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Inclusive Growth Project**

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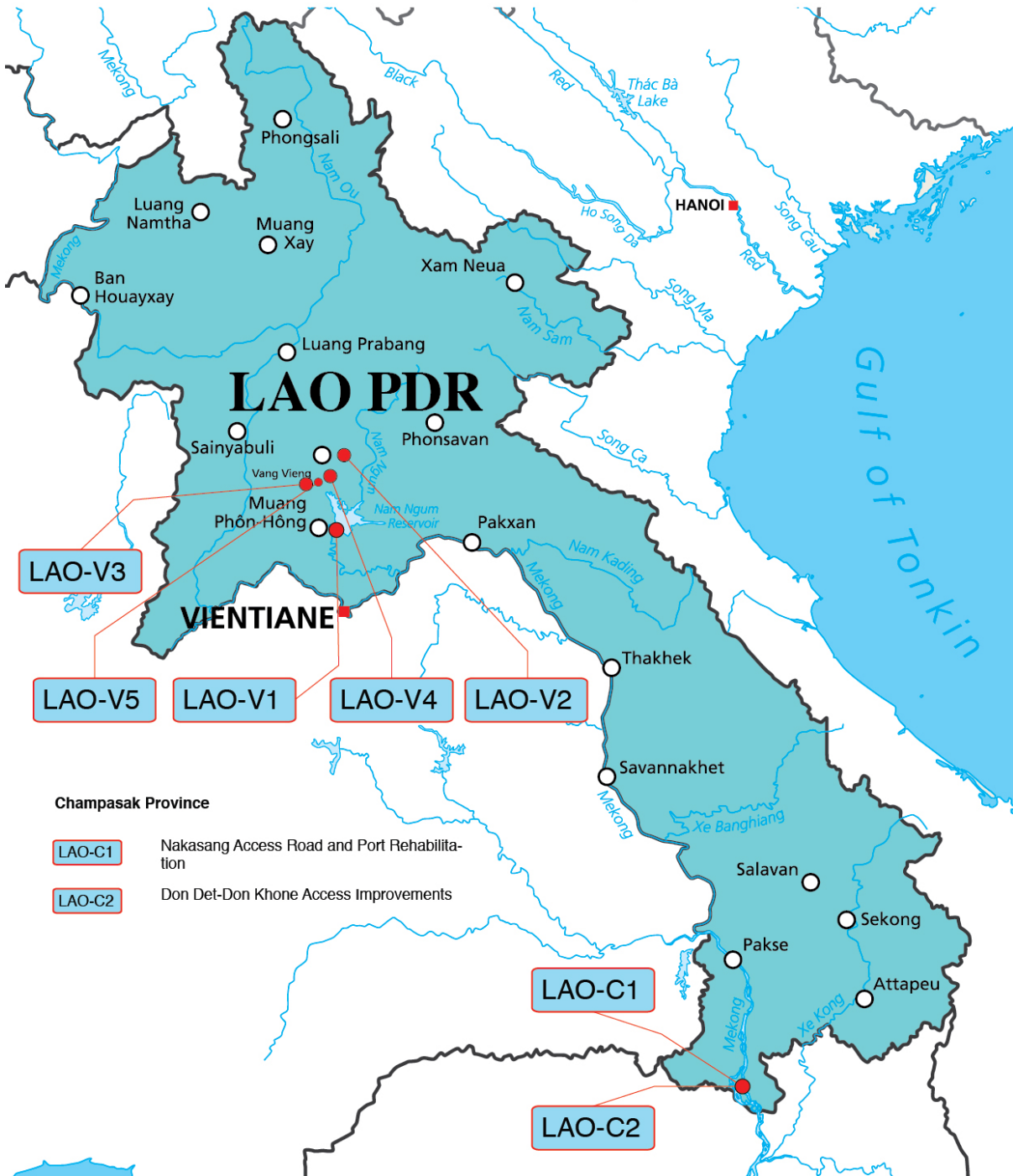
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Location map of subprojects

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Vientiane Province

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|---------------|---|---------------|--|
| LAO-V1 | Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements | LAO-V3 | Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements |
| LAO-V2 | Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements | LAO-V4 | Vang Vieng Urban Renewal (street beautification etc) |
| | | LAO-V5 | Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements |



Champasak Province

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| LAO-C1 | Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation |
| LAO-C2 | Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements |

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:	57 months/78 months (73%) (from Grant Effectiveness to Closing)
Project Overall Progress:	75.30%
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 Champasak, Luang Prabang, and Vientiane Province, and the Vang Vieng Urban Development Administration Authority
Date of Last Review Mission:	17 July to 25 August 2023

2. Financing Plan and Allocation of Grant Proceeds

Financing Plan:

Source	Amount (\$mill) ^a	Share of Total (%)
ADB Special Funds Resources	47.00	96.5
Government of Lao PDR	1.68	3.5
Total Project Costs	48.68	100

^a ADB approved on 27 August 2020 a minor change in the project's financing plan, shifting financing of land acquisition and resettlement (LAR) costs from government to ADB.

Detailed Cost Estimates by Expenditure Category and Financier:

The PAM table showing the Detailed Cost Estimates by Expenditure Category and Financier table is reproduced on page 6 for reference.

3. Status of Grant Utilization

Contract Awards and Disbursements:

As of 30 September 2023, based on GFIS

	2022 (\$ mln)					2023 (\$ mln)				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
CA Projections	0.322	0.671	0.545	0.593	2.132	1.037	1.980	0.960	1.030	5.007
Cum CA Projections	34.248	34.919	35.464	36.058		37.094	39.074	40.034	41.064	
Actual CA	1.370	0.929	0.524	1.633	4.456	0.363	0.329	0.149		0.841
Actual Cum CA	32.969	33.898	34.422	36.055		36.418	36.747	36.896	36.896	
Disb Projections	1.755	1.605	2.953	2.617	8.931	1.890	3.350	3.570	3.020	11.830
Cum Disb Projections	14.579	16.185	19.138	21.755		23.645	26.995	30.565	33.585	
Actual Disb	1.755	1.955	2.603	2.617	8.930	2.046	2.668	1.301		6.015
Actual Cum Disb	14.580	16.535	19.138	21.755		23.801	26.469	27.770	27.770	

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

Contract Awards by Category:

As of 30 September 2023

Category	Total ADB financing ^b (\$ mln)	Contract Awards (\$ mln)	Uncommitted (\$ mln)
A. Investment Cost			
1. Civil Works	27.60	21.05	6.55
2. Equipment and Vehicles	2.13	0.41	1.72
2. Consulting Services	8.00	8.07	(0.07)
4. Project Management	0.80	0.72	0.08
5. Capacity Building	4.40	4.13	0.27
6. Land Acquisition and Resettlement	1.30	1.17	0.13
Subtotal (A)	44.23	35.55	8.68
B. Recurrent Cost^a			
1. PCU and PIU Staff Cost	0.70	0.45	0.25
2. PCU and PIU Operations	1.07	0.54	0.53
3. PCU and PIU Vehicles and Office Equipment	0.40	0.36	0.04
Subtotal (B)	2.17	1.35	0.82
Total Base Cost (A+B)	46.40	36.90	9.50

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

^b Reflecting revised allocations agreed during ADB's Mid-term Review Mission conducted 16 May to 6 June 2022. ADB = Asian Development Bank; PCU is project coordination unit; PIU = project implementation unit.

Expenditure by Financier:

As of 30 September 2023

Expenditures	ADB (\$ mln)	Govt. (\$ mln)	Total (\$ mln)
Actual expenditure for Project Quarter 19 (Q3 2023)	1.301	0.064	1.365
Cumulative expenditure up end of Project Quarter 19 (Q3 2023)	27.770	0.840	28.610

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

Government financing:

As per the original PAM (version 22 May 2018), the Government would finance: (i) government counterpart staff salaries and office space (in-kind); and (ii) land acquisition and resettlement (LAR) (in-cash). On 24 August 2020 the Ministry of Finance requested ADB to approve financing land acquisition and resettlement (LAR) costs from the grant proceeds, instead of government's counterpart funds. The justification for this request was fiscal constraints due to the COVID-19 pandemic, during which the government has been experiencing challenges meeting its revenue targets, and budget has been reallocated for the emergency COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery. These constraints are impeding the government's ability to make available and thus timely disburse the required LAR compensation payments to the project's affected households. On 27 August 2020, ADB approved a minor change in the project's financing plan to facilitate this, reducing government's counterpart funding from \$1.8 million (3.7% of total project costs) to \$1.68 million (3.5% of total project costs), and consequently, reducing the total project cost from \$48.8 million to \$48.68 million. This change is reflected in the updated PAM of 30 April 2021.

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 7.

Detailed Cost Estimates by Expenditure Category and Financier

Item	ADB ^d				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	25.09	2.51	27.60	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	27.60
2. Equipment and Vehicles	1.94	0.19	2.13	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	2.13
2. Consulting Services	7.27	0.73	8.00	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	8.00
4. Project Management	0.73	0.07	0.80	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	0.80
5. Capacity Building	4.00	0.40	4.40	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	4.40
6. Land Acquisition and Resettlement ^c	1.30	-	1.30	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	1.30
Subtotal (A)	40.33	3.90	44.23	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	44.23
B. Recurrent Cost^a									
1. PCU and PIU Staff Cost	0.64	0.06	0.70	42.3%	0.87	0.09	0.96	57.7%	1.66
2. PCU and PIU Operations ^b	0.97	0.10	1.07	65.0%	0.52	0.05	0.58	35.0%	1.65
3. PCU and PIU Vehicles and Office Equipment	0.36	0.04	0.40	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	0.40
Subtotal (B)	1.97	0.20	2.17	62.0%	1.39	0.14	1.53	38.0%	3.70
Total Base Cost (A+B)	42.30	4.10	46.40	96.8%	1.39	0.14	1.53	3.2%	47.93
D. Contingencies									
Physical Contingency	0.30		0.30	83.5%	0.06		0.06	16.5%	0.36
Price Contingency	0.30		0.30	77.7%	0.09		0.09	22.3%	0.39
Sub-total (D)	0.60	-	0.60	80.5%	0.15	-	0.15	19.5%	0.75
Total Project Cost (A+B+C+D)	42.90	4.10	47.00	96.3%	1.54	0.14	1.68	3.4%	48.68
% of Total Project Cost			96.6%				3.4%		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.

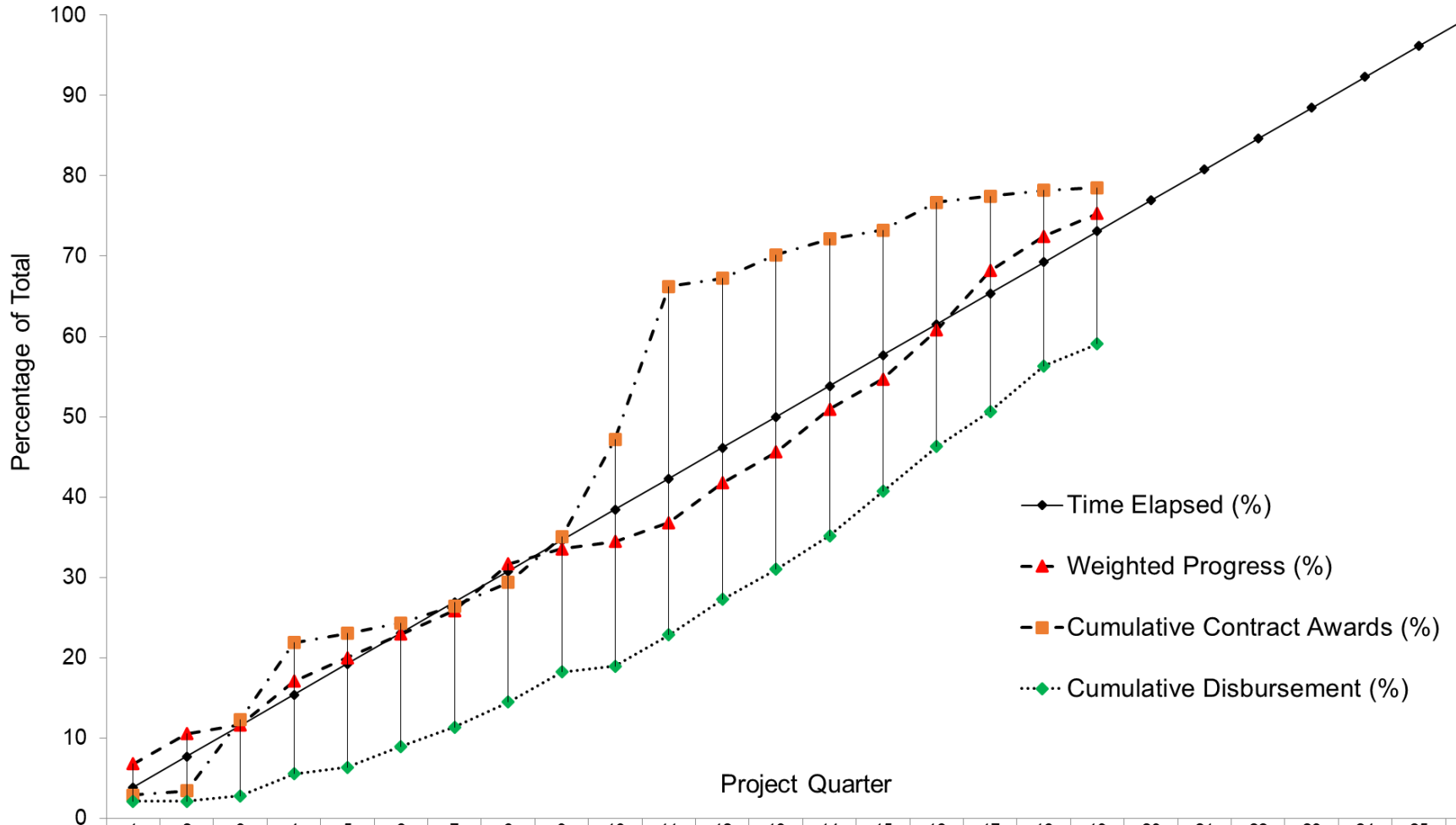
^c Following a minor change in project's financing plan approved on 27 August 2020, the cost of land acquisition and resettlement, which was originally to be covered the Government of Lao PDR, is now funded by ADB grant.

^d Allocations reflect revised allocations approved by ADB during the MTR Mission of 16 May – 6 June 2022

Source: Project Administration Manual (PAM).

Weighted Progress, Contract Awards and Disbursement against Elapsed Time

As of 30 September 2023



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Time Elapsed (%)	3.85	7.69	11.54	15.38	19.23	23.08	26.92	30.77	34.62	38.46	42.31	46.15	50.00	53.85	57.69	61.54	65.38	69.23	73.08	76.92	80.77	84.62	88.46	92.31	96.15	100.00
Weighted Progress (%)	6.78	10.55	11.64	17.09	20.02	22.96	25.88	31.70	33.56	34.47	36.83	41.77	45.60	50.95	54.68	60.80	68.20	72.49	75.30							
Cumulative Contract Awards (%)	2.93	3.43	12.33	21.89	23.06	24.32	26.43	29.36	35.06	47.19	66.21	67.23	70.15	72.13	73.23	76.71	77.49	78.19	78.51							
Cumulative Disbursement (%)	2.13	2.13	2.80	5.56	6.34	8.97	11.34	14.48	18.21	18.97	22.86	27.29	31.02	35.17	40.72	46.29	50.64	56.32	59.09							

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 National Project Steering Committee (NPSC) has been established and meets periodically to review progress. As of 30 July 2021, the NPSC comprises the Vice Minister for Tourism, MICT (Chair), Director General of MICT's Planning and International Cooperation Department and Director Generals of the four tourism departments of MICT. NPSC members also serve on the project's bid evaluation and consultant selection committees. An 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, office assistant, and an internal auditor. As of 1 October 2021, the PCU financial administration capacity is strengthened with the appointment of an assistant accountant.

MICT has opened and is managing a project Advance Account and is responsible for overall financial management of the project. ADB has disbursed \$1m 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. On 4 December 2020, ADB has approved an increase of the ceiling of the advance account from \$1.0 million to \$1.5 million and then on 3 March 2022 by another \$800,000 to \$2,300,000 to finance the Land Acquisition and Resettlement (LAR) cost.

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 consisting of an infrastructure, tourism coordinator, standard and capacity building coordinator, a DMN coordinator, and a marketing and product development coordinator. 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 1 infrastructure activities, and a tourism 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.

These implementation arrangements differ slightly from how they are described in the initial Project Administration Manual (PAM). During the project's Mid-term Review Mission, the PAM description has been revised to reflect the actual arrangements. These changes will be incorporated by ADB in an updated version of the PAM.

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 30 September 2023 can be summarized as follows:

		As of 30 September 2023		
Outcome Performance Indicators	Baseline (2016)	Targets (2025)	Progress	
a. Lao PDR's share of ASEAN international visitor arrivals increased	3.7%	3.8%	2017:	3.1%
			2018:	3.1%
			2019:	3.3%
			2020:	3.4%
			2021:	0%
			2022:	3.0%
b. Annual international visitor arrivals in project areas increased	820,100	1,263,100	2017:	941,000
			2018:	1,210,930
			2019:	1,260,051
			2020:	289,661
			2021:	3,590
			2022:	422,198
c. Aggregate annual visitor expenditure in project areas increased	\$359.5 million	\$589.0 million	2017:	\$ 338.6 million
			2018:	\$ 506.4 million
			2019:	\$ 468.8 million
			2020:	\$ 112.1 million
			2021:	\$ 0.7 million
			2022:	\$ 181.8 million
d. Women comprise at least 55% of tourism workers in project areas	50%	55%	Female workers account for 54% of the total workforce in Lao PDR's tourism and hospitality sector. ¹	
			Champasak Province:	55.9%
			Vientiane Province:	57.5%
			Luang Prabang Province:	52.1%
			Aggregate for the three target provinces:	54.3%

International arrival and expenditure results for 2020 and 2021 are heavily impacted by the border closures and travel restrictions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The country re-opened for international tourism in May 2022. It was thought the recovery period may be

¹ Ministry of Education and Sports, Lao PDR. 2021. *Tourism and Hospitality Enterprise Survey of Employment and Skills in Lao PDR*. Vientiane.

long, and that as a result performance during the 2022-2024 period be significantly lower than originally projected. While this was true for 2022, international arrivals to Lao PDR during the first six months of 2023 topped 1.6 million, 75% of the arrivals recorded in the same period in pre-pandemic 2019, an indication that the sector may be rebounding quicker than expected.

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, packaged into five² 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.

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.

² 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 execution. 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.

Progress of Output 1: Urban-Rural Access Infrastructure and Urban Environmental Services Improved as of 30 September 2023, is summarized as follows:

		As of 30 September 2023				
Activity	W01: Nakasang and Don Det - Don Khone Access Improvements	W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements	W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements	W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal	W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements	
1	Prepare civil works design and bidding documents	✓	✓	✓	→ (original DED completed – currently being revised based on reduced scope, bidding documents pending)	✓
2	Safeguards document approval	✓	✓	✓	→ Social safeguards due diligence report under preparation	✓
3	Complete land acquisition and resettlement Compensation	✓	→	✓	Not yet started	✓
4	Civil works procurement	✓	✓	✓	Not yet started	✓
5	Implement civil works construction, supervision, and supply equipment	✓	→	→	Not yet started	→
6	Safeguard Monitoring	→	→	→	Not yet started	→

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 is therefore 25 May 2022. Contract Variation Order No. 1 (VO No. 1) and time extension request was approved by ADB with (i) extending the contract completion date by 319 days (10.6 months) from the intended completion date of 25 May 2022 to 10 April

2023 and (ii) changing of the original quantities of few work items in Bill No.2: Nakasang Access Road Improvements and Bill No.3: Det and Khone Island and Footpath Improvements. The proposed changes will increase the contract amounts under Bill No.2 and Bill No.3, which will be covered by the savings identified under Provisional Sum for 3 Bridges and Physical Contingencies.

Contract Variation Order (VO No. 2) was approved by ADB with (i) extending the contract by 81 days (2.7 months) from the extended completion date of 10th April to up to 30 June 2023 to complete all of outstanding works on site, especially (i) Nakasang Port Rehabilitation, (ii) Road Shoulder Improvements of all the access roads in Nakasang, Don Det and Don Khone including restoration of Nakasang, Don Det and Don Khone Accessibility, (iii) Sodding for embankment, (iv) Site Drainage of IRL-01 with Graveling Course; (v) Street light for the port, Road furniture installation of Nakasang, Don Det and Don Khone Access Roads; (vi) replacing the existing wooden bridge with concrete deck slab on Nakasang Port Access Road; and (vii) Nakasang Parking Drainage Improvement and changing the quantities of work items savings identified from the Bill No. 1, Bill No. 2, Day Works and Physical Contingency. The Contract Amount will be remained same as the original Contract of USD3,964,308.36.

The overall implementation progress as of 30th June 2023 was 100.00% (Nakasang access improvement was 28.65%, Don Khone access improvement was 57.81% and Don Det access improvement was 13.54% completed) against the implementation schedule of 100.00%.

In this quarter, the handover ceremony was conducted on 17th July 2023. The Employer issued the Completion Certificate on the date of 30th June 2023 to the Contractor for the Works Package No. TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det - Don Khone Access Improvements. The contract is under Defect Liability Period of 12 months until 30th June 2024. The detailed of the completed road matrix is as follow:

Road No	Completed, Km	Don-Det	Don-Khone,	Nakasang
Road No. IRL-01	1.35	1.35		
Road No. IRL-02	2.07	2.07		
Road No. IRL-03	2.49	2.49		
Road No. IRL-04	4.62		4.62	
Road No. IRL-05	5.65		5.648	
Road No. IRL-06	1.34		1.335	
Road No. IRL-07	0.10		0.104	
Road No. IRL-08	0.59		0.594	
Nakasang Access Road including River Port	2.90			2.90
Total	21.11	5.91	12.30	2.90

Summary of the facilities:

- 21.112 Km Road (2.904 Km at Nakasang, 5.907 Km in Don Det and 12.301 Km in Don Khone)
- 3 Bailey Bridges on Access Road IRL-05 in Don Khone
- 178.00 m Culvert (16.00 m Culvert at Nakasang)
- 3 Parking Areas (1 Nakasang, 1 Don Det old Port and 1 Ban Hang Khone)
- 11 Sets of Solar Light (9 Sets Nakasang Port and 2 Sets Railway Bridge _ Both Sides)
- 2 Boat Ramps (Nakasang River Port)
- 1 Pontoon (Nakasang River Port)
- 106.00 m Retaining Wall (Nakasang River Port) upstream side (U/S) & downstream side (D/S)
- 140.00 m Slope Protection by Rubble Stones (Nakasang River Port)

- 153.00 m Footpath (Nakasang River Port) U/S & D/S
- 25.00 m Drainage & Discharge RC Pipe
- Locomotive Area Improvements in Don Khone
- View Point in Don Det old Port
- Safety Guardrail on Approach road to Mekong Bridge in both sides Don Det and Don Khone (French Bridge)
- Renovation of Port Ticket Office/Waiting area of the Tourists
- Renovation of Ticket Office at Nakasang Parking area
- Cross Drainage at end of Nakasang River Port (U/S)
- Renovation of wooden bridge to concrete deck slab on access road alone Nakasang Port (U/S)

The following area need to be inspected during the Defects Liability Period:

- Tourist waiting area
- Loose Rip-Rap under the Tourist Waiting Area
- Re-instate pathways, other local infrastructure, and agricultural land
- Re-instate the sand beach (some sections of the road only)
- Re-instate of borrow pit for sub-base soil
- Cutting of light bush
- Pavement surface cracks
- Water logging of the access road of Nakasang port
- Inlet-outlet cleaning of pipe culverts
- Drainage issue of IRL-01 and IRL-03

Items	Quantity	When
Tourist waiting area for Nakasang Port	Number-1	31 May 2024 or before
Loose Rip-Rap under the Tourist Waiting Area for Nakasang Access Road	Number-1	31 May 2024 or before
Re-instate pathways, other local infrastructure, and agricultural land	As per consultation with the Community, see details report	31 May 2024 or before
Re-instate the sand beach (some sections of the road only)	As per consultation with the Community, see details report	31 May 2024 or before
Re-instate of borrow pit for sub-base soil	Borrow Pit Area	31 May 2024 or before
Light bush	Number-1	31 May 2024 or before
Pavement surface cracks	Will be inspected 2 mons before the DLP expired	List will be provided
Water logging of the access road of Nakasang port	2 Places	31 May 2024 or before
Inlet-outlet cleaning of pipe culverts	Number-2.00	31 May 2024 or before
Drainage issue of IRL No. 1	All Places	31 May 2024 or before

There were Ticket Office renovation and Tourist Waiting Area being implemented by the Contractor during the reporting period under the defect liability period. Works executed in Q3 2023 (July – September 2023)

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 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 2020.

The Contract was signed on 19th February 2021. The Site possession was issued on 24 March 2021. The Notice to Proceed (NTP) was given on 5th April, 2021 with the commencement of works from 19th April 2021. The period of performance is 731 calendar days, and the intended completion date is therefore 20th April 2023.

ADB provided No Objection on Contract Variation Order (CVO No. 1) on dated 2nd March 2023 which enable to extend the Contract's intended completion date by 365 days, from 20th April 2023 to 20th April 2024, to complete the remaining works without changing the original budget but to change bills allocation due to various quantities changed.

The Works consist of:

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

The overall implementation progress, as of 30th September 2023, was 82.25% against the schedule of 94.00% (the revised work programme).

During this reporting period of July-Sep 2023, 6.87% of works progress made against 2.28% due to there were many concrete and finishing works for building works being implemented during the rainy season.

During this quarter, the contractor progressed the construction work well including (i) construction of MRF, workshop and administration buildings including fixing of doors and windows, installing of electrical network, fixing of floor tiles and ceilings; (ii) construction of incinerator room; (iii) construction of the planted drying bed (PDB); (iv) construction of landfill hazardous waste storage; (v) weighting bridge installation, (vi) installation of deep well pump for water supply, (vii) guard house, (viii) the construction of RC drainages (U-ditch) in landfill and (v) waste disposal in Cell-5.

