ເມືອງວັງວຽງ - Vang Vieng District	- ເມືອງວັງວຽງ - Vang Vieng District	- ນະຄອນປາກເຊ - Pakse City

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	Clean Tourist City Standard	Laos	- None	- None	- None	- ເມືອງໂຂງ - Khong District
5	Green Hotel Standard	ASEAN	- 1) ໂຮງແຮມເລີເບວແອ, 2) ເດີແກຣນ, 3) ໂລຣວູດ, 4) ສັນຕິລິສອດ ແລະ 5) ສຸວັນນະພູມ - 1) Le Bel Air Hotel, 2) The Grand, 3) Rosewood, 4) Santi Resort and 5) Souvannaphoum Hotel	- 1) ຣີສອດລ່ອງງື່ມ, ມ. ແກ້ວອຸດົມ, 2) ຮຮ ສຸຂະບູລີລາວ, ມ. ທຸລະຄົມ - 1) Long Ngum Resort, Thoulakhom D., 2) Soukhaboulilao, Thoulakhom D.	- 1) ໂຮງແຮມອາມາຣີ, 2) ຣີສອດຈຳປາທອງ, 3) ທີມາກຣີສອດ - 1) Amari Hotel, 2) Champathong Resort, 3) Tmark Resort	- 1) ຮຮ ປອນອາຣີນາ, 2) ຮຮ ແສງອາລຸນ (ດອນຄອນ), 3) ຮຮ ໂກເດັນ (ດອນເດດ) - 1) Pon Arena Hotel (Done Khong), 2) Seng Ahloun Hotel (Done Khone), 3) Golden Hotel (Done Ded)
6	Spa Services Standard	ASEAN	- 1) ໂຮງແຮມໂຊຟິເທວ, 2) ສັນຕິລິສອດ, 3) ສຸວັນນະພູມ, 4) ເດີແກຣນ, 5) ຮຮ ພູແມນ - 1) Sofitel Hotel, 2) Santi Resort, 3) Souvannaphoum, 4) The Grand and 5) Pullman Hotel	- None	- None	- 1) ຮຮ ຈຳປາສັກແກຣນ, 2) ຮຮ ເອຣາວັນ, ນະຄອນປາກເຊ - 1) Champasak Grand, 2) Arawan, Pakse City
		Laos	- TBD	- None	- None	- TBD
7	MICE Standard	ASEAN	- Meeting Room: ຮຮ ເດີແກຣນ ແລະ ຮຮ ຈູເລຍນ່າ. Event: ໂຮງແຮມເລີເບວແອ, Exhibition: ສວນລ້ານຊ້າງ - Meeting Room: The Grand Hotel and Juliana. Event: Le Bel Air. Exhibition: Lane Xang Park	- None	- Meeting Room: ໂຮງແຮມອາມາຣີ - Meeting Room: Amari Hotel	- Meeting Room: ຮຮ ເອຣາວັນ, ຮຮ ປາກຊ່ອງແດນງາມ. ສະຖານທີ່ຈັດງານນິທັດສະການ (Event): ຮຮ ຈຳປາສັກແກຣນ - Meeting Room: Arawan Hotel, Paksong Dan Ngam Hotel. Event: Champasak Grand Hotel

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		Laos	- Meeting Room: ຮຮ ສັນຕິ ແລະ ຮຮ ຊະນະແກ້ວ - Meeting room: Santi Hotel and Sanakeo Hotel	- Meeting Room: ຮຮສອດລ່ອງງື່ມ - Meeting Room: Long Ngum Resort	- Meeting Room: ຮຮ ຊິວເວີ້ນາກາ, ຮຮ ທະວິສຸກໄອແລັນ, ຮຮສິມບັດພລາຊ່າ, ຮຮ ອິນທິຣາ - Meeting Room: Silver Naga Hotel, Thavisouk Island Hotel, Sisombat Plaza, Inthira Hotel	- Meeting Room: ຮຮ ຈຳປາສັກພາເລດ, ຮຮ ເລີຊາກແລງ - Champasak Palace Hotel, Le jardain Hotel
8	ASEAN Sustainable Tourism Awards (ASTA)	ASEAN	- TBD	- TBD	- TBD	- TBD

Remark

- 1 Locations were defined by the PIUs and related departments in MICT
- 2 Private sector will be consulted during the DMN meetings in March 2021
- 3 Assessment will be conducted to select the most suitable location for implementation