Issues and constraints faced, actions and responsibilities to address these issues or constraints:

Challenges & Recommendations:		
Srl.	Challenges	Recommendation
1	Daily Waste Management: Currently waste is being dumped in cell No.3 while the Bulldozer is being procured	Frequent coordination meetings with UDAA, Eco-green and other relevant authorities line agencies on planned activities

The PMCES national experts (a Resident Engineer and a Supervisor) continued supervising the construction works on site to assist PIU and UDAA Vang Vieng.

The project was continuously implementing the preventive measures for the COVID -19 in accordance with the Prime Minister's Office Order No.06/PM regarding COVID-19 regulations. In response, the Contractor was taking safety measures of the COVID-19 Pandemic prevention including detailed specific measures 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 at site.

The following activities being carried out by the contractor during the reporting period are given below:

Works executed in Q3 2023 (July - September 2023)

Item	Description	Unit	Rate (USD)	July 2023 to September 2023		
				Quantity	Amount (USD)	Progress
	BILL No. 01 GENERAL PROVISIONS				600.00	
	BILL No. H: INTERNAL ROADS				21,069.88	
	BILL No. I: SITE WATER SUPPLY, STORM WATER AND WASTE WATER SYSTEM				7,350.00	
	BILL No. K: WEIGHING BRIDGE OFFICE BUILDING				5,389.55	
	BILL No. M: GUARD HOUSE AND MAIN ENTRANCE				6,715.90	
	BILL No. N: MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY (MRF)				21,097.11	
	BILL No. O: ADMINISTRATION BUILDING				45,430.32	
	BILL No. P: WORKSHOP / SERVICE BUILDING				9,580.23	
	BILL No. Q: PLANTED DRYING BED (PDB)				8,279.02	
	BILL No. R: HAZARDOUS WASTE STORAGE				44,399.48	
	BILL No. S: INCINERATOR ROOM				29,389.55	
	BILL No. V: VIHECLE WASHING RAMP				6,734.10	
	BILL No. W: BOUNDARY WALL				6,334.71	
Total Executed Amonut					212,369.85	6.88%

Status of Stage-1 Works Packages:

Sub-project-W01	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
<p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DED prepared • IEE/EMP prepared • Social DDR prepared 	<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 • IFB issued on 18 September 2019 • Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) on (IEE/EMP) by PONRE/Champasak Province on 07 September for the period of 17 October 2019 to 17 October 2020 • 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 • Approval of Preliminary Design of 3 Bridges in Don Khone in August 2021 • Approval of Detailed Engineering Design (DED) of 3 Bridges in Don Khone including BOQ in February 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of minor pending works/punch list by Q3 2023 • As-built drawings preparation • O&M training for the infrastructure facilities

Sub-project-W01	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB MTR Mission visited the project site on 17 May 2022 • Variation Order No. 01 was approved on 26 May 2022 by ADB • ADB No Objection to extend the contract completion date by 319 days from the intended completion date of 25 May 2022 to 10 April 2023 • ADB No Objection Change of the original quantities of few work items in Bill No.2: Nakasang Access Road Improvements and Bill No.3: Det and Khone Island and Footpath Improvements. The proposed changes will increase the contract amounts under Bill No.2 and Bill No.3, which will be covered by the savings identified under Provisional Sum for 3 Bridges and Physical Contingencies • ADB provided no-objection for the CV No. 2 on 07 April 2023 • Request for the Certificate of Completion on 23 June 2023 by the Contractor • The Employer issued the Completion Certificate on 30 June 2023 to the Contractor • The Civil Works Contract has been taken over and the 365days Defects Liability Period has been started from 1st July 2023. 	

Sub-project-W04	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements 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 • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Additional Slope Protection by Q4 2023 • Approval of Variation order No. 2 for additional daily waste management works by Q4 2023 • Approval of Weighing Bridge by Q4 2023 • Approval of shop drawing of street lightings for internal roads by Q4 2023 • Continue Surface water quality: pH, To, TSS, DO, BODS, COD, Total N, Turb, Oil, CaC03 and Grease, Hg, Cd, Pb, Ni, Zn, Cu, Cr (VI), Fe, Cl-, Coliform by every 6 months • Continue monitoring of groundwater

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Kick-off meeting was conducted on 2nd April 2021 • The CEMP was approved with conditions by PMCES on 5th of April 2021 • The Notice to Proceed (NTP) was given on 5th of April 2021 with commencement of works from 19th of April 2021 • CEMP Training for the Contractor dated 18 June 2021 • Groundwater monitoring in Sep-Dec 2021 • Surface water monitoring in Sep-Dec 2021 • ADB MTR Mission visited the project site on 19th May 2022 • Groundwater monitoring in July 2022 • Surface water monitoring in July 2022 • CCR for Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements has been posted on the web. https://www.adb.org/projects/documents/lao-49387-002-smr dated 12Sep22 • ADB approved SMR No. 5 and disclosed on 27 Dec 2022 including accident Report • ADB No Objection on Contract Variation (CV No. 1) on dated 02 March 2023 including the Extension of the intended completion date by 365 days, from 20 April 2023 to 20 April 2024, to enable completion of the remaining works. • Extend the contract's intended completion date by 365 days, from 20 April 2023 to 20 April 2024, to enable completion of the remaining works 	<p>quality pH, TSS, DO, BODS, COD, Total N, Turb., P043-, Oil, CaCO3 and Grease, Hg, Cd, Pb, Ni, Zn, Cu, Cr (VI), Fe, Cl-, Coliform by every 6 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Leachate samples: pH, BODS, COD, Turb., and heavy metal such as Cd, As, Zn, Cr (VI), Pb, and Cu by every 6months interval. • Compensation completion report (CCR) and closure report by Q4 2023
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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 documents 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) would be updated and finalized during Q2 2023 subject to the physical completion of Contracts TIIGP2-LAO-W02 and TIIGP2-LAO-W03 being 50% as recommended by the ADB during the Midterm Review mission in May 2022. This is now the case and planning for W03a has re-started aiming for an issuance of an invitation for bids by Q3 2023, contract award by Q2 2024 and commencement of works by Q3 2024.

Following the split of the original package TIIGP2-LAO-W03 (V1-V4) into TIIGP2-LAO-W03 (V1-V3) and TIIGP2-LAO-W03a (V4), the bidding documents and safeguards documents for package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a (subproject V4) will be updated and finalized during Q4 2023 subject to the physical completion of Contracts TIIGP2-LAO-W02 and TIIGP2-LAO-W03 being 50% as recommended by the ADB during the Midterm Review mission in May 2022. This is now the case and planning for TIIGP2-LAO-W03a has re-started aiming for issuance of invitation for bids by Q4 2023, contract award by Q2 2024 and commencement of works by Q3 2024.

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

During 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 18th September 2020, with a submission deadline and bid opening on 30th October 2020.

ADB issued NOL to the BER on 20 April 2021. The Letter of Acceptance was issued on the same day to the Contractor. The contract was awarded on 26th April 2021. The site possession was given on 4th June 2021. The Notice to Proceed (NTP) was given on 16 June 2021 with commencement of works from 1st July 2021. The period of performance is 731 calendar days, and the intended completion date is therefore 30th June 2023.

The Works for TIIGP2-LAO-W02 Consists of:

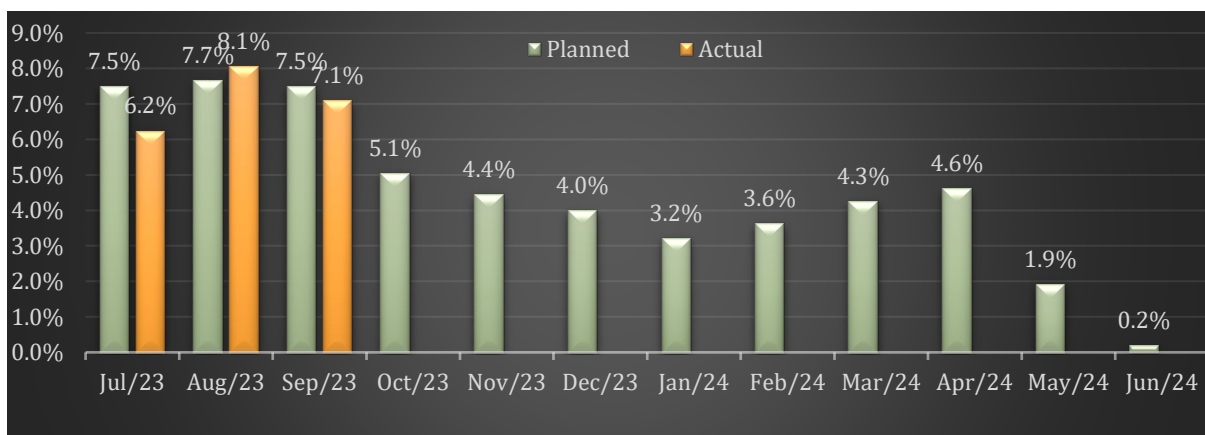
- Construction of a 1,200m² parking area which has a capacity of 4 buses and 34 cars and an overflow parking area, which has a capacity of around 27 cars.
- Improving the existing public marina to safely accommodate 50 to 60 local tour boats and launch small recreational vessels, e.g. kayaks and sailboats;
- 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 3,860m² public market and shop houses that incorporate Lao traditional architectural design
- Construction of five private pavilions, and one iconic circular pavilion, which is the landmark of this recreational area.
- Installation of septic tanks in all public buildings and a wastewater pump out station/ holding tank at the marina, wetland treatment and Construction new site storm drainage and slope protection
- Improve domestic water supply by construction new treatment tank.
- Install new outdoor lighting, landscape fixture and waste bins.
- Construction access road and install of floating ferry dock.
- Construction of 32 Nos of Shop houses

The Intended Completion Date was extended from 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024 as approved by ADB on 28th June 2023 because of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021-2022 and the updated resettlement plan.

The overall implementation progress, as of 30th September 2023 was 67.47% against the schedule of 68.70%. However, the outstanding works of 32.53% is scheduled to be completed within the extended period of 9 months from 1st October 2023 to 30th June 2024.

During this report period of July-Sep 2023, 21.38% of works progress made against 22.62% planned. The progress of works was slightly delayed due to (i) lack of resources at site for landscape and buildings marina works; (ii) delay in construction fill slope protection at marina because of lack of stone for gabion terramesh; (iii) high water level of marina which stopped working on circular pavilion; (iv) delay in installing the drainage works for access road; and (v) delay in building works particularly Public Plaza construction, Circular Pavilion Construction, and shophouses.

During the reporting period, the Contractor carried out (i) the general provision related to the contractor's and the engineer's facilities; (ii) the installation of U-ditches (cast-in-situ U-ditches); (iii) RC pavement; (iv) Cast-in-situ Road Kerb; (v) stone loose ripap for slope protection of internal access road AL-03 to Circular Pavilion; (vi) fill slope protection by using Terramesh system along the internal access road AL-02; (vii) the construction of foundation of shophouses Types A, B, C and D; (viii) the construction of concrete deck slab for Circular Pavilion; (ix) the construction of Stairs ST-02, ST-03, ST-5 and ST-06 ; (x) the construction of column for supporting the intake pipe from intake pumphouse for water supply system, and (xi) construction of the water treatment tank for water supply. The progress chart of the reporting period is presented in the following chart.



The progress status is summarized for 14 priorities action plan (agreed in July 2022):

- 4 - actions fully completed (100% completed)
- 5 – actions partially completed (more than 80%)
- 2 - actions partially completed (more than 75%)
- 3 – actions significantly delayed – Not completed (less than 50% or below progress)

Progress Status of 14-Priority Action Plans as of September 2023

Priority	Srl	Discussion points	The Latest Work Plan and Work Progress		Revised Work Plan and Work Progress			Justification
			Action by Khamfong Group (KFG) Date: Start Date-End Date	Progress as of 31 August 2023	Action by Khamfong Group (KFG) Date: Start Date-End Date	Progress as of 30 September 2023	Progress Status	
	I	Access Road-1 (Sta. 3+500 to Sta. 6+372)						
1	1.1	Earth Works -Common Excavation: 64,887.47 m3 -Embankment: 2,963.30 m3	Start: 1-June-2022 End: 1-October-2022	100.00%		100.00%	Done	Total Length=2.83 Km
2	1.2	Drainage Works (Side Drain + RC Pipe Culvert)	Start: 18-June-2022 End: 15-December-2022	82.00%	Start: 5-November-2023 End: 15-December-2023	85.00%		Total Length= 4,967m, Completed= 4222m=> Remaining= 745m
3	1.3	Sub-base Materials Mixing -Soil 60% -Gravel 40%	Start: 4-June-2022 End: 15-November-2022	100.00%		100.00%	Done	
4	1.4	Concrete Pavement -Length 2,872 m -Width 6 m -Thickness 0.175 m	Start: 15-September-2023 End: 15-December-2023	92.00%	Start: 8-December-2023 End: 20-December-2023	92.00%		Total Length= 2,827m, Completed= 2,601m=> Remaining= 226m
	II	Access Road-2 (Sta. 0+000 to Sta. 3+500)						
5	2.1	Earth Works -Common Excavation: 84,117.30 m3 -Embankment: 3,112.00 m3	Start: 1-October-2022 End: 1-January-2023	100.00%		100.00%	Done	
6	2.2	Drainage Works (Side Drain + RC Pipe Culvert)	Start: 15-November-2022 End: 15-March-2023	81.00%	Start: 12-October-2023 End: 5-November-2023	85.00%		Total Length= 3,000m, Completed= 2,550m=> Remaining= 320m
7	2.3	Sub-base Materials Mixing -Soil 60% -Gravel 40%	Start: 15-January-2023 End: 15-April-2023	100.00%	Start: 10-November-2023 End: 20-November-2023	100.00%	Done	
8	2.4	Concrete Pavement -Length 3,500 m -Width 6 m -Thickness 0.175 m	Start: 25-February-2023 End: 25-May-2023	93.00%	Start: 1-December-2023 End: 7-December-2023	93.00%		Total Length= 3,500m, Completed= 3,255m=> Remaining= 245m
	III	Landscape Marina						
9	3.1	Slope protection & Drainage	Start: 15-June-2022 End: 15-December-2022	79.00%	Start: 25-October-2023 End: 15-November-2023	82.00%		Cut Slope Protection 275m (behind Shop House) Completed = 85% and Fill Slope Protection 320 m (Namngum Riverside) Completed= 70%
10	3.2	Step Landscape	Start: 18-June-2022 End: 18-February-2023	28.00%	Start: 1-February-2024 End: 1-March-2024	28.00%		Nam Ngum Dam is in the water retention period
11	3.3	Circular Pavilion	Start: 15-June-2022 End: 15-March-2023	75.00%	Start: 1-December-2023 End: 1-March-2024	75.00%		Nam Ngum Dam is in the water retention period
12	3.4	Public Plaza	Start: 15-June-2022 End: 15-February-2023	38.00%	Start: 1-November-2023 End: 1-March-2024	38.00%		
13	3.5	Shophouse	Start: 1-August-2022 End: 1-May-2023	17.00%	Start: 1-November-2023 End: 1-May-2024	25.00%		
14	3.6	Internal Road	Start: 1-December-2022 End: 30-June-2023	53.00%	Start: 1-March-2024 End: 31-May-2024	53.00%		

The original detailed engineering design of the Contract was done in 2020. When the contract commenced in July 2021, the Contractor carried out topographical survey of the existing ground and prepared the constructional/working drawings. During the Consultant's review of the working drawings as per the ground prevailing condition, some of the parameters of the soil properties were not the same as per design. For these unforeseen circumstances, it was found out that the factor of safety was not adequate against slope stability, should we follow the DED. Therefore, during the implementation of Civil Works under this package, there was site adaptation works as a basis of revisions. In addition of ground conditions, the DED failed to address some of the resettlement issues which required either design modification or additional design as per the Revised Resettlement Plan.

The Variation Order No.1 is cost implication to the project due to modification of design for (i) the slope stability against overturning and sliding for both the marina and access road, (ii) extension of Kitchen behind the shop houses, (iii) quantities missed in the BoQ, (iv) construction of the MPS temporary Facilities, and (v) Additional rock transportation cost outside of the project area. Due to the above factors, it changes the quantities of some work items in Bill No. 1: General Provisions, Bill No. 2: Landscape Marina, Bill No. 3: Building Marina and Bill No. 4 Road Improvement. The summary of Variation Order is as follow:

Bill No.	Original Contract, USD	Revised Contract, as per VO-1, USD	Difference, USD
Bill No. 1: General Provisions	158,560.00	170,660.00	12,100.00
Bill No. 2: Landscape Marina	959,903.28	2,073,356.94	1,113,453.66
Bill No. 3: Building Marina	819,067.15	987,148.47	168,081.32
Bill No. 4: Road Improvement	2,173,320.43	2,351,256.74	177,936.31
Bill No. 5: Pipe Culverts	124,418.68	124,418.68	-
Bill No. 6: Dayworks Provisional Sum	9,335.13	9,335.13	-
Sub-Total (Bill No. 1 to Bill No. 6)	4,244,604.67	5,716,175.96	1,471,571.29
Contingencies 10%	424,460.47	424,460.47	
Total of Contractor's Bill and Contingency	4,669,065.14	6,140,636.43	1,471,571.29

The proposed Variation Order will be needing additional USD 1,471,571.29 which is 31.52% of the original contract value. It changes the original quantities of few work items in Bill No.1: General Provisions, Bill No. 2: Landscape Marina, Bill No. 3: Building Marina and Bill No. 4: Road Improvement keeping contingency amount in the same as previous USD 424,460.47.

Based on the additional cost, the total contract amount in US dollars will increase by USD 1,471,571.29, from USD 4,669,065.14 to USD 6,140,636.43. The VO was submitted in 22nd June 2023. ADB is in the process of reviewing this proposal, its justifications and its cost implications.

The PMCES team joined with the EA & ADB Review Mission in the field on 14-25 August with an agreement that the proposed additional works will be considered only if the contractor is able to (i) meet monthly progress target in August and September 2023, (ii) meet at least 90% of planned equipment, manpower, materials, and (iii) address health and safety issues listed in Appendix 3. The EA and PMCES ensures implementation of environmental health and safety corrective and preventive actions in Appendix 3 and considers linking contractors' compliance with payments. The EA starts monitoring the performance of the Contractor bi-weekly basis and the results of the ADB Review Mission findings are as follows:

Contract package	ADB Findings	Results as of 30 September 2023
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TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements	The mission and the EA agreed that the proposed additional works will be considered only if the contractor is able to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer the following results
	(i) meet monthly progress target in August and September 2023,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress in Aug 8.1% (Target 7.7%) • Progress in Sep 7.1% (Target 7.5%) • Result: Satisfactory
	(ii) meet at least 90% of planned equipment, manpower, materials,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manpower - 60% • Equipment - 74% • Material - 96% • Result: Satisfactory (the contractor selected equipment intensive during the rainy seasons)
	(iii) address health and safety issues listed in Appendix 3. TIIGP2-LAO-W02: EA ensures implementation of environmental health and safety corrective and preventive actions in Appendix 3 and considers linking contractors' compliance with payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Completed • 4 Partially completed in Sep • 3 Not completed as wet condition in the field (new target to complete in November) • Result: Refer chapter 8 for more details of this report

Despite the challenges of having heavy rainfall that persisted more than 10 days of the month, the Contractor managed to make significant progress on the project during the month of September with slightly behind the original plan (progress 7.1%, planned 7.5%). The deployment of manpower, equipment and material did not meet at least 90% of planned equipment and manpower due to rain but the availability of material was satisfactory. **As a whole, we rated the performance of the Contractor for the month of August and September as satisfactory.**

The Contractor also provided additional undertaking that if we could not complete the works with the extended completion date of 30th June 2024, the contractor will abide by the liquidated damages for the whole of the Works at 0.05% of the final Contract Price per day as per the Particular Conditions of Contract GCC 56.1 up to 5% of the final Contract Price, and in addition, pay all the compensation to which the affected households are entitled as per the updated Resettlement Plan (June 2023) from 1st July 2024 until the physical completion and handover of the Works.

The PMCES national Resident Engineer and a supervisor continued supervising the construction work on site to assist the PIU/DICT of Vientiane Province.

The project was continuously implementing the preventive measures for the COVID -19 in accordance with the Prime Minister's Office Order No.06/PM regarding COVID-19 regulations. In response, the Contractor was taking safety measures of the COVID-19 Pandemic prevention including detailed specific measures 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 at site.

The following activities being carried out by the contractor during the reporting period are given below:

Works executed in Q3 2023 (July – September 2023)

Item	Description	Unit	Rate	Quantity	Amount	Progress
			(USD)		(USD)	
Bill No. 1: General Provisions					6,990.00	
102	General Obligation					
102-1	Maintenance of Road, Bridges and Culvert	month	410.00	3.00	1,230.00	
102-3	Maintenance of Traffic	month	200.00	3.00	600.00	
103-2	Maintenance of Contractor's Establishments	month	820.00	3.00	2,460.00	
104-2	Maintenance of Main Office and Facilities including administration	Month	300.00	3.00	900.00	
104-15	Maintenance of Vehicles including Driver and Fuel	Vehicle Month	500.00	3.00	1,500.00	
105-2	Maintenance of Main/Field Laboratory	month	100.00	3.00	300.00	
Bill No. 2: Landscape Marina					1,060,056.61	
201-1	Clearing and Grubbing	Metre Square	0.45	2,930.35	1,318.66	
601-3	Cut Slope Protection at Marina (Terramesh System behind Shophouses)	LS	211,275.13	0.47	98,645.25	
601-4	Fill slope protection at Marina AL-2	LS	354,321.02	0.99	351,820.92	
601-5	Fill slope protection road to circular pavilion at Marina AL-3	LS	295,768.12	0.82	243,284.39	
	Unsuitable Excavate + Backfilling by Big Rock and Loose Riprap	Metre Cube	36.00	5,592.50	201,330.00	
601-7	Big Rock for Protection Wheelchair Ramp 2 & 1	Metre Cube	36.00	800.00	28,800.00	
	Big Rock for Step Landscape	Metre Cube	36.00	210.00	7,560.00	
708	Contractor Re-instate Retaining Wall behind (27Car+4 Bus) 60m with 8m high	LS	71,467.88	0.74	52,907.72	
204-1	Embankment from Excavated Materials	Metre Cube	3.50	1,672.47	5,853.65	
701-1	Stair ST01	LS	5,359.35	1.20	6,438.68	
701-2	Stair ST02	LS	5,954.37	0.67	3,963.45	
701-3	Stair ST03	LS	19,268.96	0.61	11,765.61	
701-5	Stair ST05	LS	15,572.50	1.07	16,603.29	
701-6	Stair ST06	LS	21,088.65	0.58	12,237.70	
702-2	Wheelchair Ramp 02	LS	13,322.60	0.32	4,324.70	
703	Step Landscape	LS	44,271.68	0.02	927.60	
704-2	Water Treatment Tank	LS	45,727.85	0.27	12,275.00	
Bill No. 3: Building Marina					65,445.38	
802B	Shop house type A	LS	195,091.48	0.02	3,241.00	
802B	Shop house type B	LS	166,156.40	0.05	7,573.20	
802B	Shop house type C	LS	134,035.31	0.14	18,372.61	
802B	Shop house type D	LS	63,621.81	0.17	10,965.50	
804	CIRCULAR PAVILION	LS	107,226.97	0.24	25,293.07	
Bill No. 4: Road Improvement					177,973.60	
203-5	Removal of Landslide	Metre Cube	2.46	361.38	889.00	
314-2	Reinforced Concrete Pavement, 175 mm thick (Class 30MPa)	Metre Square	29.00	1,890.00	54,810.00	
404-4	Stone Masonry (Replac construction by reinforceconcte U-ditch)	Metre Cube	36.00	2,116.67	76,200.00	
507-1	Concrete Slab from Kerb to Side drain(C 20MPa, Thickness= 0.08 m)	Metre Cube	90.00	128.64	11,577.60	
601-1	Slope Protection for the Access road Km 1+400 by Gabion Box	LS	110,325.55	0.19	21,372.00	
607-4	Precast Concrete Kerb	Metre	3.75	3,500.00	13,125.00	
Bill No. 5: Pipe Culverts						
Total Executed Amonut					1,310,465.59	21.38%

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. 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. The BER was approved on dated 15 July 2021. The contract was awarded on 23 July 2021. The Notice to Proceed (NTP) was given on 24th August with commencement of works from 1st September 2021. The period of performance is 731 calendar days, and the intended completion date is therefore 1st September 2023.

The Intended Completion Date was extended from 2nd September 2023 to 1st September 2024 as approved by ADB because of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021-2022 and the delayed in testing of bored piles of Nam Xong Bridge construction.

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/DBST)	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.
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	1,060m
Roadside Drains	V-shaped unlined, Lined trapezoidal and RCC Rectangular	V-shaped unlined, Lined trapezoidal and RCC Rectangular	
Landscape and building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Renovating dining pavilions, kitchen, public toilet - Building changing hut - Renovating suspension bridge - Building 2 arch bridge in reinforced concrete - Improving forest walkway (trekking and stone stairs) - Construction of new view deck near waterfall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove existing deck and its support - Install new decking and support frame - Install new railing 	

The overall implementation progress, as of 30th September 2023, was 59.43% against the revised schedule of 58.49%. During this reporting period of July to Sep 2023, 3.15% of works progress made against 3.74% planned.

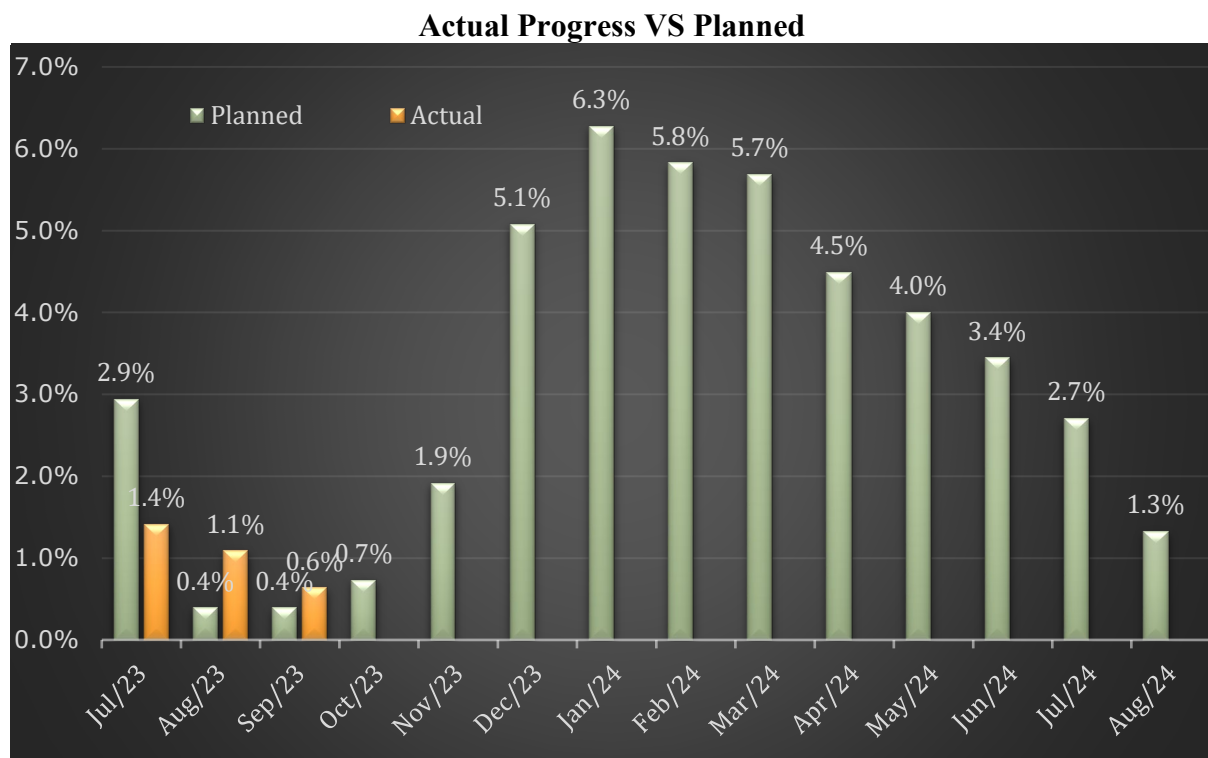
During the reporting period, the contractor carried out (i) the general provision related to the contractor’s and the engineer’s facilities, (ii) the preparation works on site such as survey work, laboratory testing (base course materials testing, and RC pipe culvert compressive strength test) (iii) shop drawings, (iv) road maintenance, (v) RC drain work (cast-in-situ U-ditches, installation of U-ditches; (vi) RC pipe culverts with apron protection, Inlet and outlet for RC pipe culverts, (vii) the construction of slope protection of 3 causeways on Western Loop Rural Access Road-R1; (viii) the construction of Base course for Western Loop Rural Access Road-R1 & R2; (ix) the 1st layer of DBST of Western Loop Rural Access Road-R1 including Prime Coat MC70 and first sealing coat AC80/100; (x) the surface treatment for Western Loop Rural Access Road-R2 (Prime cost MC70 and first sealing coat AC80/100), (xi) Repairing of existing Bailey bridges on Road R1&R2 including Abutment protection; (xii) the sub-base course for Kaeng Yui access road at Km 5+600-5+850, and (xiii) the RC pavement of Kaeng Yui Access Road; (xiv) the construction of foundation and column of Public Toilet at Kaeng Yui landscape; (xv) the completion of Pedestrian Bridge No. 01 and the construction of Bridge No. 03 at Kaeng Yui landscape; (xvi) the construction of Pier P2 for Nam Xong bridge; and (xvii) cast-in-situ I-girders, launching and deck slab for span from Abutment A1 – Pier P1 of for Nam Xong bridge construction.

The progress status is summarized for 11 priorities action plan (agreed in June 2022):

- 4 - actions fully completed (100% completed)
- 4 – actions partially completed (more than 90%)
- 2 – actions significantly delayed – Not completed (more than 40% or above)
- 1 – action in progress which is health & safety

The present status of the project is as follows:

- Kaeng Yui: 60.97%
- Western Loop: 55.65%
- NamXong Bridge: 53.90%



Progress status of 11-priority action plans, as of 30 September 2023

11 Priority Action List agreed in the Management Meeting No. 08 dated 5th May 2022				Target as of 30 th September 2023	Actual Progress as of 30 th September 2023	Progress Status
Items	Discussion points	Who/ Take actions	When/ action will be taken			
1	Earth Works	Contractor	Continue: 5 May 2022 to 30 January 2023	KY: 100% WL: 100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaeng Yui: 100% • Western Loop: 98.0% 	Completed (99%)
2	Bored pile load test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Static load test – 2 Nos • High strength Dynamic Test – 2 Nos • PIT Test – 28 Nos • Sonic Test – 28 Nos 	Contractor	Start: 19 May 2022 to 11 June 2022	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Static load: 100% • High strength Dynamic Test: 100% • PIT Test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Abutment A1 – 8 Nos: 100% – Abutment A2 – 8 Nos: 100% – Pier P1 – 6 Nos: 100% – Pier P2 – 6 Nos: 100% • Sonic Test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Abutment A1 – 8 Nos: 100% – Abutment A2 – 8 Nos: 100% – Pier P1 – 6 Nos: 100% – Pier P2 – 6 Nos: 100% 	Completed
3	Pile cap construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 1st Group (A1+P1) – 2nd Group (P2+A2) 	Contractor	Start: 25 May 2022 to 17 June 2022	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Abutment A1: 100% – Abutment A2: 100% – Pier P1: 100% – Pier P2: 100% 	Completed
4	Exposed unfinished U-Drain or Cover Drain Construction	Contractor	Continue: 6 May 2022 to 1 st week of June 2022	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaeng Yui: 100.0% • Western Loop: 100.0% • (Km 17+940 ~ 18+820 L/S, R/S) 	Completed
5	Pipe Culvert Construction both subprojects	Contractor	Continue: 5 May 2022 to 31 July 2022	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaeng Yui: 94.12% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Total 17 locations – Completed 16 locations • Western Loop: 94.80% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Total 77 locations – Completed 73 locations 	Completed (94%)
6	Sub-base Construction – WL & KY	Contractor	Continue: 12 May 2022 to 28 March 2023	KY: 100% WL: 100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaeng Yui: 100% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Total 6.0 km – Completed 6.0 km • Western Loop: 93.0% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Total 26.0 km – Completed 24.0 km 	Completed (96.5%)
7	Base Course Construction - WL	Contractor	Start: 15 May 2022 to 10 April 2023	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Loop: 64.00% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Total 26 km – Completed 24.0 km of 1st layer, 100 mm THK & 9.3 km of 2nd layer, 100 mm THK. 	Uncompleted (36.0%)
8	Pavement Concrete - KY	Contractor	Start: 25 May 2022 to 31 December 2022	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaeng Yui: 91.66% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Total 6.0 km = 36,000 m² – Completed 5.5 km full width W=6.0 m 	Completed (91.66%)
9	Landscape - KY	Contractor	Continue: 5 May 2022 to 30 August 2023	Landscape: 100% Building: 100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape Work: 13.65% • Building Work: 60.0% 	Uncompleted (63.0%)
10	Health & Safety	Contractor	Continue: 5 May 2022		85.0%	In progress
11	Revision of overall work programme + Resources Plan + S-Curve:	Contractor	Submission: 12 May 2022	100%	100%	Completed

Works executed in Q3 2023 (July – Sep 2023)

Item	Description	Unit	Rate (USD)	July 2023 to September 2023		
				Quantity	Amount (USD)	Progress
BILL No. 01 GENERAL PROVISIONS					5,389.25	
102-1	Maintenance of Roads, Bridges and Culverts	Month	1,000.00	2.00	2,000.00	
102-3	Maintenance of Traffic	Month	250.00	2.00	500.00	
103-2	Maintenance of Contractor's Establishments	Month	150.00	2.00	300.00	
104-2	Maintenance of Main Office and Facilities including administration	Month	150.00	3.00	450.00	
104-15	Maintenance of Vehicles including Driver and Fuel	Vehicle Month	200.00	3.00	600.00	
105-2	Maintenance of Main / Field Laboratory	Month	200.00	3.00	600.00	
107-2	Implementation of Contractor Environmental Management Action Plan (CEMAP)	Lump Sum	3,612.50	0.10	361.25	
107-4	Public Consultation During Construction Phase	Lump Sum	5,780.00	0.10	578.00	
BILL No. 2: BUILDING FOR KAENG YUI					8,308.68	
705-S.4.8	Concrete Grade 25 MPa	Metre Cube	179.78	6.70	1,204.49	
705-S.4.9	Steel reinforcement DB12 Grade SD40	Tonne	726.75	0.35	254.36	
705-S.4.10	Steel reinforcement RB6 Grade SR24	Tonne	726.75	0.10	72.68	
705-S.4.11	Tie Bar	Kilogram	6.12	10.00	61.20	
705-S.4.12	Formwork	Metre Square	11.48	50.00	573.75	
705-S.6.1	Anchor bolt 12mm (L = 300mm) Grade A307	Pieces	13.77	36.00	495.72	
705-S.6.2	Steel plate 4mm thk. Grade A36	Tonne	726.75	0.05	36.34	
705-S.6.3	Steel [] 100x50x2.3mm Grade SS400	Tonne	726.75	2.50	1,816.88	
705-S.6.4	Steel [] 50x50x2.3mm Grade SS400	Tonne	726.75	0.29	210.76	
705-S.6.5	Steel Purlin [] 50x50x2.3mm Grade SS400	Tonne	726.75	0.54	392.45	
705-S.6.6	Labour cost for installation of steel structures and roofing sheets	Metre Square	15.30	118.50	1,813.05	
705-S.7.1	Rust proofing for painting steel structures	Metre Square	4.59	300.00	1,377.00	
BILL No. 3: ROAD IMPROVEMENT FOR KAENG YUI					34,009.07	
207-1	Structural Excavation (Common)	Metre Cube	2.91	292.00	848.84	
313-1	Sand Layer	Metre Cube	6.50	31.31	203.61	
314-2	Reinforced Concrete Pavement, 160 mm thick (Class 30Mpa)	Metre Square	19.35	313.13	6,060.47	
607-4	Precast Concrete Kerb	Metre	12.62	703.00	8,873.62	
404-2	Reinforcement steel (RCU Drains+Manholes+Cross-pipe RCC work)	Tonne	726.75	2.87	2,085.77	
507-1	Concrete Grade Class 15Mpa (for minor unreinforced concrete work)	Metre Cube	72.68	15.00	1,090.13	
602-5	Reinforced Concrete Walls and Slope Protection (Concrete Grade 30MPa, base of Breast wall)	Metre Cube	178.88	83.00	14,846.63	
BILL No. 2: BRIDGE REPAIR FOR WESTERN LOOP					15,093.28	
204-2	Embankment from Borrow Materials	Metre Cube	3.44	257.30	885.76	
207-1	Structural Excavation (Common)	Metre Cube	2.91	130.61	379.68	
601-3	Geotextile Sheeting	Metre Square	1.53	113.16	173.13	
602-11	Masonry Retaining Wall (grouted)	Metre Cube	8.10	37.39	302.83	
204-2	Embankment from Borrow Materials	Metre Cube	3.44	254.36	875.63	
207-1	Structural Excavation (Common)	Metre Cube	2.91	418.74	1,217.28	
506-1	Steel Reinforcement	Tonne	726.75	2.23	1,617.02	
507-1	Concrete Grade 15 (for minor unreinforced concrete work)	Metre Cube	85.50	11.56	988.72	
507-4	Concrete Grade 30 (for foundation and approach slab)	Metre Cube	135.00	44.08	5,950.80	
601-3	Geotextile Sheeting	Metre Square	1.53	327.60	501.23	
602-11	Masonry Retaining Wall (grouted)	Metre Cube	8.10	153.29	1,241.62	
601-3	Geotextile Sheeting	Metre Square	1.53	66.00	100.98	
602-11	Masonry Retaining Wall (grouted)	Metre Cube	8.10	106.00	858.60	
BILL No. 3: ROAD IMPROVEMENT FOR WESTERN LOOP					110,518.43	
303-1	Prime Coat (MC-70)	Lit	1.08	2,628.69	2,838.99	
304-1	First Seal Coat (AC-80/100)	Lit	1.08	9,540.18	10,303.39	
304-2	Cover Material (19mm nominal size)	Metre Cube	14.40	106.19	1,529.15	
402-1	Cross Pipe between manholes, 600 mm diameter (Refer Drawing: RAM-LAO-DED-W03-V3-DR-GEN-1022, 1108, 1203, 1403, and 1502)	Metre	75.00	38.00	2,850.00	
404-2	Reinforcement steel (RCU Drains+Manholes+Cross-pipe RCC work)	Tonne	750.00	47.54	35,655.00	
507-1	Concrete Grade Class 15Mpa (for minor unreinforced concrete work)	Metre Cube	70.00	77.54	5,427.80	
507-4	Concrete Grade 30 (Manhole and RCC Drain)	Metre Cube	110.00	471.95	51,914.10	
BILL No. 4: ALL CULVERTS FOR WESTERN LOOP					7,122.83	
402-2	Pipe Culvert, 800 mm diameter	Metre	49.73	17.00	845.33	
402-5	Pipe Culvert, 1200/1250 mm diameter	Metre	191.25	6.00	1,147.50	
602-2	Grouted Rip-rap Slope Protection	Metre Cube	30.00	171.00	5,130.00	
BILL No. 5: BRIDGE FOR WESTERN LOOP					77,279.25	
506-1	Steel Reinforcement	Tonne	726.75	41.11	29,873.06	
507-5	Concrete Grade 40 (for precast post-tensioned girders)	Metre Cube	200.00	125.10	25,020.00	
507-6	Concrete Grade 40 (for diaphragms and decks, wearing coat, filling over footpath, edge beam)	Metre Cube	200.00	8.22	1,644.80	
507-8	Concrete Grade 35 (for pile caps, piers, pier cap, abutments, return wall, dirt wall, retaining walls and approach slabs, pedestal, stopper etc.)	Metre Cube	200.00	25.00	5,000.00	
508-1	Prestressing Steel	Tonne	726.75	18.22	13,241.39	
509-1	Elastomeric Bridge Bearings, Type 400x500x100 CR	Number	250.00	10.00	2,500.00	
Total Executed Amonut					257,720.79	3.16%

The Variation Order No. 1 is no cost implication, but it changes the original quantities of some work items in (i) Bill No. 1, Bill No. 2, Bill No. 3, Bill No. 4 and Bill No. 5 of V2 Sub-project: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements; (ii) Bill No. 1, Bill No. 2, Bill No. 3, Bill No. 4 and Bill No. 5 of V3 Sub-project: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements; and (iii) Bill No. 1 of General Provisions for all Sub-projects (V2 & V3).

The cost of Contract Variation Order will be covered by the savings from the Bills No. 3 of **V2 Sub-project: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements; Bill No. 1, Bill No. 2, Bill No. 3 of V3 Sub-project: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements;** and Contingencies without changing the original contract price.

The ADB provided No Objection for the Time Extension and Variation Order without changing the original Contract of **USD 8,829,630.71**.

The Contractor also provided additional undertaking that if we could not complete the works with the extended completion date of 1st September 2024, the contractor will abide by the liquidated damages for the whole of the Works at rate 0.05% per day of final Construction Contract amount, as stipulated in Clause 8.7 & 14.15 (b) of the General Conditions of Contract.

The Contractor submitted Revised Work Plan, Equipment, Personnel and Materials Mobilization Plans for stringent control and strict monitoring, the progress will be monitored every bi-weekly and the management meeting will be held twice a month. If the rate of progress Sub-Clause 8.6 falls behind the revised programme under Sub-Clause 8.3, the Employer and the Engineer will provide notice to accelerate the progress for the following month.

If the evidence of failure to comply the Contract according to the revised Programme Sub-Clause 8.3 and to adopt measures to expedite progress (sub-clause 8.6).4, the failure could be construed and related to the Contractor's obligation to proceed with the Works. This failure may invoke the FIDIC Clause 15: Termination by Employer and the consequence of termination may lead to (i) forfeit of 20% performance security and 10% advance payment guarantee; (ii) on hold Interim Payment Certificate (IPC) payment; and (iii) deduction of additional cost due to non-acceptance of the works done during the termination time.

The ADB Review Mission (14 Aug – 25 Aug 2023) findings are as follows:

Contract package	ADB Findings	Results as of 30 September 2024
TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements	The EA will reassess progress of DBST pavement in November 2023 and confirms if the DBST pavement would be outsourced to a new contractor. The mission and the EA agreed that in case the contractor fails to follow the schedule, the DBST pavement could be outsourced to a new qualified contractor by or before end of November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No DBST works in progress due to top wet field condition. However, the Contractor prepares the team, the right equipment, and materials in place to start this Works under favorable dry conditions.
	PMCES will closely monitor the progress and report to the EA on a bi-weekly basis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bi-weekly report is presented in Table-8
	The EA ensures implementation of environmental health and safety corrective and preventive actions in Appendix 3 and considers linking contractors' compliance with payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Result: Refer chapter 8 for more details of this report

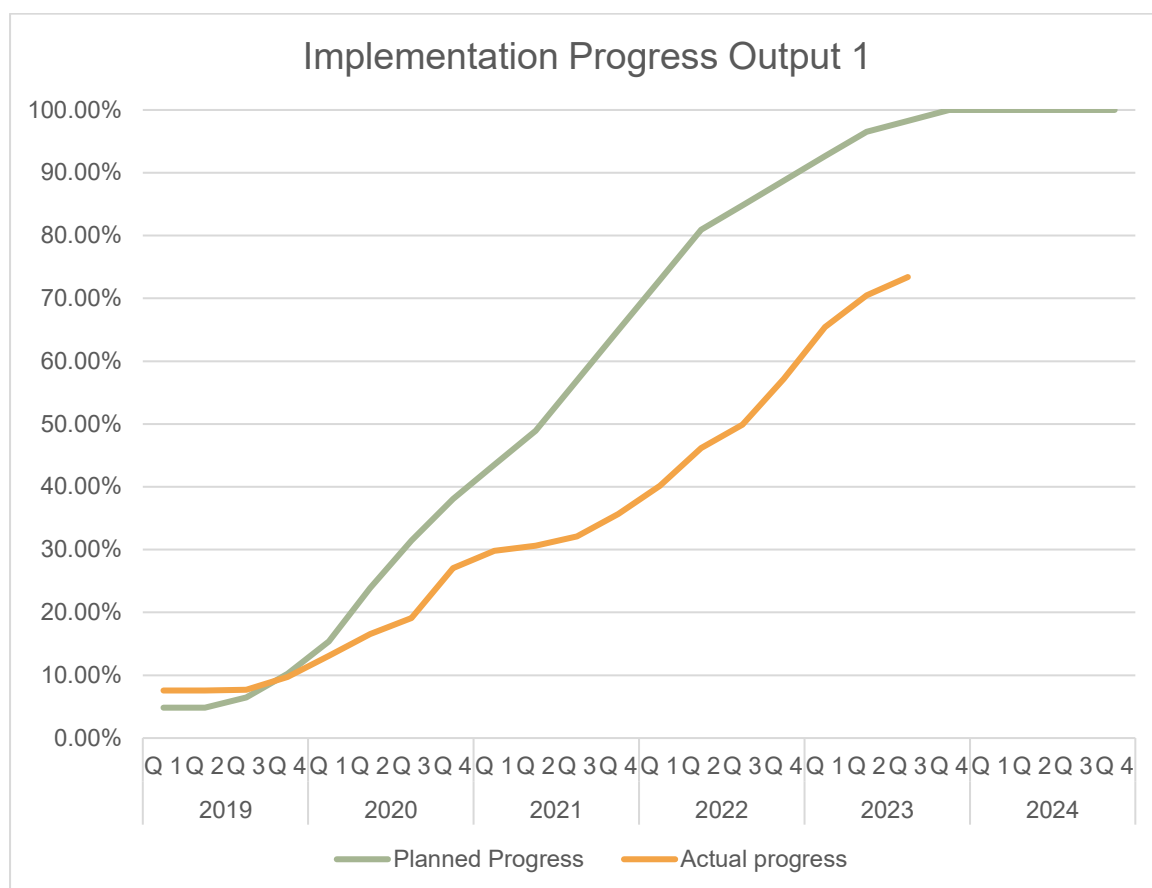
Sub-project W02	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB No Objection subject to condition to the IEE and EMP on 17 September 2020 • IFB issued on 18 September 2020 • ADB No Objection to the RP on 25 September 2020 • Bid opening, on 30 October 2020 • DED clearance certificates by DPWT/Vientiane Province on 04 September 2020 • Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) on (IEE/EMP) by PONRE/Vientiane Province on 07 September for the period of 01 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 • GRM training for PIU and the resettlement committee conducted on 07 December 2020 • Public consultations conducted at the village level with project beneficiaries and affected households on dated 08 Dec 2020; • Obtain the government's approval on the use of the protected forest areas on 11 Dec 20 • Further updated the IEE and EMP based on outcome of these consultations to the ADB on 29 December 2020 • 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 • ADB No Objection to the BER on 20 April 2021 • The Letter of Acceptance was issued on 20 April 2021 • The Contract was signed on 26 April 2021 • The site possession was given on 4 June 2021 • Kick-off meeting was conducted on 2nd April 2021 • The Notice to Proceed (NTP) was given on 16th of June 2021 with commencement of works from 1st of July 2021 • CEMP Training for the Contractor was conducted on 26 August 2021 • CEMP monitoring training was conducted during 25-26 November 2021 by the PMCES Environment Specialists. • ADB No Objection to the Revised RP on 29 March 2022 • Compensation to AHs in Marina was fully implemented in April 2022 • Soil disposal area was confirmed/approved in April 2022 by DONRE • Site possession to the Marina was given on 22 April 2022 with commencement of marina works from 6th May 2022 • CEMP was approved in May 2022 • ADB MTR Mission visited the project site on 19th May 2022 • ADB approved SMR No. 5 and disclosed on 27 Dec 2022 including accident Report • Variation Order No. 01 was submitted on 22 June 2023 to ADB for consideration and approval • ADB provided no-objection on 28 June 2023 to the Variation Order No.01 related to the 	<p>additional work by Q4 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation completion report (CCR) and closure report by Q4 2023 • Second Evaluation of the Contractor's performance on 14-priority action plans by Q4 2023

Sub-project W02	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
		Extension of the Intended Completion Date until 30 June 2024	

Sub-project-W03	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements • 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 • IP 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 • 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 • 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 • Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) on (IEE/EMP) by PONRE/Vientiane Province on 07April for the period of 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 • Government assurances regarding /CB Works Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements on 7 July 2021ADB No Objection to the BER on 15 July 2021 • The Letter of Acceptance was issued on 20 July 2021 • The Contract was signed on 23 July 2021 • The Notice to Proceed (NTP) was given on 24th August with commencement of works from 1st of September 2021 • The site possession was given on 03 September 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with approving of Shop-drawings by Q4 2023 • excavation for V3 subproject • Continuation of RC Pipe Culverts installation by Q4 2023 • Updated IEE/EMP for ADB endorsement and disclosure on ADB website by Q4 2023 • Continuation of DBST by Q4 2023 • Continue superstructure of Nam Xong bridge construction by Q4 2023 • Compensation completion report (CCR) and closure report by Q4 2023 • Second Evaluation of the Contractor's performance on 11-priority action plans by Q4 2023

Sub-project-W03	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kick-off meeting was conducted on 03 September 2021 • CEMP monitoring training was conducted on 29 November 2021 by the PMCES Environment Specialists. • The 28 Nos of Bored Pile Construction completed by 10th of April 2022 • ADB MTR Mission visited the project site on 20th May 2022 • ADB approved SMR No. 5 and disclosed on 27 Dec 2022 including accident Report • ADB No Objection on Contract Variation Order (VO No. 1) on dated 01 September 2023 • Extend the contract's completion date by 365 days, from 2 September 2023 to 1st September 2024, to enable completion of the remaining Works 	

Overall progress of Output 1 implementation as of Q3 2023 is 73.40% against 98.27% planned. Detailed progress of Output 1 civil works subproject implementation as of 30 September 2023 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: (i) Clean Tourist City; (ii) Homestay; (iii) Community-Based Tourism; (iv) Public Toilet; (v) Green Hotel; (vi) Spa Service; and (vii) Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE). In addition, Lao PDR also implements the ASEAN Sustainable Tourism Awards (ASTA).

Six of the seven Standards have been adapted to the Lao context and one is applied in the original ASEAN format (Green Hotel Standard). The MICE Standard is broken down into three sub-categories of Meeting Rooms, Exhibition Venues and Event Venues. These three are currently being adapted to the Lao context.

As per the rules governing the use of ASEAN Standards, each ASEAN Member State can make minor modifications to each Standard in order to reflect the local context. These can be awarded as ASEAN Standards by member countries at the Asian Tourism Forum once every two years (Green Hotel, Clean Tourist City, MICE Venue, MICE Special Events and ASTA, in even years and Homestay, Public Toilet, Spa Services and Community Based Tourism in odd years). There is no limit to the number of ASEAN Standard certificates that can be issued in each country.

There are however limits set by the ASEAN Secretariat for the number of certificates that can be awarded at the annual ASEAN Tourism Forum (ATF). This showcases certificates that have been awarded by each country. Quotas apply for each Standard in order to keep the ATF award ceremony manageable. The ATF awards covering the Project’s timeframe are as follows:

Year	Award 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

Implementation of the ASEAN Tourism Standards in Laos is subject to: (i) translation into Lao; (ii) adaptation to become a Lao – ASEAN 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; and (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 of 30 September 2022

ASEAN Tourism Standard Adaptation	ASEAN Standard							
	Clean Tourist City	Homestay	Community-Based	Public Toilet	Green Hotel	Spa Service	MICE	ASTA
Translation of ASEAN Tourism Standards into Lao language	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√

ASEAN Tourism Standard Adaptation	ASEAN Standard							
	Clean Tourist City	Homestay	-Based Community	Public Toilet	Green Hotel	Spa Service	MICE	ASTA
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 Standards by Minister	~	~	~	~	x	~	~	x
Awareness / dissemination workshops with National and Provincial Assessment Committees (ASEAN and adapted standards)	√	√	√	√	√	~	√	~
Publication of adapted 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

All of the ASEAN Tourism Standards for Community Based Tourism, Homestay, Public Toilets, Clean Tourist City, MICE Meeting Room and Spa Services have been adapted to become Lao Tourism Standards. The Green Hotel Standard will be applied in an unmodified form. The Tourism Vice Minister has yet to approve all of the Lao Tourism Standards that have been adapted. Until the Lao Tourism Standards are approved by the Vice Minister, the Project's intention is to continue using the full ASEAN Tourism Standards (also refer 2.4 ASEAN Tourism Standards Promotion).

2.2 Establishment of certification bodies and processes

National and Provincial Steering Committees (also known as Certification Bodies) have been established to guide and certify ASEAN Tourism Standards. At the provincial level, there is one Certification Body/Committee covering all tourism standards. Provincial Committees coordinate with National Standards Committees during the certification process.

The composition of national and provincial level Certification Bodies was adjusted in 2021 to increase participation by women. This is now completed with 41% participation by women, on average, across all Certification Bodies.

2.3 Assessor Training

As of 30 September 2023, there are 12 (5 women) ASEAN Master Trainers within MICT who will continue to train trainers and assessors from the national and provincial Assessment Committees / Certification Bodies. There is also 62 National Trainers (34 women) and 106 Provincial Trainers (38 women), 94 National Assessors (48 women) and 106 Provincial Assessors. This provides the capacity considered necessary to achieve most, if not all, of the Output 2 DMF targets. Training will continue in 2023 and 2024, focusing on building the capacity of assessors at provincial level. Sustainability of the Project relies on having properly trained assessors available after the Project is completed.

2.4 ASEAN Tourism Standards promotion

The status of promotion of the standards as end of Q2 2023 is as follows:

- **The Laos ASEAN Tourism Standards website was launched on 15 September, 2023.** All necessary information is now available online. Applications can be processed either online via the website or via hard copy.
- Now that the website has been launched, further input from the private sector can be obtained. This will help to raise awareness and increase the uptake of the ASEAN Tourism Standards. The benefits of being certified need to be discussed and agreed with the industry before any financing mechanism can be put in place.

2.5 ASEAN Tourism Standards and ASEAN Sustainable Tourism Awards implementation

Although the earliest awards of ASEAN Tourism Standard certifications date back to 2008, over 70% of certifications have occurred since 2012. Due to a possible misunderstanding of the need to re-certify every 2 to 3 years, there is a high number of certificates that have expired in the Project Provinces:

Category	Certified since 2008	Expired	Valid	DMF Target
Green Hotel	32	24	8	64
Homestay providers*	45	0	45	113
Clean Tourist City	2	0	2	3
Community Based Tourism (CBT)	4	0	4	-
Public Toilet	16	3	13	-
MICE all categories	5	3	2	-
Spa Services	6	2	4	-
ASEAN Sustainable Tourism Award	6	4	2	-

Notes:

* Homestay providers include 42 certified under Homestay Standard and 3 under the CBT standard

An ongoing priority for 2023 is to re-certify all expired certificates for Green Hotel, Homestay and Clean Tourist City Standards. Getting Vang Vieng City ready for certification to ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard in 2026 is also a priority for the 2023 and 2024 work plans. A process of self-assessment by expired award-holders, with quality control checks by the EA, was agreed as the best way to fast-track the re-certification process and potentially attain the DMF targets (refer Annex 3).

Laos was awarded 35 ASEAN Tourism Standards at the 2023 ASEAN Tourism Forum in Indonesia. As a result, progress towards the DMF targets for Output 2 have been updated for Q3, 2023 as well as targets re-set for project completion. These are presented in the following table:

	Clean Tourist City			Green Hotel			Homestay		
	Plan for 2024/25	Cert*	Balance	Plan for 2024/25	Cert*	Balance	Plan for 2024/25	Cert*	Balance
Luang Prabang	1	1	0	27	13	14	55	19	36
Vientiane Province	0	0	0	5	1	4	18	0	18
Vang Vieng	1	0	1	13	4	9	24	8	16
Champasak	1	1	0	22	14	8	36	18**	18
Total	3	2	1	67	32	35	133	45	88
DMF Target	3			64			113		

Notes

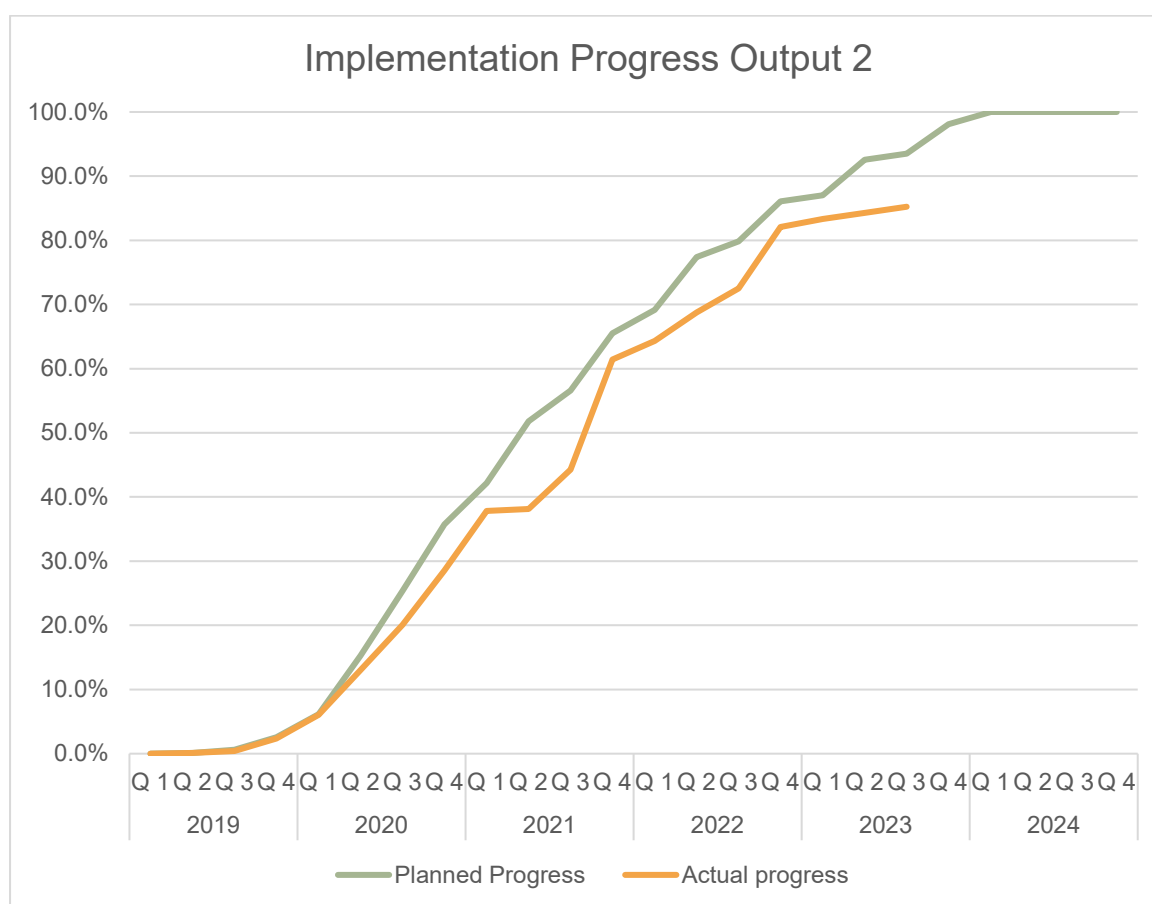
* 'Cert' = Certified and includes expired certifications that are being renewed

** Includes 15 certified under Homestay Standard and 3 under the CBT Standard

The certification cycle for Green Hotels and Homestays is every two-years. The next and final opportunity to certify new Green Hotels and Homestays, and re-certify those that are expired, is in 2024. If the project is extended by 1 year, there is another opportunity in early 2026 to certify additional Green Hotels and Homestays and still be included in the project’s completion report.

Annex 2 includes an overview of certifications for ASEAN Tourism Standards since 2008. Annex 3 describes eligible project support for ASEAN Tourism Standard implementation.

Overall progress of Output 2 implementation as of Q3 2023 is 85.2% against 93.5% planned. Annex 4 includes a complete overview of Output 2 activities implemented during Q3 of 2023. The DMF, in Annex 5, 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, supported under the TIIGP1, 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.

The national-level DMN was also restructured to be better prepared to facilitate the implementation of the DMP and the public and private sector action plan. All DMN memberships were reviewed and updated to improve the gender balance to ensure gender targets of the project (30 % of DMN managers and 40% of DMN membership are women) are met.

During the course of the project, significant progress has been made regarding effectiveness of the national level DMN to fulfil its envisioned role to direct joint public-private destination planning and address issues faced by the tourism industry. This is aligned with the first two recommendations made in a 2015 ADB-commissioned report entitled “Establishment of a National Tourism Destination Management Network in Lao PDR”, which recommends that (i) the DMN is co-chaired by a senior MICT official and a representative from the private sector, and (ii) issue papers are prepared prior to the DMN meetings to ensure structured discussions can be held to explore and agree on policy interventions to facilitate the industry. Was the DMN initially chaired by a MICT official only, as of 2022, it has a co-chair from the private sector, illustrating the trust that has been built through the initial period of collaboration in the framework of the DMN. Moreover, were issues raised by the private sector at DMN meetings initially ad hoc, during more recent public-private sector consultation meetings, issues papers were prepared outlining pertinent concerns from the private sector as well as the public sector to facilitate the discussion between public and private sector DMN members and representatives from other, related government offices invited based on the issues to be discussed, and development partners.

During Q3 of 2023, activities in DMN action plans at National level, Champasak and Luang Prabang provinces were prepared and organized, such as tourism marketing campaign plan, ATF TRAVEX 2024 participation, Pakse Half Marathon and Luang Prabang Ultra Trail events. The 2nd DMN meetings for 2023 at National level and project target areas will be organized in Q4 of 2023, to review 2023 action plans and develop 2024 action plans.

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 plans for post-COVID-19 recovery, easing visa requirements for target markets etc.

Tourism masterplanning work for the project target areas of Siphandone, Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir and Luang Prabang City commenced in Q4 2019 but was delayed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the country re-opening post-COVID-19 in May 2022, work continued. However, in response to an urgent request from the Government the project agreed to also support – as a priority- updating of the Vang Vieng tourism masterplan. Contracts with the tourism masterplanning consultants were amended to include this task. As a result, the focus of tourism masterplanning work during the second half of 2022 and the first half of 2023 was on completing the Vang Vieng masterplan update. Now that this has been completed, focus has shifted back to complete the plans for Luang Prabang (integrated with a Tourism Management Plan requested by UNESCO), Nam Ngum and Siphandone. It is expected that this work will be completed by Q2 2024.

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.

Destination marketing activities were included in the public and private sector action plan on destination management for 2021, 2022 and 2023.

As a result of National and Champasak DMN Consultation Workshop in Khong District held 26 - 30 November 2022, by Q3 2023, two MOUs have been signed between local authorities and DMN members to conduct feasibility studies for development of responsible, environmentally friendly tourism products and services around Don Khone island.



Within 8 month after visiting the site by DMN members, 2 MOU signed for FS at Don Det-Don Khon

During Q3 of 2023, the Laos tourism marketing campaign plan was finalized and implementation has started; promotional contents were distributed on social media platforms to the target markets, promotional video was being produced and influencer exploration trip was prepared. Tourism events were organized and prepared, including Pakse Half Marathon, Luang Prabang Ultra Trail and ATF TRAVEX 2024. Support was given to public and private sector through the DMN mechanism to participate travel trade fairs, such as ITE Ho Chi Minh and CITIE in China in September 2023.

Travel Trade Fair Participation Results

No.	Travel Trade Fairs	Number of Businesses from Laos	Name of Businesses from Laos	Number of Meetings	Number of clients who have been provided information after the events	Number of Contracts made during / after the events
1	ITB Asia Singapore, 16 - 22 Oct 2022	5	1) Inthira Group 2) Namkat & Nam pien 3) Exo Travel 4) Discover Laos 5) Salana Hotel	81		
2	ATF in Indonesia, 02 - 05 Feb 2023	4	1) Lao Boutique Travel 2) Crowne Plaza Hotel 3) Landmark Hotel 4) Laotel Hotel	Data will be completed in Q4 of 2023		
3	BITE in China, 16 - 18 June 2023	4	1) Laos - China Railway Co., 2) Champamai Travel / Tad Yeuang 3) Green Discovery 4) Namkat & Nam Pien	500		1
4	ITE Ho Chi Minh, 07 – 09 Sep 2023	7	1) Lao Airlines 2) Landmark Hotel 3) Green Discovery 4) ASEV Travel 5) Dansavanh Resort 6) Word Wild Travel 7) Land Tour Lao	Data will be completed in Q4 of 2023		
5	CITIE, 12 – 19 Sep 2023	5	1) Lao Airlines 2) Smile Grand Tour 3) Champa Mai Travel 4) Suan Champa Travel 5) Dansavanh Resort	Data will be completed in Q4 of 2023		
Total		25		581	0	1

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 strategies 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 was scheduled to commence in Q1/2 2021. Key tourist sites and routes in the project target areas were prioritized based on the heritage interpretation strategies in Q1 2021.

During Q3 of 2023, 2nd batch of Luang Prabang heritage interpretation panel texts were drafted in English and translated into Lao language, the contents will be reviewed and approved by Luang Prabang DICT / PIU in Q4. Interpretation panel texts for Vientiane province were being drafted, it will be translated, reviewed and approved in Q4. Contents and designs for 4,000 islands directional signposts were finalized, it will be produced and installed in Q4. Interpretation panel texts for Vang Vieng and 4,000 islands will be developed in Q4.

Heritage Interpretation Key Tasks and Timelines

No.	Project Target Areas	2023		2024
		Q3	Q4	
1	Luang Prabang Town and Environs			
	Interpretation panels			
	- Finalize 1 st batch contents in English and Lao			
	- Design 1 st batch panels			
	- Develop and finalize 2 nd and 3 rd batch contents			
	- Translation and finalize 2 nd and 3 rd batch contents			
	- Produce and install			
	Directional signposts			
	- Finalize contents			
	- Design, produce and install			
2	4,000 Islands (Focus on Don Ded, Khone, Khong)			
	Interpretation panels			
	- Develop and finalize contents in English and Lao			
	- Design, produce and install			
	Directional signposts			
	- Finalize contents			
	- Design, produce and install			
3	Vientiane Province (selected attractions)			
	Interpretation panels			
	- Develop and finalize contents in English and Lao			
	- Design, produce and install			
	Directional signposts			
	- Finalize contents			
	- Produce and install			
4	Vang Vieng Town and Environs (selected attractions)			
	Interpretation panels			
	- Develop and finalize contents in English and Lao			
	- Design, produce and install			
	Directional signposts			
	- Finalize contents			
	- Produce and install			

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 Q1 of 2023, SMEs need assessments were completed in the project target areas, during Q2 the SME development plan was drafted, discussed, and reviewed by PIUs, during Q3 they were finalized. An SME database was developed, and 2019 – 2022 data is being entered by M&E specialists while the 2023 data and onwards will be added during implementation of the planned SME activities. The database will be consolidated and accessible online in Q4 of 2023. A summary report will be included in Q4 2023 quarterly report.

Implementation of the SME development plan has started during Q3 of 2023. Trainings were organized for tourism SMEs in the project target areas, including food and beverage services, tour guiding and housekeeping. Data on the SMEs that participated in these activities has been entered into the database.

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 Laos DMN website was developed in Q2 2021, (www.laos-dmn.com). Documents relevant for the sector, including DMN related document, will be uploaded to the site as they become available. During Q 4 of 2021, relevant documents and news were uploaded into the website, such as MICT Ministerial Agreement on National DMN structure, DMN action plan 2022, DMN and Country Reopening Preparation Committee meetings.

During Q3 of 2023, news and relevant documents from DMN meetings at national level and project target areas were uploaded into the www.laos-dmn.com and posted on its Facebook page and group.

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 V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements: A meeting was held with tourism consultants to discuss about preparing to have collaboration meeting to updated engineering designs and potential operational requirements for different components of the site in order to prepare the consultation meeting.

Subproject: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements: Meetings were held with UDAA to seek final agreement on a range of key operational approaches. This included agreeing that UDAA will be responsible for overall site management, including the landfill cells. A manager of the landfill has been identified, along with two machine (e.g., bulldozer) operators, a weighbridge operator, administration, and security. The UDAA will manage the septic tank collection service, while the materials recovery facility (PPP) will be contracted out. It was also agreed that improvements need to be made to the waste collection service, including increasing participation and coverage. It was suggested by PMCES that the mechanical workshop be let to a third party. However, the UDAA feel that at this stage an outside provider can be used, as the equipment will be under warranty. The UDAA is interested in the biodigester, noting its potential for significant revenue generation. Although, discussions are required with GGGI over the link to the proposed composting operations. Meetings were held with various parties over procurement, noting the urgent requirement to secure a bulldozer for waste compaction. The procurement list has been modified and Institutional consultants supported Procurement in undertaking market research.

Subproject: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements: A site visit was conducted at Kaeng Yui, in order to develop a further understanding of some of the operational requirements. A draft O&M plan has been developed, although some details are still required (including arrangements for procuring a private company through PPP, how revenue will be shared, how local staff will be employed or sub-contracted, and the potential for creating a local road maintenance fund).

Subproject: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements: (i) The draft O&M plan was translated into Laos and presented to PCU for feedback and comments. Feedback was obtained and updates were made to some approaches (e.g., the combined ticket for car parks and boat services) and clearer details were provided on the responsibilities of different parties.

The guideline on how to add more value on the provided infrastructures to serve the tourism purposes are prepared by the PCU O&M team as additional annex, for instance, type of trees that can be planted along the roads; how to have a better road landscape. (ii) In collaboration with the PCU O&M team, the O&M Manual/Plan was made and disseminated to Khong District Administration, Don Det- Don Khone, Hangkhone, Nakasang and Phiagdy and Mai Sivilay village authorities and communities in September. (iii) The full final O&M Manual is made and the short O&M manual for each facility is made and will be sent to each village by November.

3.9 Facilitate Public-Private Partnerships for operations and maintenance.

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

Subproject V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements:

The PMCES have been awaiting the outcome of work undertaken by the ADB's PPP consultant before proceeding with arrangements (details have now recently been received). Ongoing meetings have been held with potential private sector providers concerning the potential MRF and biogas operations. A visit was held with a local buyer of recyclable waste to understand the challenges and opportunities in this area.

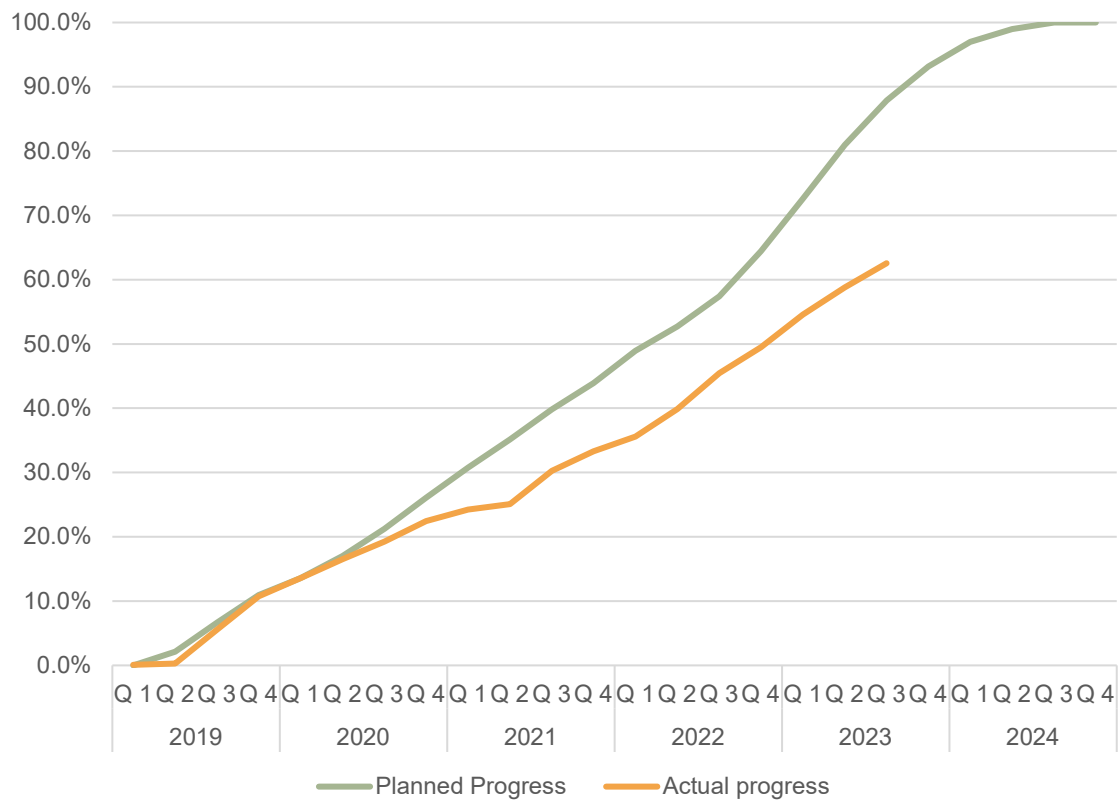
3.10 Infrastructure O&M training

Subproject V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management (SWM) Improvements: A meeting was held with waste contractor, Ecogreen, to improve how waste is tipped at the landfill and ensure that waste pickers are not near collection trucks when tipping. Advice was given to engineers over the management of the landfill cell 5, leachate ponds (the urgent need for fencing and life-saving equipment due to significant health and safety issues in these ponds), and the stormwater pond. The PMCES consultants have been researching local schools for training UDAA staff in the operations of heavy equipment, including bulldozers.

Overall progress of Output 3 implementation as of Q3 2023 is 62.6% against 87.9% planned. Implementation suffered some delays due to the travel restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic, and delays in implementation of civil works which impacted on the preparation and capacity building on the implementation of site management and O&M plans for the infrastructure and tourist facilities.

Annex 2 includes a complete overview of Output 3 activities implemented during Q3 of 2023. The DMF, in Annex 3, also includes progress updates on Output 3 activities.

Implementation Progress Output 3



Progress towards realizing contributions to ADB Results Framework:

As of 30 September 2023

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.	<p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements was signed on 30 December 2019. This package includes 21.11 km of improvement of access roads to tourist sites of which 21.11 km has been fully completed.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements was signed on 26 April 2021 in Q2 2021. This package includes 7.3 km of concrete road of which 5.90km has been fully completed.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements was signed on 23 July 2021. This package includes 6.00 km of concrete road and 26.6 km of DBST road totaling 32.6 km of road improvement of which 5.5 km of Kaeng Yui Access Road Concrete Pavement has been fully completed.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal is scheduled to be signed in Q4 2023. 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. Scope for package W03a is currently being updated.</p> <p>Contract Package for package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements was signed 19 February 2021. It includes 1.55 km of access & internal roads of which 1.53 km has been fully completed.</p> <p>A total 63.5 km road will be improved under these 5 Civil 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>

No.	Level 2 Results Framework Indicators (Outputs and Outcomes)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Methods / Comments	Actually planned / realized (Lao PDR)
				<i>Additional wastewater treatment capacity under construction under Packages W02 and W03 (Kaeng Yui) will be quantified</i>
	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, all completed.</p> <p>The contract for package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements was signed on 23 July 2021. This package includes 24 ha catchment area of flood protection and drainage improvement, out of which 18.5 ha is completed.</p> <p>The project will construct flood protection and drainage for a total of 24.5 ha catchment.</p>
	c) Households with reduced flood risk (number)	5,132		<p>Packages TIIGP2-LAO-W01 contains flood management components with a catchment area of around 0.5 ha and TIIGP2-LAO-W03 will contain a 24.0 ha catchment area. Contract TIIGP2-LAO-W01 was awarded on 30 December 2019 and contract TIIGP2-LAO-W03 on 23 July 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) and implementation of project activities, gender equity results and data for economic and financial analysis and information needed to prepare photo stories and impact stories. A draft PPMS was prepared and submitted to ADB in April 2020. After several rounds of review, a final draft, incorporating ADB's comments, including feedback provided during the Mid-Term Review Mission, was submitted on 7 November 2022.

The PPMS describes data collection and reporting procedures and formats developed and implemented by the project alongside the PPMS development process. As a result, the PPMS documents these already existing and tested procedures. Refresher training recommended in the PPMS have been conducted for PCU and PIUs during Q2 2023.

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 contribution to these combined targets.

Progress as of 30 September 2023 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 30 September 2023 are presented in Annex 6.

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. 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 30 September 2023, the Project has spent the amount \$11.867 million through the advance account. The amount of \$0.814 million for July-September 2023 is still for submission. ADB has approved the increase in the ceiling of the advance account to \$1,500,000 on 4 December 2020 and to \$2,300,000 on 3 March 2022. As of 30 September 2023, the advance account including the PIU subaccounts have a balance of \$1.485 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 was agreed that LAR costs will be financed from the grant proceeds. The PCU will be responsible for: (i) preparing disbursement projections; and (ii) requesting budgetary allocations for counterpart funds. The counterpart contribution is 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 have supported the PCU with the establishment of the financial management system, including the preparation of the Financial Management Manual (FFM) for the project, which was completed in December 2019. There were some revisions to the chart of accounts and attached an annex to the FMM. A Lao-language version of the FFM has been prepared by the Internal Auditor and was shared with the PIUs. The Project has procured an accounting software and is now operational. An excel based accounting system is still being used in parallel to record the Project financial

transactions to ensure accuracy. The data from the excel based recording are exported to the accounting software on a monthly basis.

Auditing and Public Disclosure:

MICT has appointed an 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 were due for submission to ADB on 30 June 2021. Due to the COVID lockdown (started in April 2021), the Project in consultation with SAO requested for an extension in submission to 30 September 2021. The 2020 APFS was submitted to ADB on 21 September 2021 and disclosed in the ADB website on 28 September 2021. The APFS for FY 2021 was submitted to ADB on 28 June 2022 and was disclosed on the ADB website. The financial statements for FY 2022 has been submitted to SAO in February 2023 but SAO only submitted the audited version on 17 October 2023, nearly 4 months past the June 30 2023 deadline.

Progress on implementation of the Project Financial Management Action Plan as of 30 September 2023 is presented in Annex 7. Progress on implementing the Time Bound Action Plan on APFS Audit Findings as of 30 September 2023 is presented in Annex 8.

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 7, dated 18 March 2023, which was updated following the submission of the 2023 workplan to accommodate additional packages needed to implement to the approved 2023 annual workplan. The updated procurement plan was approved and disclosed by ADB on 18 March 2023.

Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services:

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

Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services							
Contract Number	General Description	Estimated Value^a	Contract Value^a	Procurement Method	Advertisement Date	Date of ADB Approval of Contract Award	Comments
TIIGP2-LAO-G04b-06	Personal protective equipment for Vang Vieng Landfill	\$14,620	\$19,400.21	Shopping	21 March 2023		Inclusive of taxes and duties.
TIIGP2-LAO-G04b-01	Weighbridge for Vang Vieng Landfill	\$30,000	\$37,386	Shopping			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.

During this reporting period, procurement for the following goods, works and non-consulting service packages was initiated and is ongoing on 30 September 2023:

Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services						
Package Number	General Description	Estimated Value^a	Procurement Method	Advertisement Date	Estimated Contract Award	Comments
TIIGP2-LAO-G04	Bulldozer for Vang Vieng Landfill	\$140,000	Shopping	30 October 2023	Q4 2023	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 9.

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
TIIGP2-LAO-C12-008	Tourism Planning Resource Person to contribute to the preparation of the strategic tourism directions and priority masterplans for Siphandone Wetland and the Nam Ngum 1 Dam Recreational Area		10,000	SSS			Inclusive of taxes and duties.
TIIGP2-LAO-C12-009	Urban Planning & Design Resource Person to contribute to the preparation of the strategic tourism directions and priority masterplans for Siphandone Wetland and the Nam Ngum 1 Dam Recreational Area		10,000	SSS			Inclusive of taxes and duties.
TIIGP2-LAO-C12-010	Resource Person to prepare heritage interpretation panel texts for Vientiane province, translate interpretation panel texts for Vientiane Province, Luang Prabang town and environs, Vang Vieng and 4,000 Islands		8,975	SSS			Inclusive of taxes and duties.

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

Recruitment of the following consulting services were ongoing on 30 September 2023:

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

A consultant recruitment monitoring table is presented in Annex 10.

An overview of status of consulting services planned inputs and utilization to date is presented in Annex 11.

8. Safeguards Implementation and Submission Safeguards Monitoring Reports

Safeguards Implementation:

Environmental Safeguard Inspections:

During the course of Q3 2023, the environmental specialists of PMCES Consultant undertook the following field inspections of the ongoing construction works:

Inspections by PMCES Environmental Specialists during the reporting period

	July 2023	August 2023	September 2023
W01	-	-	-
W02	11-Jul	08-Aug	-
W03	12-Jul	02-03-Aug 08-Aug	-
W03a	-	30-31 Aug	19-22-Sep
W04	13-Jul	09-Aug 31 Aug	-

Health and Safety Improvements:

During Q3 2023, the PMCES Consultant continued to implement the “Safety Improvement Plan” for all subprojects. PMCES Consultant has previously introduced the contractors to the occupational health and safety hazard assessment checklist and risk assessment template that PMCES. The actions to be taken by the contractors to improve health and safety are gradually being implemented although at a slower pace than planned. The status of implementation is summarized below for each subproject, and a complete overview is included in Annex 12.

Social safeguard document status:

Package	IR document status	CCR	Comment
TIIGP2-LAO-W01	CAP completed	Disclosed	No documents pending
TIIGP2-LAO-W02	RP Disclosed	Not yet required	Revised RP approved and disclosed in May 2023
TIIGP2-LAO-W03a	DDR required	N/A	Due for completion in October 2023.
TIIGP2-LAO-W03	EGDRP Disclosed	Disclosed	Requires calculation of next batch of compensation due to delay in completion.
TIIGP2-LAO-W04	EGDRP Disclosed	Disclosed	No documents pending

Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Subproject C1: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation and Subproject C2: Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements.

Environmental safeguards: The construction contract was signed on 30 December 2019, and the construction work started on 26 May 2020. The updated IEE and EMP for these two subprojects were approved by ADB in September 2019 and the CEMP on 06 December 2020. The construction was 100% completed on 30 June 2023 and the subprojects were officially handed over to GOL on 18 July 2023.

As instructed by PMCES Consultant, during the reporting period, the contractor has cleaned-up all the road construction sites and Nakhasang port. The contractor has cleaned-up and handed over the camp on Don Khone to the landowner. The contractor will keep the camp in Nakasang for any required defects repair work at least until end Q4 2023.

The status of the roll-out of the contractor’s responsibilities under the safety improvement plan developed by the PMCES Consultant is summarized here below. The status shows that the contractor has completed the required actions.

Activity	Progress	Plan
Confirm full time employment of an Environmental, Health and Safety Officer	Confirmed	-
Conduct work hazard assessment at the construction sites and report the results to PMCES by 30 September 2022	Completed by May 2023	-
Develop safety procedures and measures for hazardous construction activities and submit these to PMCES for review and approval not later than 10 October 2022	Completed by July 2023	-
Develop and implement health and safety training on all safety procedures for the personnel and any subcontractors	Completed during Q4 2022 and Q1 2023	-
Undertake emergency response drill	Completed in October 2022	

Social safeguards:

An External Monitor mission was carried out early in Q3 and will be reported on in the next reporting period.

Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Subproject V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements.

Environmental safeguards: The IEE and EMP for the subproject were updated in July 2020, and Vientiane PONRE issued the Environmental Compliance Certificate for the IEE and EMP on 07 September 2020. ADB issued no-objection with certain conditions to the updated IEE and EMP on 17 September 2020. These conditions including obtaining approval from the relevant government authorities for use the land inside the Phou En District Protection Forest for the subproject were subsequently met and accepted by ADB on 18 December 2020. The PMCES Consultant further updated the IEE and EMP and submitted the documents to MICT and ADB on 29 December 2020. ADB cleared the updated IEE and EMP on 26 February 2021. The UXO Clearance Certificate was issued on 11 March 2021.

The contractor produced the first draft CEMP in June 2021 and after several rounds of review and revisions and following the issuance of a design certificate for the proposed spoil disposal site by the Department of Public Work and Transport of Vientiane Province on 21 March 2022 and the approval of the site by the Provincial Department of Natural Resources and Environment on 29 April 2022, the CEMP was finally approved in May 2022.

The extraction of rock at a section along the new road under construction previously proposed by the contractor was rejected and instead it was agreed with the contractor that rock for the ongoing construction work should be supplied from an existing quarry in Vang Vieng.

During Q3 2023, PMCES Environmental specialists have conducted field missions to monitor the implementation of the EMP/CEMP and to follow-up on implementation of specific measures required by PMCES during earlier missions.

The key results following the site inspections include:

	Findings	Corrective Actions	Status / Outcome	Due Date
1.	Discharge of turbid wastewater from the sediment retention pond treating wastewater from the concrete mixing plant	Contractor to install a baffle in the middle of pond. This will increase the flow distance and thus the sedimentation	Partly completed. The contractor has installed two baffles. One of these shall be removed as it does not serve any purpose	20 Oct 2023
2.	The slope at the mixing plant is exposed to erosion.	Carry out slope protection including reshaping and grass planting	-	29 Feb 2024
	The proper built-up of the spoil disposal site at km 3+060 to km 3+300 is delayed. There are exposed steep surfaces and transverse cracks indicating instability.	Carry out reshaping, terracing of the slope disposal site incl. construction of the gabion retention wall at the toe – all according to the approved design	-	Start by 10 Nov 2023 and finish by 31 Jan 2024
3.	Untidy conditions at the contractor's workshop with uncontrolled hazardous waste	Clean-up waste and hazardous materials at the workshop by 20-10-2023	The contractor has cleaned up the workshop area	20 Oct 2023
4.	The height of the secondary containment wall surrounding the fuel tank has been cut. The volume of the containment is insufficient	A wall shall be installed at the back of the fuel tank to provide a secondary containment with a volume of min 110% of the tank volume.	The secondary containment is under construction	25 Oct 2023

The status of the roll-out of the contractor's responsibilities under the safety improvement plan developed by the PMCES Consultant is summarized here below:

Activity	Progress	Plan
Confirm full time employment of an Environmental, Health and Safety Officer	Confirmed	-
Conduct work hazard assessment at your construction sites and report the results to PMCES by 30 September 2022	Completed in Dec-2022	-
Develop safety procedures and measures for hazardous construction activities and submit these to PMCES for review and approval by 10 October	Completed in Dec-2022	-
Develop and implement health and safety training on all safety procedures for the personnel and any subcontractors	Completed in Dec-2022	-
Undertake emergency response drill	Completed on 21-Dec-2022	-

Social safeguards: July saw the payment of the 19 AHs from the updated resettlement plan as a self-resettlement allowance. There were also three valid grievance cases that were fully paid in July.

Consultations have been held and calculations made to enable the next phase of compensation. This will be paid in Q4.

Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Subproject V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Subproject V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements.

Environmental safeguards: The IEE and EMP for subprojects V2 and V3 were updated in August 2020, and the IEE and EMP were cleared by ADB on 29 September 2020, subject to certain conditions of which the following have been met: (i) Additional public consultations with affected people were organized on 15 and 16 December 2020, (ii) Vientiane Provincial Department of Natural Resources and Environment issued the Environmental Compliance Certificate on 07 April 2021, (iii) 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, and (iv) follow-up GRM training for the PIU (Vang Vieng District) was carried out on 14 December 2021. PMCES Consultant updated the IEE and EMP and submitted the documents to ADB on 12 February 2021.

It since came to light that the forest where the waterfall is located is classified as village conservation forest. PMCES Consultant and the PIU have investigated the issue and PMCES Consultant has further updated the IEE and EMP. The updated IEE explains that the parking area, adjacent tourist facilities and the footpath to the waterfall are inside the Na Duang Village Conservation Forest and to formalise the management arrangements and the legal status of the Kaeng Yui Waterfall area, wastewater treatment system as a component under the Project, the Vang Vieng District Governor has issued an Agreement on Land Certificate, No 275, Vang Vieng District Governor's Office, 07-Jul-2021, which allows for the Kaeng Yui Waterfall area to be managed under the Project and which authorises the Vang Vieng District Office of Natural Resources and Environment to issue land use certificates to that effect. Subsequently, the Vang Vieng District Office of Natural Resources and Environment has therefore issued the relevant Land Use Certificates No. 190 and 191 dated 08-July-2021. These documents confirm that the project has obtained the required permissions to be developed inside Na Duang Village Conservation Forest. The updated IEE and EMP were submitted to ADB in May 2022 and subsequently cleared by ADB and uploaded to ADB website in August 2022.

The Site-Specific Environmental Management Plan (SSEMP) for the construction work prepared by the contractor was approved by PMCES Consultant on 11 October 2021 and in accordance with PMCES Consultant's instructions, on 07 December 2021, the contractor submitted certificates issued by the Vang Vieng District Office of Natural Resources and Environment together with layout maps for the proposed spoil disposal sites and borrow pits. During Q3 2023, PMCES Consultant has monitored the implementation of environmental, health and safety measures. The key findings are summarized below:

	Findings	Corrective Actions	Status / Outcome	Due Date
1.	Bitumen for DBST surface layer is heated up in a tank using firewood close to a small stream at the contractor's (sub-contractor) site.	The contractor has to move the tank at least 30 m away from the stream and place it in a bunded area to ensure that bitumen does not escape and enters the stream. General precautions include the following: Bitumen shall not be applied during strong winds and rainy periods, or if rain is likely. No bituminous material shall be discharged into side drains. Nearby trees, vegetation, and	The contractor has moved the tank more than 30 m away from the stream. The application of bitumen was observed and appeared to be carried out properly. The inspection did not observe any untidily scattered bitumen drums	

	Findings	Corrective Actions	Status / Outcome	Due Date
		private property shall be protected during bitumen spraying work. Bitumen drums shall be stored in designated locations and not scattered along the road.	along the road under construction	
	Earthworks and slope protection at km 2+500 – km 2+700 on Kaeng Yui access road are generating sediment-laden and turbid stormwater during rain events which is discharged to Nam Lao River without pre-treatment.	To be reassessed once the road surface and the drainage line have been completed		
	Traffic safety on Kang Yui Road at km 2+500 – km 2+700 needs to be improved with warning signs and strong guardrails.	The contractor shall improve the safety traffics on Kang Yui road at km 2+500 – km 2+700 with appropriate warning signs and strong guardrails.	A concrete wall has been built along the road shoulder protecting against accidentally swerving off the road and down the slope	
	The batter surface of the slope protection for Kaeng Yui access road at km 2+500 – km 2+700 is unvegetated and prone to erosion. The soil is highly erodible as indicated by rills being formed.	For long-term slope protection and minimising erosion, the batter should be vegetated with appropriate grass. The vegetation should also cover the top of the gabion wall.		
	Unsafe working conditions for working at height at the construction of the Nam Song bridge	Implement safety measures for working at heights (e.g. fall arrest) and working over water at Nam Song Bridge construction site		01 Nov 2023
	Solid waste dumped and scattered on the ground at the contractor's camp	Clean-up the solid waste and ensure that it is put in containers		01 Nov 2023

The status of the roll-out of the contractor's responsibilities under the safety improvement plan developed by the PMCES Consultant is summarized here below:

Activity	Progress	Plan
Confirm full time employment of an Environmental, Health and Safety Officer	Confirmed	-
Conduct work hazard assessment at your construction sites and report the results to PMCES by 30 September 2022	Completed in Dec-2022	-
Develop safety procedures and measures for hazardous construction activities and submit these to PMCES for review and approval by 10 October 2022	Completed in Dec-2022	-

Activity	Progress	Plan
Develop and implement health and safety training on all safety procedures for the personnel and any subcontractors	Completed in Sep-2022	-
Undertake emergency response drill	Completed in Sep-2022 and August 2023	
Update the CEMP	Completed in Dec-2022	-

Social Safeguards: Village consultations were held in August to address drainage issues on the section of road in Ban Phonexay. Business owners in Ban Hoiyyea were impacted by the road closure due to flooding. The flooding was caused by the refusal of a household to allow a drainage pipe to be installed on the edge of their land. A new layout for the drainage has been proposed and this will ensure the area of the road is able to drain and access maintained.

The Kaeng Yui site remains closed to tourists. Compensation that was paid for loss of income to the community tourism group is due for review and a second installment will be calculated and paid in Q4.

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

Social Safeguards: This has been the main focus for the social safeguards team in this quarter including a visit from the international Safeguard consultant to carry out further due diligence linked to the proposed DED. Extensive consultations have been carried out with the community and local government to agree the final scope for urban renewal works. The scope has been reduced from the original and the community are supportive of agreed works to resurface roads and improve pavements while avoiding impacts.

Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Subproject V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements.

Environmental safeguards: The IEE and EMP for sub-project V5 were updated in July 2020 based on the re-design of the landfill subproject and cleared by ADB 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 PMCES Consultant on 11 March 2021. Following several rounds of comments and revisions, the contractor submitted the final draft CEMP on 25 June 2021 and PMCES Consultant has approved the CEMP with conditions related to installation of groundwater monitoring wells.

Based on technical specifications for construction of groundwater monitoring wells developed by PMCES Consultant, the contractor completed the construction of all monitoring wells in November 2021.

The contractor has conducted four rounds of environmental quality monitoring (December 2021, July 2022 and March 2023 and July 2023). The results of the groundwater quality monitoring in December 2021 showed high levels of COD, BOD5 and TSS potentially indicating groundwater contamination from the dumpsite. However, due to uncertainties on the performance of the sampling and testing, it was not possible to draw any conclusions. In the second round of testing in July 2022, COD and BOD5 were not detected in any of the wells, however one well immediately outside the landfill site had a rather high content iron, phosphate and suspended solids. The July-2023 sample from the groundwater in PW03 next to cell-2 contained 4.41 mg/L ammonia (increased from 0.07 mg/L on 23/12/2021 and not detected on 30/03/2023). The concentration of faecal coliform was 170 MPN/100 mL same as in March 2023 and exceeding the standard. The concentration of lead was 0.33 mg/L

exceeding the groundwater quality standard (0.01 mg/L). Other metals were found at concentrations below the relevant quality thresholds or were not detected

During Q3 2023, PMCES Consultant has inspected the implementation of the EMP/CEMP. The main findings from the inspections include:

	Findings	Corrective Actions	Status / Outcome	Due Date
1.	Hazardous working practices with truck movement and waste tipping in the vicinity of waste pickers, which have the potential for serious injury or fatality, with additional concerns due to the presence of children	Ensure that tipping of waste and waste picking are carried out separately. Children shall not be allowed to be present work at the landfill site	The contractor has implemented separate work periods for waste delivery and waste sorting by the waste pickers. Waste pickers are not present when waste is delivered.	15 Sep 2023
2.	Lack of protection from falling into the leachate ponds is a concern for serious injury or fatality by drowning	Install fences around the ponds. Provide life rings and rescue ropes near the ponds and install warning signs	Fences have been installed. Life rings and rescue ropes under procurement	15 Sep 2023
3.	During periods with heavy rain the waste trucks and other waste management equipment cannot enter cell-5 and waste has therefore been disposed of right next to the cell thereby covering the stormwater drainage line and generating polluted stormwater which has been discharged into the stormwater pond occasionally overflowing into the surrounding area	Provide safe access to cell-5 for the waste trucks. Waste dumped outside cell-5 shall be moved to cell 5. Dispose of all incoming waste in cell-5. The water in the stormwater pond shall be pumped to the first leachate treatment pond	A short temporary concrete ramp has been constructed, which has provided access for the trucks to cell-5, and the waste dumped between cell-5 and the internal road has then been moved to cell-5	15 Sep 2023
4.	Water quality testing on 16 July 2023 showed: Effluents from the stormwater pond polluted with ammonia at concentrations toxic to fish. Level of BOD and COD in the stormwater pond within effluent standards. Levels of metals in the stormwater pond within effluent standards. Faecal Coliform concentrations in the stormwater pond exceed the standard. Polluted water from the stormwater pond has occasionally been discharged to the adjacent private land – currently not used	The water in the stormwater pond shall be pumped to the first leachate treatment pond. Ensure that effluents from the stormwater pond do not enter water bodies and that there is no discharge of polluted water to adjacent land	Pumping of water from the stormwater pond to leachate pond no 1 is ongoing and the outflow from the stormwater pond has been blocked.	

	Findings	Corrective Actions	Status / Outcome	Due Date
5.	Stormwater drains are filled with litter and debris/soil blocking conveyance of water. Internal roads are muddy and littered with waste	Regularly clean-up all internal roads and stormwater drains	Stormwater drains have been clean-up but needs to be done more frequently as drains quickly get littered with waste	
6.	Stormwater mixed with leachate at the southern part of cell-5 is not being drained out and has been filling-up this part of the cell. The drainage line and the conveyer pipes at the southern part of the cell have lifted up through the gravel layer and are not functioning	The liquid ponded at the southern end of cell-5 shall be pumped to the first leachate treatment pond. The leachate drainage system at the southern part of cell-5 shall be repaired	Repair work is ongoing	15 Nov 2023
7.	The contractor has moved the fuel tank from the camp to the landfill site and placed it on a concrete slab in the open area next to the internal road opposite the workshop	Construct a safe fuel storage facility based on the following design requirements: Impervious surface surrounded by a wall free of cracks and holes creating a space with a volume that is at least 110% of the tank volume. Loading and unloading area consisting of a concrete apron that drains into a tank from which any spills shall be removed and safely disposed of. Roof over the tank and the loading/unloading apron. No combustible materials (including waste, wood, paper, plastic) shall be present within a distance of 20 m from the border of the facility.	-	15 Nov 2023

The status of the roll-out of the contractor's responsibilities under the safety improvement plan developed by the PMCES Consultant is summarized here below:

Activity	Progress	Plan
Confirm full time employment of an Environmental, Health and Safety Officer	Confirmed	-
Conduct work hazard assessment at your construction sites and report the results to PMCES by 30 September 2022	Completed in Mar-2023	-
Develop safety procedures and measures for hazardous construction activities and submit these to PMCES for review and approval by 10 October 2022	Completed in Jan-2023	-

Activity	Progress	Plan
Develop and implement health and safety training on all safety procedures for the personnel and any subcontractors	Completed in Nov-2022	-
Undertake emergency response drill	Completed in Oct-2022	-

Social safeguards: No activities were reported for this subproject in this reporting quarter. No grievances received.

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 (Under preparation; Submitted on [date]; Comments from ADB being addressed; Approved)
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; approved 4 May 2021
Report 3: Jan-Jun 2021	31 July 2021	Submitted on 1 September 2021; approved 24 November 2021
Report 4: Jul-Dec 2021	31 January 2022	Submitted on 15 March 2022; approved 21 July 2022
Report 5: Jan-Jun 2022	31 July 2022	Submitted on 19 September 2022 (covering period Jan-Jul 2022); approved 27 December 2022
Report 6: Jul-Dec 2022	31 January 2023	Submitted on 25 April 2023 (covering period Aug-Dec 2022); approved on 1 June 2023
Report 7: Jan-Jun 2023	31 July 2023	Submitted on 4 August 2023; approved on 27 September 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.

Progress of implementing the GAP can be summarized as follows:

	Achieved	On track	Not yet achieved
9 Activities	5 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9)	4 (1, 2, 3, 4)	0
25 Targets	6 (8, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20)	1 (19)	0

A detailed progress report on GAP implementation is included in Annex 13.

10. Compliance with Grant Covenants

A table showing status of compliance with Grant Covenants presented in Annex 14.

11. Summary of Workplan for Next Quarter

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

Contract	Estimated Amount
Bulldozer for Vang Vieng Landfill	\$140,000
Resource Person to support procurement Vang Vieng landfill equipment	\$5,000
Total	\$ 145,000

Main activities planned for Q4 2023:

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

Contract TIIGP2-LAO-W01 was completed on 30th June 2023 and the handing over ceremony took place on 18 July 2023 on Don Det. All pending minor works were completed by Q3 except (i) finishing touch of Boat Ticket Office renovation in Nakasang Parking area and (ii) loose rip-rap under the tourist waiting area. This contract is under defect liability period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. The Contractor will be responsible for the maintenance of the road during the this period.

The primary focus for Q4 2023 for TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements will be continuing with constructing of (i) Landscape Marina (Fill slope protection by using terramesh system, stairs, step landscape, and stone loose riprap for internal access road AL-03 to Circular Pavilion); (ii) Buildings Marina (Shophouses, Public Plaza, and Circular Pavilion); (iii) access road including RC pavement and roadside drains of U-ditches; (iv) slope protection behind the shophouses and access road improvement at Km 1+400 including slope improvement; (v) material testing and approval; (vi) Finalization of DED modification & approval of Modified DED for VO-2; (vii) update the IEE and EMP based on outcome of design modification and continue with updating CEMP; (viii) approval of variation order for additional works; and (ix) work Programme & 14 priority action plans implementation.

For packages of TIIGP2-LAO-W03 focus in Q4 2023 will be on: (i) continuation of the construction of pedestrian bridge No. 03, Kitchen and public toilet at Kaeng Yui Land Scape; (ii) approval of shop drawings; (iii) continuation of testing of RC pipe culverts and approval; (iv) construction of RC pavement and V-ditch construction for Kaeng Yui Access Road; (v) continuation of RC pipe culvert installation; (vi) Updated IEE/EMP for ADB endorsement and disclosure on ADB website; (vii) Compensation completion report (CCR) and closure report; (viii) cast-in-situ of RC girders and prestressing of girders for Nam Xong bridge; (ix) installation of girders for bridge span between abutment A2-Pier P2 and Pier-1 and Pier-2; (x) continue with cast-in-situ U-ditches and installation of U-ditches; (xi) construction of DBST for road R1, R2, R3, (xii) construction of base course for road R1 and subbase for roads , (xiii) Construction of Embankment BR-1 and BR-2; (xiv) continuation of painting of roofing structures of Dining Pavilion in Kaeng Yui Landscape; and (xv) 11-priority action plans implementation

For packages of TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements focus in Q4 2023 will be (i) groundwater, surface water and leachate water monitoring; (ii) installation of electrical works; (iii) construction of the remaining boundary wall and buildings; (iv) continue with preparing 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; (v) capacity needs assessment for solid waste management for the basis

of the development of O&M capacity building program for the Vang Vieng Landfill; (vi) commissioning for Cell-5 and leachate treatment system; (vii) inspection weighing bridge installation; (viii) continue with finishing works of building of MRF, Admin Office Building, Workshop and etc.; (ix) continue construction of the planted drying bed; (x) Landfill hazardous waste cell and hazardous store; (xi) continue construction of incinerator room; (xii) procurement of equipment (Package 1) for landfill improvement; and (xiii) compaction of waste disposal in Cell-5.

Summary of activities planned for Q4 2023 is as follows:

TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvement (C1, C2)		
Some pending activities reported in the punch list	Contractor/PKCC	Oct 2023
All of the completed civil works are under defect liabilities period	Contractor/PKCC	Jul 23 – Jun 24

TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements (V1)		
Updated Work program & 14 priority action plans	Contractor/KFG	Oct - Dec 2023
Updated CEMP	Contractor/KFG	Oct - Dec 2023
Shop Drawings Approval	Contractor/KFG	Oct - Dec 2023
Construction of Landscape Marina	Contractor/KFG	Oct - Dec 2023
Construction of Building Marina	Contractor/KFG	Oct - Dec 2023
Road works	Contractor/KFG	Oct - Dec 2023
Material testing in site LAB	Contractor/KFG	Oct - Dec 2023
Sub-base Construction	Contractor/KFG	Oct - Dec 2023
Concrete Pavement Works	Contractor/KFG	Oct - Dec 2023
14 Priority action plans and updated Work Plan	Contractor/KFG	Oct - Dec 2023
Implementation of Contract	MICT/PCU/PIU/PMCES/Contractor	Jul 2021 – Jun 2024
Health & Safety: (i) Confirm full time employment of an Environmental, Health and Safety Officer; (ii) Conduct work hazard assessment at your construction sites and report the results (iii) Develop safety procedures and measures for all hazardous construction activities; (iv) Develop and implement health and safety training on all safety procedures for the personnel and any subcontractors; (v) Conduct drills on emergency response and (vi) Update the CEMP	MICT/PCU/PIU/PMCES/Contractor	Jul 2021 – Jun 2024
Safeguard Monitoring	MICT/PCU/PIU/Social Safeguard Consultants/PMCES	Jul 2021- Jun 2024
Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)	MICT/PCU/PIU/PMCES/ Social Safeguard Consultants	Jul 2021- Jun 2024

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	Oct - Dec 2023
Compensation payment and closure report	PMCES/PIU/PCU	Oct - Dec 2023
11 Priority action plans and updated Work Programm including Personnel's, Equipment's, Organization and S-curve	Contractor/XCR	Oct - Dec 2023
Continue precasting and prestressing of I-Girders for Nam Xong Bridge	Contractor/XCR	Oct - Dec 2023
Continue Sub-base and Base courses	Contractor/XCR	Oct - Dec 2023
Reinforced concrete pavement for Kaeng Yui Access Road	Contractor/XCR	Oct - Dec 2023
Continuation of RC Pipe Culvert installation	Contractor/XCR	Oct - Dec 2023
Continue construction of building in Kaeng Yui Landscape	Contractor/XCR	Oct - Dec 2023
Shop drawings and approval	Contractor/XCR	Oct - Dec 2023
Continue Base-course pavement	Contractor/XCR	Oct - Dec 2023
DBST Pavement in Western Loop	Contractor/XCR	Oct - Dec 2023
Health & Safety: (i) Confirm full time employment of an Environmental, Health and Safety Officer; (ii) Conduct work hazard assessment at your construction sites and report the results (iii) Develop safety procedures and measures for all hazardous construction activities; (iv) Develop and implement health and safety training on all safety procedures for the personnel and any subcontractors; (v) Conduct drills on emergency response and (vi) Update the CEMP	MICT/PCU/PIU/PMCES/Contractor	Sep 2021 – Sep 2024
Safeguard Monitoring	MICT/PCU/PIU/Social Safeguard Consultants/PMCES	Sep 2021 – Sep 2024
Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)	MICT/PCU/PIU/PMCES/ Social Safeguard Consultants	Sep 2021 – Sep 2024

TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban-Renewal		
Confirmed Revised Scope	SS/PMCES/MICT/ADB	Oct-2023
Conduct Due Diligence	SS/PMCES/MICT/ADB	Oct-2023
Updated DED and BOQ	PMCES/MICT/ADB	Nov-2023
Prepare IEE/EMP	PMCES/MICT/ADB	Nov-2023
Prepare Bidding Document	/Procurement/PMCES/MICT/ADB	Nov-Dec 2023
ADB NOL IEE/EMP, RP & Bidding Doc	All/MICT/ADB	Dec-2023
IFB	MICT/FMPS	TBA
DED review and modification	PMCES	Q3 2023
Compensation payment and closure report	PMCES/PIU/PCU	TBA
Pre-bid Meeting	MICT/FMPS	TBA
Site Visit	MICT/FMPS	TBA
Bid Opening	MICT/ FMPS	Jan-2024
Bid Evaluation & ADB Approval	MICT/ FMPS	Feb-Mar 2024
Contract Award	MICT/ FMPS	Apr 2024
Contract Sign	MICT/ FMPS	Apr 2024
Approved IEE/EMP/Certificate by PONRE	PONRE/PMCES/PIU	TBA

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	PMCES	Jul - Sep 2023

development of O&M capacity building program for the Vang Vieng Landfill		
Compensation Completion Report and closure report	PMCES/PIU/PCU	Jul - Sep 2023
Work Program updating and approval	Contractor/CeTeau-PAN JV/PMCES	Oct - Dec 2023
Groundwater Testing & Monitoring	Contractor/CeTeau-PAN JV	Oct - Dec 2023
Waste disposal and compaction in Cell-5	Contractor/CeTeau-PAN JV	Oct - Dec 2023
All Building Facilities	Contractor/CeTeau-PAN JV	Oct - Dec 2023
Weighing Bridge Installation	Contractor/CeTeau-PAN JV	Oct - Dec 2023
Shop drawings and approval	Contractor/PMCES	Oct - Dec 2023
Construction of Landfill Hazardous Waste	Contractor/PMCES	Oct - Dec 2023
Construction of Planted Dry Bed	Contractor/PMCES	Oct - Dec 2023
Implementation of Contract	MICT/PCU/PIU/PMCES/Contractor	Apr 2021 - Apr 2024
Health & Safety: (i) Confirm full time employment of an Environmental, Health and Safety Officer; (ii) Conduct work hazard assessment at your construction sites and report the results (iii) Develop safety procedures and measures for all hazardous construction activities; (iv) Develop and implement health and safety training on all safety procedures for the personnel and any subcontractors; (v) Conduct drills on emergency response and (vi) Update the CEMP	MICT/PCU/PIU/PMCES/Contractor	Apr 2021 - Apr 2024
Safeguard Monitoring	MICT/PCU/PIU/Social Safeguard Consultants/PMCES	Apr 2021 - Apr 2024
Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)	MICT/PCU/PIU/PMCES/ Social Safeguard Consultants	Apr 2021 - Apr 2024

Output 2: Capacity to implement ASEAN Tourism Standards strengthened

Focus during Q4 of 2023 will be on (i) consultation with the private sector to raise awareness and increase uptake of ASEAN Tourism Standards, following launch of the ASEAN Tourism Standards website in September 2023 (ii) re-certification of expired Green Hotel and Homestay Standards (using certified CBT Villages if needed) to make improved progress towards the DMF targets and (iii) update of the Action Plan for achieving ASEAN Clean Tourist City for Vang Vieng and (iv) work planning for 2024.

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

In Q4 of 2023, DMN work will focus on (i) continuing to support the implementation of the public and private sector action plan on destination management at the national level, Luang Prabang, Vientiane Province, Vang Vieng and Champasak province, (ii) continuing to organize public and private sector consultation meetings to identify key issues and solutions in Lao tourism sector, (iii) continuing to prepare the integrated tourism management and spatial plan for Luang Prabang and the tourism strategic and spatial plans for Nam Ngum Reservoir and Siphandone, (iv) implementing the Laos tourism marketing campaign for Visit Laos Year 2024, support DMNs organizing and participating tourism promotional events and travel trade fairs (v) implementing the detailed thematic heritage interpretation plans for Luang Prabang town and environs and the 4,000 islands, and write interpretation panel texts for Vientiane province and Vang Vieng, (vi) implementing SME support plans for the project target areas and finalizing SME database, and (vii) updating contents on the Internet based tourism knowledge repository and DMN website.

Regarding institutional arrangements for O&M planning work, the focus during Q4 of 2023 will be on the following:

ubproject: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation and Subproject C2: Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements: The final full version of O&M manual/plan will be delivered to Khong district administration and short version will be delivered to Don Det, Khone, Hangkhone and Nakasang village authorities and communities in November. Support will be given to the rollout of operations under this plan.

Subproject V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements. (i) internal brainstorming meeting will be conducted between PMCES engineer team, O&M Team, ADB Resettlement and Tourism Site Management team to understand the current situation and draft the possible combine guideline. (ii) the consultation workshop with the local authority and communities will be conducted by the end of year 2023.

Subproject V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements. (i) The draft O&M plan will be developed further including identifying approaches for PPP arrangements. (ii) Internal brainstorming meeting will be conducted between PMCES O&M Team and Site management team to prepare to involve the private tourism operators to Keng Yui PPP management approach.

Subproject V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements. No activities are planned for this period.

Subproject V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal. No activities are planned for this period.

Subproject V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements. (i) During the next quarter, the bulldozer will be procured. (ii) Arrangements will be put in place with a local bulldozer training school, providing basic training and then specific training at Vang Vieng with the new model. (iii) Institutional staff will provide operators with theory training on landfill management. (iv) The approach for PPP will be finalised, and an expression of interest will be released regarding the private sector operation of the materials recovery facility. Specifications will be developed for the second batch of equipment, including the excavator and tipper truck. (v) A meeting will be held with GGGI on aligned procurement, as well as the potential for composting and biodigester operations. (vi) A final decision will be required on the biodigester in order to determine operational and financial requirements for wider solid waste management.

Planned disbursements:

For Q4 2023, the following withdrawal applications (WA) are foreseen:

- Replenishment of Advance Account:
 - WA #91 (SOE Jul/Aug2023): \$201,612.70
 - WA #94 (SOE Sep/Oct 2023): 224,152.02
- Direct payments:
 - WA #xx direct payment \$200,000 (estimate) (IPC Package W01, G21291)
 - WA #xx direct payment \$ 500,000 (estimate) (IPC Package W04 G22778)
 - WA #xx direct payment \$500,000 (estimate) (IPC Package W02 G23079)
 - WA #xx direct payment \$400,000 (estimate) (IPC Package W03 G0001)

12. Issues and Recommendations

- (i) Preparations for Package W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal have re-started aiming for an issuance of an invitation for bids by November/December 2023. Revised scope has been agreed, and preparations of a social safeguards due diligence report is ongoing (target completion October 2023), as well as update of the DED, BoQ and specifications (target completion November 2023) and update of the IEE/EMP based on revised DED (target completion . In order to establish the works contract for this package, a one-year project extension needed, as the construction period will run beyond the current project closing date. The EA therefore requests ADB to urgently support the necessary steps for the one-year project extension.
- (ii) The latest ADB Review Mission took place from 17 July to 25 August 2023. Below are the agreed time bound actions included in the Aide Memoire, with a status update as of 30 September 2023.

Actions agreed during ADB Review Mission 17 July – 25 August 2023	Due date	Status as of 30 September 2023
1. TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: EA commences the procurement process in Q4 2023	Dec 2023	Planned to start in Dec 2023 upon completion of revised DED, BoQ, specifications, DDR and IEE/EMP.
2. TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: EA completes verification of DED, IR DDR and updates of IEE/EMP and submit them to ADB	31 Oct 2023	DDR preparation ongoing based on agreed revised scope, DED, BOQ and Specifications update ongoing, IEE/EMP update planned based on updated DED – delayed to November 2023
3. TIIGP2-LAO-W03: EA reassesses progress of DBST pavement in November 2023 and confirms if the DBST pavement be outsourced to a new contractor	30 Nov 2023	Planned for end of November 2023
4. TIIGP2-LAO-W02 and TIIGP2-LAO-W03: EA ensures implementation of environmental health and safety corrective and preventive actions in Appendix 3 and considers link contractors' compliance with payments	31 Oct 2023	EA, through the PMCES Environmental Safeguards Specialists, is following up and monitoring implementation of the agreed environmental health and safety corrective and preventive actions. A progress update is included in this quarterly report.
5. EA submits FY2022 APFS to ADB	As soon as possible	Delayed. Estimated submission date: 17 October 2023

Approved and Submitted to ADB by:



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Ministry of Culture, Information and
Tourism

Annex 1: Progress of civil works by subproject as of 30 September 2023

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 2.72 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>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 23rd 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>Work commenced 26th May 2020, 24 months' contract with extended time of 13 months up to 30th June 2023.</p> <p>The present status of the project is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EA further approved 81 days which is approximately 2.7 months or up to 30th June 2023 to complete all of outstanding works on site • Physical progress is 100% (Revised work program of 100%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21.112 Km Road (2.904 Km at Nakasang, 5.907 Km in Don Det and 12.301 Km in Don Khone) • 3 Bailey Bridges on Access Road IRL-05 in Don Khone • 178.00 m Culvert (16.00 m Culvert at Nakasang) • 3 Parking Areas (1 Nakasang, 1 Don Det old Port and 1 Ban Hang Khone) • 11 Sets of Solar Light (9 Sets Nakasang Port and 2 Sets Railway Bridge _ Both Sides) • 2 Boat Ramps (Nakasang River Port) • 1 Pontoon (Nakasang River Port) • 106.00 m Retaining Wall (Nakasang River Port) upstream side (U/S) & downstream side (D/S) • 140.00 m Slope Protection by Rubble Stones (Nakasang River Port) • 153.00 m Footpath (Nakasang River Port) U/S & D/S • 25.00 m Drainage & Discharge RC Pipe • Locomotive Area Improvements in Don Khone • View Point in Don Det old Port • Safety Guardrail on Approach road to Mekong Bridge in both sides Don Det and Don Khone (French Bridge) • Renovation of Port Ticket Office/Waiting area of the Tourists and drainage improvement • Renovation of Ticket Office at Nakasang Parking area • Cross Drainage at end of Nakasang River Port (U/S) • Renovation of wooden bridge to concrete deck slab on access road alone Nakasang Port (U/S) • Road Furniture was completed excluding some traffic sign posts and kilometer posts being installed. • RP's CAP fully implemented and being monitored
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.	
Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements		
V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir	Keo Oudom District. This subproject will (i) improve the	TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements: Feasibility studies, preliminary designs,

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
Access Improvements	existing public marina at the Nam Ngum Reservoir recreational area to safely accommodate 50-60 local tour boats and launch small recreational vessels; (ii) construct a 5.9km loop road extending along the reservoir shore linking to Route 10, and 1,200 m ² parking area; (iii) construct a new 3,860 m ² public market and shophouses to replace existing 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>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 contract was awarded on 20th April 2021 to Khamfong Group Sole Company Limited with a contract amount of USD \$4,669,065.14 inclusive of tax, and contingency of US\$424,460.47</p> <p>The present status of the project is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works Commenced 1st July 2021, 24 months Contract with the extended time of 12 months up to 30th June 2024 • Physical progress is 67.47% (Target 68.70%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road Improvement: 88.44% (5.90 km completed out of 6.33 km) - Landscape Marina works: 23.95% - Building Marina works: 17.23% - Roadside drains:68.80% • Compensation to AHs fully implemented • Additional slope protection structure, replacement of government structure, water treatment and wastewater treatment required additional 1.8mIn • Work progress is very slow especially marina works and 14 priority action plans are being implemented • Warning letter issued on 22nd May 2023 for expediting the progress
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 contract was awarded on 23rd July 2021 to M/s Xayya Construction and Renovation Sole Company with a contract amount of US\$ 8.829,630.77 Inclusive of tax, and contingency of US\$ 802,693.70</p> <p>The present status of the project is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works Commenced 1st Sep 2021, 24 months Contract with the extended time of 12 months up to 1st September 2024 • Physical progress is 59.43% (Target 58.49%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaeng Yui: 60.97% • Western Loop: 55.65% • NamXong Bridge: 53.90%

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.5 Km concrete road surface completed out of 6.0 km for Kaeng Yui Access Road (91.66% completed). • 26.6 Km Access Road Preparation in Progress (56.23% completed). • Kaeng Yui Landscape (buildings 56.80% completed and landscape 13.65% completed) • 80 m RCC Namxong Bridge in progress (53.90% completed) • Pre-stressed Concrete I-Girders out of 15 (10 girders completed) • All Integrity & Sonic tests, Static & Dynamic completed (100% completed) • CEMP revision completed • Prepared a health and safety handbook and Emergency contact of project site • Conducted construction toolbox meeting regularly by contractor • Develop safety procedures and measures for hazardous construction activities and Conducted the Hazard Assessment Training • Conducted First-Aid & basic care treatment & safety procedure plans are being implemented
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 Q3 2023 except the consultation meeting with the concerned government stakeholders and 4 villages for the project rescoping was held in Sep 2023</p> <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. As of the end of the reporting period, as reported by the PCU, the Water supply project in Vang Vieng will be invested/constructed by Local private company.</p> <p>The present status of the project is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB No Objection to the RP, but DDR specific for this subproject is currently being prepared with target completion by October 2023. • ADB No Objection to the IEE and EMP, but will be updated in response to revised DED based on revised scope following completion of DDR. • Bidding Documents to be prepared • The procurement of this package would be processed in Q4 2023 subject to the DED modification and preparation and approval of DDR and updated IEE/EMP.

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements		
V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements	<p>Vang Vieng District. The subproject will transform the existing district solid waste dump site into a managed landfill and includes (i) installation of a perimeter runoff interceptor drainage system; (ii) cell construction with impermeable liners, leachate collection/treatment system, and a landfill gas recovery system; (iii) construction of a small materials recovery facility for waste separation and recycling and a medical waste treatment area; (v) construction of a septage treatment facility (0.5ha); (vi) construction of site office, toilets, and fencing; (vii) pave the 0.8km access road and provide three new collection trucks, a bulldozer, and two vacuum trucks to support septage collection.</p>	<p>TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements: Review findings of the DED carried out in Q3 2019 for the landfill subproject revealed that the existing design requires revision, which would entail substantial alterations to the design, drawings, BoQ and technical specification. It was decided that an environmental compliance audit (ECA) needed to be conducted to test the design information. PMCES Consultant engaged an ECA sub-consultant team to carry out this work. The ECA team submitted its draft report to the PMCES Consultant on 16th January 2020. PMCES reviewed and edited the report and it on 11th February 2020 to MICT and ADB for review, comments and approval. The report was eventually approved on 22nd March 2020.</p> <p>ADB approved additional financial resources to undertake the design revisions, which include design of a closure system of existing landfill site with all precautionary measures and appropriateness of design of MRF system design, admin building and office facilities, leachate treatment design, septage treatment design, effluents and hazardous waste, master drainage management of storm water, additional internal access road to facilities, new boundary wall, new incineration plant, appropriate Electro-Mechanical facilities and tree plantation etc.</p> <p>DED, bill of quantities, technical specification, bidding documents, updated safeguards documents, O&M plan, and recommendations for O&M were prepared by the PMCES Consultant. The DED, Safeguard Documents and Bid Documents were endorsed by ADB in Q3 2020.</p> <p>The bid evaluation and additional due diligence were carried out in Q4 2020.</p> <p>The contract was awarded on 19 February 2021 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>Works Commenced 19th Apr 2020, 24 mons Contract Intended Completion was extended from 19th April 2023 to 20 April 2024.</p> <p>The present status of the project is as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical progress is 82.25% (Target 94.00%) • Existing capped cell is completed • Construction of Cell-5 is under semi-operational stage • Construction of Cell-1 is completed • Manholes & Inspection Pits completed • Leachate ponds completed • 1.53 Km concrete road completed out of 1.55 km Road • Building works are in progress • Work progress is in revision • CEMP revision Completed • Prepared a health and safety handbook and Emergency contact of project site • Conducted construction toolbox meeting regularly by contractor

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop safety procedures and measures for hazardous construction activities and Conducted the Hazard Assessment Training Conducted First-Aid & basic care treatment & safety procedure plans are being implemented

Description	Preliminary Design Cost Estimates (US\$) (PAM procurement plan, version 0)	Updated estimates (US\$) (procurement plan 5)	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	5,930,000.00	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	4,669,065.14 (Contracted Cost with Khamfong Group Sole Company Limited)
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	8,829,630.77 (Contracted Cost with Xayya Construction and Renovation Sole Co.,Ltd)
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	2,000,000
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 (Contracted cost with CeTeau-Panyathilath Joint Venture)
V5. Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements.	5,632,000		
Total	29,676,093	31,530,000	22,709,164.36

Annex 2: ASEAN Tourism Standards Certification in Target Provinces Since 2008

Standard (CPS, VV, LPB, VTP)	Awarded
Homestay <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ban Naduang (Kaeng Nyui waterfall site), Vang Vieng District, Vientiane Province (8 Homestays) 2) Ban Hua Don Deng (Don Deng Island), Pa Thoumphone District, Champasak Province (6 Homestays) 3) Ban Don Kho (Don Kho Island), Xanasomboun District, Champasak Province (9 Homestays) 4) Ban Nayang Tai, Nambak District, Luang Prabang Province (19 Homestays) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 2016, 2019, 2023 2) 2017, 2019, 2023 3) 2017, 2019, 2023 4) 2023
Clean Tourist City <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Luang Prabang City, Luang Prabang Province 2) Pakse Champasak 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 2018, 2022 2) 2022
Community-Based Tourism <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ban Nong Luang (Dong Huasao National Protected Area), Paksong District, Champasak Province 2) Tad Gneung Waterfall, Champasak Province 3) Nathong Village, Vang Vieng District 4) Nayang Tai Village, Luang Prabang Province 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 2017, 2023 2) 2023 3) 2023 4) 2023
Clean Public Toilet <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Phousi mountain tourist site, Luang Prabang City, Luang Prabang Province 2) Tat Nyeuang waterfall site, Paksong District, Champasak Province 3) Khon Phapheng waterfall site, Khong District, Champasak Province 4) Public Toilet, Vat Phou Champasak Lao 2nd World Heritage, Champasak Province 5) Public Toilet, Kuangsi Waterfall, Luang Prabang Province 6) Public Toilet, Tham Nang Fa Tourist Site, Vientiane Province 7) Public Toilet, Vat Mai, Luang Prabang Province 8) Public Toilet, Vat Xiengthong, Luang Prabang Province 9) Public Toilet, Mekong River Bank (Phonheuang village), Luang Prabang Province 10) Public Toilet, Electric Car Station, Luang Prabang Province 11) Public Toilet, Kuangsi Waterfall (2) 12) Public Toilet, Vat Phrathong Samsi, Vientiane Province 13) Public Toilet, Nuanta Gas Station, San Sum Village, Vientiane Province 14) Public Toilet, Vat Kang, Vientiane Province 15) Public Toilet, Numngum Dam 1, Vientiane Province 16) Public Toilet, Tad Fane Waterfall, Champasak Province 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 2019 (expired) 2) 2019 (expired) 3) 2019 (expired) 4) 2023 5) 2023 6) 2023 7) 2023 8) 2023 9) 2023 10) 2023 11) 2023 12) 2023 13) 2023 14) 2023 15) 2023 16) 2023
Green Hotel Champasak Province <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Champasak Palace, Pakse City 2) Champa Resident, Pakse City 3) Champasak Grand, Pakse City 4) Khon Phapheng Resort, Khong District 5) King Fisher Eco-lodge, Pathoumphone District 6) Pakse Hotel, Pakse City 7) La Folie Lodge, Champasak 8) Atina Hotel, Pakse City 9) River Resort, Pakse City 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 2008 (expired) 2) 2010 (expired) 3) 2010 (expired) 4) 2010 (expired) 5) 2010 (expired) 6) 2010 (expired) 7) 2012 (expired) 8) 2014 (expired) 9) 2014 (expired)

10) Sisouk Resident, Pakse City 11) Arawan Riverside Hotel, Pakse City 12) Bachieng Resort, Bachieng District 13) Paksong Danngarm Hotel 14) Pon Arina Luang Prabang Province 1) Phou Vao, Luang Prabang City 2) Souvannaphoum, Luang Prabang City 3) The Grand Luang Prabang, Luang Prabang City 4) Villa Santi, Luang Prabang City 5) 3 Nagas Hotel, Luang Prabang City 6) Luangxay Resident, Luang Prabang City 7) Santi Resort and SPA, Luang Prabang City 8) LPB View 9) Chitchareune Mueang Luang Hotel, Luang Prabang City 10) Kiridara Hotel, Luang Prabang City 11) Sofitel Luang prabang, Luang Prabang City 12) Avani Hotel, Luang Prabang City 13) Pullman Hotel, Luang Prabang City Vientiane Province 1) Riverside Boutique Resort 2) Thavy Souk Hotel 3) Inthira Hotel, Vang Vieng 4) Amari Hotel 5) Long Ngum Resort	10) 2016 (expired) 11) 2016 (expired) 12) 2018 (expired) 13) 2020 14) 2022 1) 2008, 2014 (expired) 2) 2008, 2012, 2014, 2022 3) 2008, 2014, 2022 4) 2010, 2012 (expired) 5) 2010 (expired) 6) 2012 (expired) 7) 2014 (expired) 8) 2016 (expired) 9) 2016 (expired) 10) 2016 (expired) 11) 2018 (expired) 12) 2018 (expired) 13) 2020 1) 2016 (expired) 2) 2018 (expired) 3) 2020 4) 2022 5) 2022
Spa 1) SPA at Kiridara Hotel, Luang Prabang City Expired 2) SPA at Avani Hotel, Luang Prabang City Expired 3) Pullman Spa, Pullman Luang Prabang, Luang Prabang Province 4) Le Spa, Sofitel Luang Prabang, Luang Prabang Province 5) Sanakeo Boutique Hotel and Spa, Luang Prabang Province 6) Angsana Spa, Maikson Souvannaphoum, Luang Prabang Province	1) 2019 (expired) 2) 2019 (expired) 3) 2023 4) 2023 5) 2023 6) 2023
MICE Venue 1) Luang Prabang View Hotel, Luang Prabang City expired 2) Pullman Hotel, Luang Prabang exp 3) Champasak Grand Hotel, Champasak Province expired 4) Amari Vientiane Province valid 5) Aravan Champasak valid	1) 2018 (expired) 2) 2020 (expired) 3) 2020 (expired) 4) 2022 5) 2022
ASEAN Sustainable Tourism Award 1) Phou Si Mountain, Luang Prabang City - Urban Tourism Award 2) Tree Top Explorer, Paksong District, Champasak Province - Rural Tourism Award 3) Wat Xieng Thong, Luang Prabang City – Urban Award 4) Wat Phou, Champasak – Rural Award 5) Tad Nyeuang Champasak – Urban Award 6) Koungsi Waterfall – Rural Award	1) 2018 (expired) 2) 2018 (expired) 3) 2020 (expired) 4) 2020 (expired) 5) 2022 6) 2022

Annex 3: Eligible Project Support for ASEAN Tourism Standards

ASEAN Standard	Eligible Support
Green Hotel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Assistance / Advice to properties to meet ASEAN Green Hotel Standard • Industry training, workshops, or seminars • <i>No assistance for purchase of equipment, materials or upgrade to facilities</i>
Clean Tourist City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Assistance / Advice to meet Standard • Training, workshops, or seminars for public and private stakeholders involved in implementation of the ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard • Equipment and small works related to public aspects of ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard (e.g. rubbish bins, public toilet upgrade, signs and visitor information, recycling bins, waste management infrastructure and vehicles where these are publicly owned and managed)
Homestay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Assistance / Advice to meet ASEAN Homestay Standard • Training, workshops, or seminars for homestay operators • Community-owned and operated homestay services only (private sector-managed/operations homestays not eligible) Improvement to facilities to meet ASEAN Homestay Standard (includes equipment and small works)
Community Based Tourism (CBT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Technical Assistance to meet ASEAN CBT Standard • Training, workshops, or seminars for CBT operations • Community-owned and operated products only (private sector operations not eligible): Improvement to facilities to meet ASEAN CBT Standard (includes equipment and small works)
Public Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Assistance / Advice to meet ASEAN Public Toilet Standard to public and private toilet operators • Training, workshops, or seminars for public and private stakeholders involved in implementation of the ASEAN Public Toilet Standard • Improvement of publicly owned public toilets (incl. publicly owned toilets operated by private sector through a PPP where per the PPP agreement the public is responsible for maintenance and repair) to meet the ASEAN Public Toilet Standard (includes equipment and small works).
MICE (Meeting Room, Exhibition, Event Venue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Assistance / Advice to meet ASEAN MICE Standard(s) • Industry training workshops or seminars • <i>No assistance for purchase of equipment, materials or upgrade to facilities</i>
Spa Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Assistance / Advice to meet Standard • Industry training workshops or seminars • <i>No assistance for purchase of equipment, materials or upgrade to facilities</i>
Sustainable Tourism Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Technical Assistance to meet Award • Improvement to public and community owned facilities to meet Award criteria (equipment and/or small works)

Annex 4: Record of Output 2 and 3 and Project Management Activities implemented during Quarter 3 of 2023 (1 July – 30 September 2023)

Budget Code	Activity	Date	Location	Objective	Implementing Personnel	Participants	Women	Results/ Outcome/ Comments	Budget (Kip/US)
2.8.2.a	Training on re-assessment of properties have been awarded the ASEAN Tourism Standards. Training on re-assessment of properties have been awarded the ASEAN Tourism Standards. Vang Vieng, VTP, 21-25/07/2023	21-25/07/2023	Vang Vieng, VTP	To re-assess the properties	Tourism Development Department (TDD)	13	4	Completed	22,338,000
2.8.2.a	Assess the ASEAN green hotel standard for new targets in Champasak province.	26-31/7/2023	CPS	To assess the new targets	DICT and OICT	19	11	Improve to meet the criteria	16,634,000
2.8.2.a	Final assessment of ASEAN green hotel standard for new targets in Champasak province.	20-24/8/2023	Pakse, Paksong, Champasak and Khong	To assess before proposing for award	Assessment committee	37	24	New targets certified	35,998,000
2.8.2.a	Assess the ASEAN CBT and homestay standards for new targets in Champasak province.	4-10/9/2023	Paksong, Khong - CPS	To assess the new targets	Assessment committee	45	13	Copleted as plan	15,736,000
2.8.2.a	Assess the ASEAN CBT standard for new targets in Luang Prabang	3-6/7/2023	Long Lao, Xanghay, Xiang Lom	To assess the new targets	Assessment committee	25	12	The properties assessed	14,420,000
2.8.2.a	Follow up/monitor the implementation of ASEAN tourism standards in the project target areas.	1-5/8/2023	LPB	To finalize the assessment and propose to receive the ASEAN standard award	Assessment Committee	22	10	Completed as plan	22,480,000
2.8.2.a	Meeting to re-assess ASEAN clean tourist city in Vang Vieng, VTP	21-25/7/2023	Vang Vieng, VTP	To re-assess	Assessment Committee	56	26	Completed as plan	29,998,000
2.8.2.a	Assess the ASEAN green hotel standard for new targets	6-12/8/2023	Vang Vieng, VTP	Meeting to assess	Assessment Committee	30	12	Completed as plan	18,104,000
2.8.2.a	Final assessment of ASEAN tourism standards in Vang Vieng, VTP	18-22/09/2023	Vang Vieng, VTP	Final assessment	Assessment Committee	30	20	Completed as plan	14,550,000
2.8.2.a	Assess the ASEAN green hotel, CBT and homestay standards for new targets in Vientiane province.	17-21/7/2023	Keo Oudom VTP	To assess and certify the new targets	Assessment Committee	33	14	Completed as plan	22,444,000

Budget Code	Activity	Date	Location	Objective	Implementing Personnel	Participants	Women	Results/ Outcome/ Comments	Budget (Kip/US)
3.1.a	PCU - participate in destination management network meeting and meeting to review the implementation progress with Luang Prabang's PIU.	11-14/7/2023	LPB	To follow up the impenetation progress and planning for 2024	TDD & PIU	19	6	The progress reviewed	29,280,000
3.1.a	LPB-PIU: organize destination management network meeting to review and plan for the next step	12-14/7/2023	LPB	To review the implementation plan and plan for the nexr step	PCU&PIU	34	18	Completed as plan	14,960,000
3.2.1	Destination management training at national level, under topic - Smart Tourism for tourism development department staff in VTE.	3-6/07/2023	Vang Vieng, VTP	To build capacity for staff	TDD & subcontract	20	11	Knowledge and skills upgraded	29,976,000
3.2.1	Training on development of skills in the use of modern technology in tourism services and site management for DMN at national level.	21-24/08/2023	Vang Vieng, VTP	To build capacity for DMN members (Gov.officers)	TDD	17	11	Knowledge and skills upgraded	27,000,000
3.2.2	Improve/upgrade English language skills for staff, Institute of Mass Media, Culture and Tourism	7/8-6/10/2023	VTE	To upgrade English skills	IMCT	1	1	English skills improved	540
3.2.3	Collect data/information from agencies/parties concerned for the master's thesis in the field of tourism industry management, social science, National University 2022-2023.	25-28/08/2023	VTE, LPB, CPS, SLV, VV and VTP	Collect data/information	TDD	12	5	Information/d ata collection completed	17,940,000
3.4.1	Tourism stakeholders meeting to address issues in the tourism sector	8-10/08/2023	VTE	To address issues	TDD	68	33	Ongoing	8,780,000
3.4.1	Public-private consultation meeting to discuss the visa plicies to attract visitors/target groups to visit Laos	18-21/09/2023	Vang Vieng, VTP	To provide visa exemption and extend the length of stay	TDD	13	5	The issues identified/add ressed	17,964,000
3.4.1	2nd Public-private consultation meeting to address issues in the tourism sector.	21/7/2023	LPB	To address issues	LPB-PIU	40	18	The issues identified/add ressed	14,900,000
3.4.1	VV: Public - business sectors meeting to address issues in tourism sector and site visit to monitor the situation in target areas	9-11/7/23	Vang Vieng	To address issues	VV-OICT, VTP-DICT/PIU	80	25	The issues identified/add ressed	14,096,000

Budget Code	Activity	Date	Location	Objective	Implementing Personnel	Participants	Women	Results/ Outcome/ Comments	Budget (Kip/US)
3.4.1	VTP: Public - business sectors meeting to address issues in tourism sector and site visit to monitor the situation in target areas	08/10/2023	VTP	To discuss the solutions	VTP-PIU	39	16	Completed as plan	20,540,000
3.4.2	Participate in consulatation meeting to update/ improve legislation, regulations and tourism standards in Champasak province	2-5/07/2023	CPS	To update regislations/ regulations...	CPS-PIU	100	27	Completed as plan	59,862,000
3.4.4	Hiring an English translator for Vang Vieng tourism master plan review meeting.	21/06/2023	VTE	To update tourism masterplan	TDD	40	13	Completed as plan	9,630,000
3.4.4	Organize meeting to review/finalize Vang Vieng tourism masterplan and environs	27-31/08/2023	Vang Vieng	To finalize the plan	TDD	16	4	The plan reviewed	26,936,000
3.4.4	Tourism development planning committee join the consultant team and LPB-PIU/DICT to continue to draft tourism management plan for LPB town & environs	3-7/9/2023	LPB	To review and updating	TDD	14	6	Ongoing	26,140,000
3.4.4	Survey to update the daft tourism master plan for Siphandone (Nakasang, Dondet - Don Khone) and environs. Champasak province	7-11/09/2023	Khong, CPS	To survey and draft plan	TDD	9	4	Ongoing	17,990,000
3.4.4	PCU join the tourism masterplanning team to survey and update the draft tourism master plan for Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir and environs	12-14/09/2023	VTP	To survey and update plan	TDD	18	8	Ongong	17,998,000
3.4.4	CPS-PIU/DICT join the tourism masterplanning team to survey and update the draft tourism master plan for Siphandone, Khong dist.	7-11/9/2023	Khong, CPS	To survey and update draft plan	TDD,	39	13	Ongoing	26,920,000
3.4.4	LPB-PIU/DICT join the consultant team to review the draft tourism management plan for LPB town and environs.	3-7/9/2023	LPB	To review and update draft plan	TDD	19	4	Ongoing	17,830,000
3.4.4	VTP-PIU/DICT join the tourism masterplanning team to survey and update the draft tourism master plan for Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir and environs.	12-14/9/2023	VTP	To review and update draft plan	VTP-PIU	9	4	Ongoing	17,760,000
3.5.2.2	Organize public - business sectors meeting to review the draft marketing campaign for Visit Lao Year 2024	21/7/2023	VTE	To promote visit Lao Year	DMN Sec.	40	9	Complete as plan	15,000,000

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3.5.2.2	Public-business sectors meeting to prepare to launch the Lao tourism campaign for the regional and international markets.	08/07/2023	VTE	To prepare for visit Lao year	DMN Sec.	34	15	Complete as plan	1,990,000
3.5.3.1	Per-diem, participate in seminar on sustainable tourism, tourism recovery and tourism development in Asia and the Pacific. Nan Ning, China	5-8/07/2023	Nanning, China	Sustainable tourism exchange	TDD	60	25	Complete as plan	100
3.5.3.1	PCU participate consultation meeting to prepare for Pakse Half Marathon 2023	18/8/2023	CPS	To prepare for visit Lao year	DMN Sec.	30	10	The event prepared	2,310,000
3.5.3.1	Per diem and accommodation for tourism marketing officer to participate in the International Tourism Expo in Hochiminh City, Vietnam	5-10/9/2023	Hochiminh, Vietnam	To promote tourism and visit Lao Year 2024	Marketing Department	1	0	Lao tourism promoted	920
3.5.3.1	Payment for the design of tourism exhibition booth and the expenses for marketing officer to attend the International Tourism Expo in Hochiminh.	5-10/9/2023	Hochiminh, Vietnam	To promote tourism and visit Lao Year 2024	Marketing Department	2	0	Lao tourism promoted	10,000
3.5.3.1	Space rental fees for participating in international tourism exhibitions in China (Guangdong) " International Tourism Industry Expo 2023	12-19/09/2023	China (Quangdong)	To promote Lao tourism	Marketing Department	2	0	Tourism destinations promoted	4,800
3.5.3.1	Payment for the design of tourism exhibition booth size 3x6 = 18 m2 in China (Guangdong) " International Tourism Industry Expo 2023"	12-19/09/2023	China (Quangdong)	To promote/attract visitorsLao tourism	Marketing Department	2	0	Tourism destinations promoted	10,380.14
3.5.3.1	Participate in tourism promotion activity - Pakse Half Marathon 2023	21-25/9/2023	Pakse, CPS	To participate in activities to promote tourism in the Pakse Half Mara thone	Marketing Department/D MN Sec.	19	6	Event promoted	35,830,000
3.5.3.1	Airfare for tourism officer to participate in the International Tourism Expo in Hochiminh City, Vietnam	5-10/9/2023	Hochiminh, Vietnam	Market target groups	Marketing Department	2	2	Regional markets promoted	692
3.5.3.1	LPB-PIU/DICT Participate in the 21st East Asian Tourism Forum or ETOP in Mongolia, 24 - 27 July 2023	24-27/7/2023	Mongolia	Cooperation between two countries	LPB-PIU	3	1	The cooperation strengthened	63,200,000

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3.5.3.2	PCU participate in tourism promotion activity - Pakse Half Marathon and prepare tourism promotion activities in Khong district	23-29/09/2023	CPS	To promote tourism activities	TDD, PCU, project tourism consultants	14	7	Tourism promotion activity organized	35,442,000
3.5.3.2	CPS-PIU/DICT participate in tourism promotion activity - Pakse Half Marathon	17-18/8/2023	Pakse, CPS	To promote tourism activities	CPS-DICT/PIU and Private business sectors	58	25	Tourism promotion activity organized	36,000,000
3.7.2.a	Organize meeting to review the text of the interpretation and directional signs in Khong district	24-27/9/2023	CPS	To review content/text	PCU, PIU-CPS	17	7	The text reviewed	26,804,000
3.7.2.a	LPB- PIU organize meeting to review the text of the interpretation and directional signs in the text of the interpretation and directional signs in LPB town and environs	10-24/9/2023	LPB	To review content/text	LPB-PIU	28	9	The text reviewed	35,960,000
3.8.a	Provide hospitality training for hotel, guesthouse and restaurant providers in Paksong district, CPS	8-11/8/2023	Paksong, CPS	To upgrade knowledge and skills	CPS-PIU, CPS-Technical Colledge	67	45	Knowledge and skills upgraded	35,950,000
3.8.a	LPB-PIU Provide housekeeping services to small-scale accommodation business in LPB City	26-28/7/2023	LPB	To upgrade knowledge and skills	LPB-PIU	47	40	Knowledge and skills upgraded	51,640,000
3.8.a	Provide training to small businesses in Vang Vieng core town on basic food and beverage preparation/services	21-25/08/2023	Vang Vieng	To upgrade knowledge and skills	Vang Vieng	75	30	Knowledge and skills upgraded	20,800,000
3.10.1	Collect information to improve the O&M and site management plan for tourism infrastructure and facilities in Nakasang, Don Det and Don Khon Villages. Khong district	20-26/08/2023	CPS	Collect data/information	TDD	14	0	Management plan reviewed/updated	37,590,000
3.10.1	CPS-PIU/DICT join the PCU to collect information to improve the O&M and site management plan for tourism infrastructure and facilities in Nakasang, Don Det and Don Khon Villages. Khong district	20-26/8/2023	Khong, CPS	To update the plan	TDD, OICT	28	5	Management plan reviewed/updated	17,790,000

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3.10.1	CPS-PIU organize consultation meeting to introduce the O&M and site management plan for tourism infrastructure and facilities in Nakasang, Don Det and Don Khon Villages	23-27/9/2023	Khong, CPS	To update the plan	PCU/TDD, CPS-PIU	62	17	The O&M plan disseminated	23,370,000
4.6.2	Vang Vieng-PIU participate in the bid opening meeting, results of the procurement package of 1 bulldozer and 1 motobike for Vang Vieng landfill management office.	14/07/2023	VTE	To inform the results of bid opening	PCU,PIU	3	1	Results/Commented	2,269,000
4.12.1	Project EA/PCU follow up the project implementation in Khammouane province with ADB mission	6-10/9/2023	Thakhek, KM	Follow up the implementation of O&M and PPP plan	PCU/TDD	8	1	Completed as plan	14,198,000
4.12.1	Project EA/PCU follow up the project implementation in Luang Prabang province with ADB mission	12-17/09/2023	LPB	To monitor the progress	PCU/TDD	16	4	Completed as plan	35,940,000
4.12.1	Training on assessment of tourism development investment in the tourism sector for PIUs and departments concerned and Meeting with PIUs/target provinces to report the implementation progress of project activities for 2023 and Launching of ASEAN and Lao Tourism Standards Website.	14-15/09/2023	VTE	To upgrade knowledge; To review the progress; To launch tourism standards website	PCU/TDD	100	55	Completed as plan	106,794,000
4.12.1	CPS-DICT/PIU Representatives participate in assessment of tourism development investment training in the tourism sector and participate in the project review meeting for 2023	13-16/9/2023	VTE	To upgrade knowledge; To review the progress; To launch tourism standards website	CPS-DICT/PIU	6	2	Completed as plan	21,600,000

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4.12.1	Vang Vieng OICT/PIU Representatives participate in assessment of tourism development investment training in the tourism sector and participate in the project review meeting for 2023	13-16/9/2023	VTE	To upgrade knowledge; To review the progress; To launch tourism standards website	PCU and VV-PIU	11	4	Completed as plan	17,994,000
4.12.1	VTP-DICT/PIU Representatives participate in assessment of tourism development investment training in the tourism sector and participate in the project review meeting for 2023	13-16/9/2023	VTE	To upgrade knowledge; To review the progress; To launch tourism standards website	PCU and VTP-PIU	25	13	Completed as plan	17,500,000
4.12.2	LPB-DICT/PIU Representatives participate in assessment of tourism development investment training in the tourism sector and participate in the project review meeting for 2023	13-16/9/2023	VTE	To upgrade knowledge; To review the progress; To launch tourism standards website	PCU and LPB-PIU	32	14	Completed as plan	18,000,000
4.12.6	Payment for the website management service of the tourism statistics system, Microsoft Office and Canva programmes. 08-16/08/2023 (individual enterprise, NSV computer shop - NSV office supplies)	08-16/08/2023	VTE	To maintain the tourism statistics system	PCU/TDD	4	3	The system maintained	800
4.13.3	Follow up the civil works and project implementation progress with donor/ADB in Champasak province	10-13/07/2023	CPS	To follow up the progress	PCU/TBMD	5	2	The progress assessed	9,960,000
4.13.3	Follow up the civil works progress in Keo Oudom district, Vientiane province	11-14/07/2023	VTP	To follow up the progress	PCU/TDD	12	3	The progress assessed	15,000,000
4.13.3	Prepare the official handover ceremony for contract W01: Nakasang, Dondet-Don Khone (tourism infrastructure and facilities). Khong district	15-19/7/2023	Khong, CPS	To handover the project to local authorities	PCU/TDD	14	6	Completed	31,352,000

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4.13.3	The project EA/PCU and staff participate in the official handover ceremony for contract W01: Nakasang, Dondet-Don Khone (tourism infrastructure and facilities). Khong district	16-19 /7/2023	Khong, CPS	To handover the project to local authorities	PCU/TDD	20	6	Completed	59,670,000
4.13.3	Follow up the civil works progress in the subproject sites in Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng districts with the donor/ADB mission	15-17/7/2023	Keo Oudom, Vang Vieng districts, VTP	To follow up the progress	PCU/TDD	10	3	Ongoing	10,204,000
4.13.3	Capacity building for SMEs in the project target areas in Vang Vieng, VTP	20-24/07/2023	Vang Vieng, VTP	To upgrade knowledge and skills	PCU/TDD	9	2	Knowledge and skills upgraded	14,591,000
4.13.3	Follow up the implementation of ASEAN tourism standards progress in Vientiane province, 23-27/07/2023	23-27/07/2023	VTP	To follow up the implementation progress	PCU	23	10	The progress monitored	11,138,000
4.13.3	Project EA/PCU Follow up the implementation of project activities in Luang Prabang	30/7-1/8/2023	LPB	To monitor the progress	PCU/TDD	10	3	The progress monitored	10,664,000
4.13.3	Project EA/PCU Follow up the implementation of project activities in Vientiane province and Vang Vieng	2-4/8/2023	VV and VTP	To monitor the progress	PCU/TDD	10	3	The progress monitored	9,296,000
4.13.3	Project EA/PCU follow up the implementation of ASEAN tourism standards progress in Luang Prabang	1-5/08/2023	LPB	To monitor the progress	PCU/TBMD	6	6	The progress monitored	12,848,000
4.13.3	Travel expenses and per-diem for the representatives of the national project committee and EA/PCU to follow up the civil works progress in the subproject sites in Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng districts with donor/ADB mission	04-07/08/2023	Keo Oudom, Vang Vieng districts, VTP	To monitor the progress	PCU/TDD	5	3	The progress monitored/supervised	7,000,000
4.13.3	Participate in ADB mission review meeting and field trip to monitor the civil works progress in the Vientiane province	14-18/08/2023	VTP	To monitor the progress	PCU/TDD	26	8	The progress monitored/supervised	44,734,000
4.13.3	Field trip to monitor the implementation of ASEAN tourism standards in the project target areas in Champasak	20-24/8/2023	CPS	To monitor the progress	PCU/TDD	32	13	Completed as plan	15,190,000

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4.13.3	EA/PCU follow up the implementation of ASEAN CBT and homestay standards for new targets in Champasak province	4-10/09/2023	Paksong, Khong, Monla Pamok districts, CPS	To improve quality of services	PCU/TDD	9	1	Assessment completed	27,040,000
4.13.3	Field trip to monitor the implementation of ASEAN tourism standards in the project target areas in Vang Vieng	18-22/09/2023	Vang Vieng, VTP	To assess and certify the new targets	PCU/TBMD	6	6	Assessment completed	11,372,000
4.13.3	National project committee and PCU follow up/supervise the civil works progress with ADB mission in Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng districts	19-22/09/2023	Keo Oudom, Vang Vieng, VTP	To monitor the progress	PCU/TDD	12	2	Completed as plan	17,568,000
4.13.3	National project committee and PCU follow up/supervise the civil works progress with ADB mission in Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng districts	21-22/9/2023	Keo Oudom, Vang Vieng, VTP	To follow up the civil works progress	PCU/TDD	5	3	Completed as plan	4,428,000
4.13.3	Provide training for CPS-DICT/PIU on project implementation monitoring and evaluation system	12-15/7/2023	Khong, CPS	To upgrade knowledge	CPS-PIU, M&E specialist	12	6	Knowledge upgraded	14,596,000
4.13.3	CPS-PIU/DICT participate in the official handover ceremony for contract W01: Nakasang, Dondet-Don Khone (tourism infrastructure and facilities). Khong district	16-19/7/2023	Khong, CPS	To handover the project to local authorities	PCU, CPS-PIU, contractor	140	50	The project completed	59,840,000
4.13.3	Provide training for LPB-DICT/PIU on project implementation monitoring and evaluation system	24-25/7/2023	LPB	To upgrade knowledge	LPB-PIU, M&E specialist	20	10	Training conducted	14,900,000
4.13.3	Provide training for LPB-DICT/PIU on project implementation monitoring and evaluation system	12-15/8/2023	VTP	To upgrade knowledge	LPB-PIU, M&E specialist	5	2	Knowledge upgraded	10,270,000
4.13.3	VV-PIU join the meeting with PCU and ADB mission to monitor the improvement of Vang Vieng landfill	15-18/08/2023	Vang Vieng	To follow up the progress	PCU, VV- PIU and local authorities	70	26	Completed as plan	35,950,000
4.13.3	Follow up the civil works progress with PCU and ADB mission in Vang Vieng, VTP	21-22/09/2023	Vang Vieng	To follow up the progress	PCU, VV- PIU and local authorities	76	35	Completed as plan	14,380,000

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4.13.3	Project EA/PCU with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) follow up/monitor the implementation of the project (civil works progress)	14-15/8/2023	NN1, Keo Oudom, VTP	Follow up and supervise	VTP-PIU	9	5	Completed as plan	8,980,000
4.13.3	Project EA/PCU with the Project EA/PCU with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) follow up/monitor the implementation of the project (civil works progress). Keo Oudom	19-20/9/2023	NN1, Keo Oudom, VTP	Follow up and support	VTP-PIU	11	5	Completed as plan	7,176,000
4.13.3	Follow up the project implementation progress with donor/ADB mission in Luang Prabang, 3-6/07/2023	3-6/7/2023	LPB	To monitor the progress	PCU/TBMD	5	2	Completed as plan	9,258,000
4.13.4	The project steering committee attended the ceremony of compensation payment to people who are affected by the project. Keo Oudom District, Vientiane Province,	26-27/7/2023	NN1, Keo Oudom, VTP	To compensate to the AH/PP	PCU/TDD	6	2	Completed as plan	7,258,000
4.13.4	The project steering committee conduct the compensation payment and handover bank book to the 19 affected households who are entitled for "self-resettlement allowance package" and compensation payment for the 3 affected households that missing during the register on DMS and SES survey	24-28/7/2023	NN1, Keo Oudom, VTP	To compensate and and handover bank book to the AH/PP	PCU/TDD	8	2	Completed as plan	12,958,000
4.13.4	Perdiem of participants in monitoring social-environmental safeguards works on site and conducting surveys and collecting impact data together with affected property owners. Vang Vieng, VTP	02-04/08/2023	Vang Vieng	Social-environmental safeguards works	PCU	5	0	Completed as plan	5,029,000
4.13.4	The project EA/PCU participate in the monitoring of social safeguards work, draft and updating the resettlement plan for Nam Ngum1 recreation areas. Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng Districts. VTP,	28-30/8/2023	Keo Oudom, Vang Vieng, VTP	Monitoring social safeguards work	PCU/TDD	5	2	Completed as plan	5,025,000

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4.13.4	The project EA/PCU participate in the preliminary discussion on the planning of the public consultation to present the scope and construction design of the Vang Vieng Town Rehabilitation Project	29-31/8/2023	Vang Vieng, VTP	To discuss on the plan and scope	PCU/TDD	7	2	Completed as plan	5,800,000
4.13.4	Project EA/PCU participate in public consultation meeting with communities to present about Vang Vieng Urban Renewal. VTP,	18-22/09/2023	Vang Vieng, VTP	To discuss on the plan and scope	PCU/TDD	11	3	Completed as plan	27,435,000
4.13.4	Join the project consultant to collect information and monitor-inspect on social safeguard activity and implementation the resettlement plan according to the project policy of the subproject sites: Nakasang, DonDet - DonKhone Access Improvement. Khong district, Champasak province	3-7/7/2023	Khong, CPS	Follow up the implementation of	CPS-PIU, project social safeguards specialist	38	12	Information/data collection completed	7,192,000
4.13.4	Ceremony of compensation and allowances payment (self-resettlement) to the 22 affected households; Public consultation meeting with the relevant parties to clarify to all AHs about the extension of the construction period at the marina site area; Join the conclusion meeting to resolve the outstanding issues of 4 grievance cases. Keo Oudom dist.	27/7/2023	NN1, Keo Oudom	To consult the social safeguards work	VTP-PIU	65	39	Completed as plan	7,500,000

Annex 5: Progress towards DMF targets and activity implementation as of 30 September 2023

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline (Lao PDR)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 30 September 2023 (Lao PDR)
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) ³	3.7%	3.8%	2017: 3.1% 2018: 3.1% 2019: 3.3% 2020: 3.4% 2021: 0% 2022: 3.0%
	f. Annual international visitor arrivals in project areas increased (2016 baseline)	820,100	1,263,100	2017: 941,000 2018: 1,210,930 2019: 1,260,051 2020: 289,661 2021: 3,590 2022: 422,198
	g. Aggregate annual visitor expenditure in project areas increased (2016 baseline)	\$359.5 million <i>corrected from \$363.9 million</i>	\$589.0 million	2017: \$ 338.6 million 2018: \$ 506.4 million 2019: \$ 468.8 million 2020: \$ 112.1 million 2021: \$ 0.7 million 2022: \$ 181.8 million
	h. Women comprise at least 55% of tourism workers in project areas (2016 baseline)	50%	55%	Female workers account for 54% of the total workforce in Lao PDR's tourism and hospitality sector. ⁴ Champasak Province: 55.9% Vientiane Province: 57.5% Luang Prabang Province: 52.1% Aggregate for the three target provinces: 54.3%

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline (Lao PDR)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Weight (%)	Achievement as of 30 September 2023 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 30 September 2023 (Lao PDR)
Outputs	By 2024:					

³ ASEANStatsDataPortal, <https://data.aseanstats.org/visitors>

⁴ Ministry of Education and Sports, Lao PDR. 2021. *Tourism and Hospitality Enterprise Survey of Employment and Skills in Lao PDR*. Vientiane.

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1. Urban-rural access infrastructure and urban environmental services improved	1a. 73 km of access roads to tourist sites improved (2017 baseline)	0	62.6 km	10%	33.73 km	<p><u>1 out of 4 awarded packages completed, 1 are on-track, 2 delayed.</u></p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements was signed on 30 December 2019. This package includes 20.99 km of improvement of access roads to tourist sites. The works have been completed 100%, including 21.11km road improvement.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements was signed on 26 April 2021. It includes 7.3 km of concrete road. Progress was 67.47%. So far, 5.90Km road is fully completed.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements was signed on Contract was signed on 23 July 2021. It includes 6.00 km of concrete road and 26.6 km of DBST road totaling 32.6 km of road improvement. Progress was 59.43%. So far, 5.50Km road is fully completed.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal. The original DED was endorsed by ADB and includes 0.67 km of concrete road and 0.39 km of DBST road totaling 1.05 km of road improvement. Modification of the DED is ongoing to reflect revised scope. Road lengths will be updated upon completion of revised DED.</p> <p>Contract for package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements was signed on 19 February 2021. It includes 1.55 km of access and internal roads. Progress was 72.25%. So far, 1.53Km road is fully completed.</p> <p>A total 63.61 Km road will be improved under these 5 Works packages. Out of 63.61 Km, 34.04 Km of Access Road has been completed (approx. 53.5% of target)</p>

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	1b. 4 ferry ports constructed (2016 baseline)	0	2	10%	1	<p>One of two awarded packages is completed, one is delayed.</p> <p>Contract for package TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements was signed on 30 December 2019 includes improvement of 1 ferry port. Overall progress of the contract is 100%.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements was signed on 26 April 2021 includes passenger/ferry port improvement. Overall progress of the contract is 67.47%.</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	15 m3/day	10%	0	<p>On Track</p> <p>Contract for package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements was signed on 19 Feb 2021. Overall progress of the subproject is 82.25%.</p> <p>This package includes 20m3/day septage sludge treatment facility.</p> <p><i>Additional wastewater treatment capacity under construction under Packages W02 and W03 (Kaeng Yui) will be quantified and added.</i></p>
	1d. Flood protection and drainage constructed for 25-hectare catchment (2017 baseline)	0 ha	24.5 ha	10%	0.5 ha	<p>On track</p> <p>Contract for package TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements was signed on 30 December 2019 includes 0.5 ha catchment area of flood protection and drainage improvement. Overall progress of the contract is 100%.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal. The original DED was endorsed by ADB and includes 24 ha catchment area of flood protection and drainage improvement. Modification of the DED is ongoing to reflect revised scope. Catchment area will be updated upon completion of revised DED.</p> <p>The project will construct flood protection and drainage for a total of 24.5 ha catchment.</p>

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	1e. Solid waste management services improved for 5,700 households and businesses (2017 baseline)	1,628	4,100	20%	0	<p>On track Together with construction of landfill under package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements, the project will support improving institutional capacity for enhanced solid waste management in Vang Vieng, including expanded collection coverage.</p> <p>The targeted number of households and businesses for improved solid waste management services is 4,100. Actual number of households and businesses whose solid waste management services improved to be confirmed.</p>
	1f. At least 50% of people consulted to optimize project infrastructure design inclusiveness and gender responsiveness are women (2017 baseline)	0%	50%	10%	46%	<p>Achieved The project has conducted a total of 13 consultation meetings during detailed design, updating of safeguards documents, and development of O&M plans. 119 (46%) out of 261 people consulted are women.</p> <p>Additional consultations are planned. The gender and M&E specialist will coordinate with project management and the PMCES Consultant to encourage more women participation and recording of women's voices to ensure the target of 50% will be achieved.</p> <p>This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan Target 3.</p>
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	1	2%	1	<p>Achieved 1 national assessment framework established comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National and Provincial Assessment and Certification Committees (equivalent to certification boards) for all 7 ASEAN Tourism Standards ○ ASEAN Tourism Standards (5 of them adapted to Lao national context) in English and Lao languages ○ Assessment and certification manuals for all 7 standards

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline (Lao PDR)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Weight (%)	Achievement as of 30 September 2023 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 30 September 2023 (Lao PDR)
	2a-g At least 30% of the standards assessment frameworks and certification board members are women		30%	1%	43%	<p>Achieved National and provincial tourism standard assessment committees (equivalent to the “certification bodies” referred to in the PAM) have been set up for all 7 standards, with this count of membership:</p> <p>Overall, 86 (43%) out of 200 certification board members are women)</p> <p>National: 48 (51%) women out of 94 members and assessors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASEAN Green Hotel: 8 (62%) out of 13 are women; dated 21/07/2021 • ASEAN Spa Service: 7 (63%) out of 11 are women; dated 21/07/2021 • ASEAN Homestay Standard: 3 (33%) out of 9 are women; dated 27/08/2021 • ASEAN Public Toilet Standard: 4 (44%) out of 9 are women; dated 07/12/2021 • ASEAN Clean City Standard: 8 (47% out of 17 are women; dated 11/08/2021 • ASEAN CBT Standard 2 (22%) out of 9 are women; dated 14/09/2021, not yet achieved • ASEAN MICE Standard: 8 (62%) out of 13 are women; dated 25/06/2021 • ASTA: 8 (62%) out of 13 are women; dated 08/04/2022. <p>Provinces: 38 (36%) out of 106 members and assessors are women):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champasak Province: 14 (34%) out of 41 are women; dated 22 June 2021 • Vientiane Province: 6 (33%) out of 18 are women; dated 22/07/2021 • Vang Vieng District: 9 (30%) out of 30 are women; dated 14/06/2021 • Luang Prabang Province: 9 (53%) out of 17 are women; dated 20/09/2022 <p>An effort will be made to appoint more women in the National ASEAN CBT Standard certification board to reach at least 30%.</p> <p>This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan Target 10.</p>

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline (Lao PDR)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Weight (%)	Achievement as of 30 September 2023 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 30 September 2023 (Lao PDR)																				
	2b. 107 hotels in target provinces ASEAN Green Hotel Standard certified (2017 baseline)	24 2017 baseline corrected from 29 to 24	64	2%	32 (out of which 8 are active and 24 are expired)	<p>Ongoing Out of the 32 hotels that have been certified since 2008, 8 have active certification, the others are expired.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Province</th> <th>Issued</th> <th>Expired</th> <th>Valid</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Luang Prabang</td> <td>13</td> <td>10</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Champasak</td> <td>14</td> <td>12</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vientiane Province</td> <td>5</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>32</td> <td>24</td> <td>8</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>An effort is being made to re-certify the expired properties, along with certification of additional properties, to reach the target of 64 certified hotels.</p>	Province	Issued	Expired	Valid	Luang Prabang	13	10	3	Champasak	14	12	2	Vientiane Province	5	2	3	Total	32	24	8
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	2c. 148 homestays ASEAN Homestay Standard certified (2017 baseline)	23	113	2%	45 (42 in 4 certified homestay villages + 3 homestay service providers in CBT Standard certified villages)	<p>Ongoing 4 homestay villages certified in target provinces, with a combined number of 42 service providers, all are valid:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ban Naduang (Kaeng Nyui waterfall site), Vang Vieng District, Vientiane Province (8 Homestays) Ban Hua Don Deng (Don Deng Island), Pa Thoumphone District, Chamapasak Province (6 Homestays) Ban Don Kho (Don Kho Island), Xanasomboun District, Champasak Province (9 Homestays) Ban Nayang Tai, Nambak District, Luang Prabang Province (19 Homestays) <p>An effort is being made in 2022-2024 to certify additional homestay providers in other homestay villages, to reach the target of 113 certified homestay service providers:</p> <p>The target for Homestays may be formally reviewed by the end of 2023.</p>																				
	2d. At least 6 towns ASEAN Clean City Standard certified (2017 baseline)	1	3	8%	2 (both active)	<p>On track</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Luang Prabang City, Luang Prabang Province, was certified in 2018, renewed in 2022. Pakse City, Champasak Province, was certified in 2022. Vang Vieng Town, Vientiane Province, is working towards certification in 2026. 																				

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline (Lao PDR)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Weight (%)	Achievement as of 30 September 2023 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 30 September 2023 (Lao PDR)
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	90	1%	TBC	On Track Tourism site management and O&M plans are being prepared and some site management and O&M training has commenced. A data base of public works and tourism site managers whose capacities are being built is being compiled, including sex-disaggregated data. Post-training questionnaires and consultations during implementation of the plans will be used to ascertain whether the recipients of capacity building are reporting increased knowledge.
	3a-g At least 30% of the public works and tourism site managers reporting increased knowledge are women	0	30%	1%	TBC	Achieved See 3a. above. This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan Target 21.
	3b. 8 destination management plans and 8 infrastructure O&M plans implemented (2017 baseline)	3	4	5%	5	On track Five destination management plans completed (Lao PDR, Luang Prabang, Southern Laos, Vang Vieng, and Vientiane Province and under implementation. Preparation of O&M plan development for subprojects in 4 awarded civil works contracts (W01, W02, W03, W04) commenced, with the O&M plan for W01 in final draft version. A O&M plan for W03a will also be prepared if this subproject gets implemented.
	3c. At least 5,000 residents and tourism workers (50% women) participated in destination management training and awareness-raising activities (2017 baseline)	0	3,000	2%	5,974	Achieved To date, 5,974 participants (residents and tourism workers) have participated in destination management training and awareness-raising activities.

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline (Lao PDR)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Weight (%)	Achievement as of 30 September 2023 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 30 September 2023 (Lao PDR)
	3c-g 50% of residents and tourism workers participated in the training and awareness raising activities are women.	0	50%	1%	46%	<p>Not achieved</p> <p>Of the 5,974 residents and tourism workers who have participated in destination management training and awareness-raising activities, 2,744 (46%) are women.</p> <p>Efforts are being made to increase women participation in destination management training and awareness-raising activities to reach the 50% target for this indicator.</p> <p>This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan Target 14.</p>
	3d. At least 500 entrepreneurs (60% women) received SME support services (2017 baseline)	0	300	2%	2019-2022 data is being updated and 2023-2025 targets set, and data being recorded.	<p>On track</p> <p>SME needs assessments were conducted in 2022, and SME development plan 2023-2025 has been completed, including the following support services: business planning, management and marketing training, hospitality services training, product diversification, quality and safety enhancement, public-private tourism marketing and business networking, provision of equipment to improve hospitality services and product quality and safety. Roll out commenced in Q3 2023.</p> <p>An SME database is being developed and populated with 2019-2022 data on SMEs supported by the project prior to having a formal SME development plan. Once completed (by Q4 2023), SMEs that received support in 2023 and who will receive support in 2024-5 will be added, and support provided will be recorded. The gender target of 60% of entrepreneurs being women is being considered in selecting and supporting SMEs.</p> <p>This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan Target 4.</p>
	3d-g 60% of entrepreneurs received SME support services are women	0	60%	1%	2019-2022 data is being updated and 2023-2025 targets set, and data being recorded.	<p>On track</p> <p>The gender target of 60% of entrepreneurs being women is being considered in selecting and supporting SMEs.</p> <p>This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan Target 4.</p>

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline (Lao PDR)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Weight (%)	Achievement as of 30 September 2023 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 30 September 2023 (Lao PDR)
	3e. 2 internet-based tourism knowledge repositories developed (2017 baseline)	0	1	2%	1	On track Internet-based tourism repository developed and the project continues to upload the information. DMN website https://www.laos-dmn.com .

Key Activities with Milestones	Progress as of 30 September 2023
1. Urban-rural access infrastructure and environmental services improved	
1.1 Prepare civil works design and bidding documents: Q2 2018–Q4 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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): Original detailed design completed in August 2020. DED is being revised to reflect revised scope for this package. Once completed, bidding documents will be prepared. • 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.

Key Activities with Milestones	Progress as of 30 September 2023
1.2 Safeguards document approval: Q4 2018–Q4 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (subprojects C1 and C2): updated IEE/EMP and Resettlement Due Diligence Report approved and included, as appropriate, in bidding documents and contract. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: (subproject V1): Updated RP and IEE/EMP report approved and included in the bidding document and contract, however, RP has been revised after contract award following discovery of major flaws in earlier approved version (latest approved version is June 2023). 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. ECC has been renewed. • 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. ECC has been renewed. • TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal (subproject V4): IEE/EMP to be updated once revised DED based on revised scope for this package has been finalized. Social Safeguards due diligence report based on revised scope under preparation. • 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. ECC has been renewed.
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 CAPs for Phase 1 and 2 prepared and implementation completed, Compensation Completion Report submitted. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: (subproject V1): RP revision completed (latest version June 2023), compensation payment phase 1 and phase 2 and allowance for self-relocation for eligible AHs completed. • 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 made and Compensation Completion Report submitted. Additional compensation for AHs at Kaeng Yui Waterfall to be paid as a result of extension of the works contract. • TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal (subproject V4): no LAR foreseen under the revised scope for this package. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: (Subproject V5): Compensation payments based on EGDRP completed and Compensation Completion Report submitted.
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): Completed. Contract signed 20 April 2021. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements (subprojects V2 and V3): Completed. Contract signed 23 July 2021. • TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal (subproject V4): Procurement will commence once DED of revised scope is completed and safeguards documents based on revised DED are in place. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: (Subproject V5): Completed. Contract signed 19 February 2021.

Key Activities with Milestones		Progress as of 30 September 2023
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, completed 30 June 2023. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: (subproject V1): Commenced on 1 July 2021. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: (subprojects V2, V3): Commenced on 1 September 2021. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: (subproject V4): Package not yet procured/commenced. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: (Subproject V5): Commenced on 19 April 2021. Procurement of equipment ongoing.
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, Spa Service Standards and MICE Venue Standards adapted to Lao national context and are available in both Lao and English. • Green Hotel will not be adapted but will be used in its original form in Lao PDR.
2.2	Prepare national certification boards and assessor operations manuals: Q2 2019–Q4 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment frameworks consist of: (i) the respective Standard (see 2.1 above); (ii) the Auditor's manual for each Standard and (iii) the Certification Committees. • Auditor (assessment and certification) manuals have been prepared for all seven pure ASEAN standards. • National Committees have been established, responsible for audits and implementation (for the Clean Tourist City Standard there are two National Committees: one for the Audit process and one for Implementation). • In each project target province, one Provincial Committee has been established responsible for all standards.
2.3	Train standards assessors (e.g. Green Hotel, Homestay, Clean City, etc.): Q3 2019–Q2 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 12 (5 women) ASEAN Master Trainers within MICT who can train trainers and assessors from the Provincial Assessment Committees. • Multiple train-the-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 target destinations. • Follow up promotional activities with the private sector planned for Q4, 2023. • Launch of the Lao ASEAN Tourism Standards website on 15 September 2023.
2.5.1	Prepare implementation plans for ASEAN Tourism Standards: Q4 2019–Q4 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation plans are still being prepared.
2.5.2.1	Standards inspection and certification: Q4 2019–Q4 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-assessments are ongoing.
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 for public sector implementation of ASEAN Public Toilets standard has been completed and for the ASEAN Clean Tourist City standard, ASEAN Homestay standard and ASEAN CBT standard ongoing. • Action Plan for achieving Clean Tourist City Standard by Vang Vieng will be revised in Q4, 2023
3. Institutional capacity for tourism destination management and infrastructure O&M strengthened		

Key Activities with Milestones	Progress as of 30 September 2023
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 • DMNs strengthened through training and exchanges. • National level public and private sector action plans on joint destination management for 2021, 2022, 2023 prepared and implemented with various partner organizations. The process is replicated in the project provinces. DMNs have also been restructured ensuring more private sector participation, as well as a better gender balance.
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.
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 regularly to identify and discuss policy issues affecting tourism sector in project target destinations. • Drafting of various regulations to manage and control tourist activities in target destinations completed and 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 was delayed due to COVID-19 – now re-started and scheduled for completion Q1/2 2024, and Luang Prabang scheduled for completion by Q4 2023. Tourism masterplan update for Vang Vieng completed in Q3 2023.
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 started in 2019 and is ongoing. • Destination Laos tourism market research completed and marketing plan prepared. • Implementation of marketing plan commenced in Q3 2023.
3.5 Support heritage interpretation planning and implementation Q1 2020-Q1 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of heritage interpretation strategies for Siphandon (Champasak), Luang Prabang Town and Environs, Vientiane Province and Vang Vieng Town and Environs completed in Q2 2020. • Preparation of detailed implementation plans for Luang Prabang and Siphandone completed, Implementation in Luang Prabang has started. Preparation of detailed implementation plans for Vang Vieng and Nam Ngum commenced.
3.6 Design and implement SME training Q2 2020–Q4 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs assessments are completed related to support for SMEs suffering from the COVID-19 situation. • Detailed SME needs assessments in project target areas completed in Q4 2022. • SME development plan finalized in Q3 2023. • Roll out of SME support based on SEM development plan has started.
3.7 Establish and maintain Internet-based tourism knowledge repositories: Q1 2020–Q2 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laos DMN website developed (www.laos-dmn.com), incorporating document repository allowing users to easily search for documents. The contents are being uploaded.
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"> • PPP planning ongoing, initially for landfill operation.

Key Activities with Milestones	Progress as of 30 September 2023
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 being implemented.
Project Management Activities	
Establish project steering committees, PCUs, and PIUs: Q2 2018- Q4 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed. National Project Steering Committee and Provincial Project Steering Committees. PCU and PIUs established.
Advance actions for consultant recruitment and procurement: Q2 2018–Q1 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed: advance actions were undertaken during Q3-4 of 2018 for the recruitment of the Project Management and Engineering Support Consultant (PMCES), and four individual consultants: International Tourism Specialist – Co-Team Leader, National Tourism Specialist – Deputy Team Leader, and the International and National Financial Management and Procurement Specialists, and for the procurement of PCU and PIU vehicles.
Mobilize consultants and procure equipment: Q1 2019-Q2 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed – all planned consultants recruited and mobilized.
Establish financial management systems: Q2 2019-Q1 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed: <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 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"> Project Performance Monitoring System (PPMS) completed and being used 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 Project Performance Monitoring System completed and being used Quarterly progress reports are being prepared and submitted to relevant government units and ADB, and published on the project website.

		incompleted activities												completed activities (all in past)																		
		1 future, orig. plan				3 past, actual, orig. plan				6 past, actual, orig. plan																						
		2 past, orig. plan (not done)				4 past, actual, unplanned				7 past, actual, unplanned																						
						5 future, latest plan																										
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			
A.	Design and Monitoring Framework																															
	Output 2: Capacity to Implement ASEAN Tourism Standards Strengthened																														8.52%	
	2.1 National ASEAN Tourism Standards adaptation																													97.9%		
	2.2 Establishment of certification bodies and processes																													96.0%		
	2.3 Assessor training																													95.2%		
	2.4 ASEAN Tourism Standards promotion																													78.5%		
	2.5 Implement ASEAN Tourism Standards and the ASEAN Sustainable Tourism																													80.8%		
	Subtotal Output 2:																														10.00%	
	Output 3: Institutional Arrangements for Tourism Destination Management and Infrastructure O&M Strengthened																															
	Capacity building for tourism destination management																														7.00%	
	3.1 Destination management network institutional strengthening																													99.0%		
	3.2 Destination management plan preparation																													100.0%		
	3.3 Policy, Regulation and Master Planning Support																													86.7%		
	3.4 Destination Marketing and Promotion Support																													76.4%		
	3.5 Heritage Interpretation Support																													64.1%		
	3.6 Tourism-related SME development																													34.8%		
	3.7 Establish and maintain internet-based tourism knowledge repositories																													61.0%		
	Capacity building for infrastructure O&M																													3.00%		
	3.8 Develop infrastructure O&M plans with sustainable finance mechanisms																													52.0%		
	3.9 Facilitate Public-Private Partnerships for operations and maintenance																													38.8%		
	3.10 Infrastructure O&M training																													12.8%		
	Subtotal Output 3:																														10.00%	
B.	Management Activities																															
	Establish project supervision and management structure																														100.0%	
	Mobilize consultants and procure equipment																														100.0%	
	Establish financial management arrangements																														100.0%	
	Financial management and procurement training																														100.0%	
	Finalize monitoring arrangements and establish the project website																														100.0%	
	Conduct project planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting																													83.3%		
	Implementation of environmental, social safeguards and the gender action plan																													81.8%		
	Subtotal Management Activities:																														10.00%	
	Total																														100.00%	
																															75.26%	

Annex 7: Project Financial Management Action Plan progress as of 30 September 2023

Planned Action	Output	Responsible Party	Due Date	Describe action taken	Status of compliance
1. PCU and PIU financial management teams established.	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 on 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). A new team of finance staff (externally hired) was mobilized in October and November 2021. Contract with the new chief accountant was signed on 1 November 2021.</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	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 on 31 August 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 7-member National Project Steering Committee (NPSC), 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. MICT letter no. 792 dated 8 Sept 2021). In contrast to what the PAM specifies, MOF, MONRE, MPWT, Lao Women's Union, and representatives from the target provinces, are not on the NPSC, but they are invited to NPSC meetings as appropriate. Further, the project has also established Provincial Steering Committees (PSC) in Champasak, Luang Prabang and Vientiane Province, chaired by the Vice Provincial Governor. In provinces with infrastructure subprojects (Champasak and Vientiane Province), PSC include representatives from DPWT. In districts where infrastructure subprojects are located (Khong, Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng), district-level committees have been established, chaired by the Vice District Governor, with representatives from OICT, OPWT, and ONRE, and in 	Completed

Planned Action	Output	Responsible Party	Due Date	Describe action taken	Status of compliance
				<p>Vang Vieng also the UDAA, to support the implementation of civil works.</p> <p>As of 13 July 2021, the NPSC composition has been revised and comprises the Vice Minister for Tourism, MICT (Chair), DGs of MICT's Planning and International Cooperation Department, Tourism Management Department, Finance Department and Tourism Development Department, and the Deputy DDG of MICT's Cabinet Office (Ref. 792/TIIG2-21, 08/09/2021).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	
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 first 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. 	EA, assisted by project consultants PCU and PIU, assisted by project consultants PCU, PIU and ADB EA and MEF ADB	Within six months of project effectiveness	<p>(i) International and National Financial Management and Procurement Specialists and National Internal Auditor recruited and mobilized. They are supporting the PCU with the establishment of the project accounting and financial management systems, including dedicated accounting software.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Financial Management Manual (FMM) was finalized in December 2019 and approved/signed later in mid 2021. A Lao version of the Accounting Manual has been prepared (signed in January 2022), and shared with PCU and PIUs for their guidance. SAO has recommended to PCU to also prepare other sub manuals including a Fixed Asset manual. However, it was noted and to be raised to SAO that these were included as appendices to the accounting manual. - The Project accounting software is operational but PCU and PIUs still continue to record transactions daily in an excel template. Then PIUs will submit to PCU for consolidation, who will upload the 	Ongoing

Planned Action	Output	Responsible Party	Due Date	Describe action taken	Status of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCU and PIUs attend training on project accounting, including the use of accounting software and compliance with government FM-EMP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project disbursement arrangements and procedures established in accordance with government FM-EMP regulations and procedures; staff trained in their operation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal audit function established. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent external auditor appointed. 	<p>all excel files in the accounting system. The accounting system will create account ledgers and generate financial reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PCU and PIUs record in the excel template for importing into the accounting software in daily basis. Then, at each month-end PCU will gather all the information from each PIU to do consolidation. - A progress report template was agreed that links financial with physical progress. <p>(ii) PCU had participated in following workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ orientation on financial management of ADB-financed projects delivered by the International Financial Management and Procurement Specialist (IFMPS) on 28-29 March 2019. ○ 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, conducted from 28-30 June 2020. ○ ADB FM training in November 2021. ○ The new set of PCU finance team had participated in a one day training on preparation of WAs/SOEs, financial reporting and on procurement in January 2022. ○ And recently, PCU staff attended a FM workshop conducted by ADB Manila last October 2022. ○ One of the PCU Finance staff is attending an English course to improve fluency in the English language, <p>(iii) The project's disbursement arrangements have been established (following the example of L3156-LAO, with appropriate modifications).</p> <p>(iv) 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.</p> <p>(v) 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. The 2020 APFS was submitted to ADB on 29 September 2021, with delay due to covid lockdown and has been disclosed on 29 October 2021. The 2021</p>	

Planned Action	Output	Responsible Party	Due Date	Describe action taken	Status of compliance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB Inception mission Aide-Mémoire confirms suitable financial management system. 			<p>APFS was submitted to ADB on 30 June 2022 and has been disclosed on 13 September 2022. The 2022 APFS was submitted on 17 October 2023, nearly 4 months past deadline date of 30 June 2023.</p> <p>(vi) ADB inception mission AM (para. 17–20)</p>	
5. PCU and PIU staff attend disbursement seminar as part of capacity building.	At least 1 staff member from the PCU and each PIU attends 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). But PCU staff with the assistance from the consultants has continued to conduct hands-on training to the PIU staff, during their regular visit to the project provinces.	Completed
6. Publicizing grievance redress mechanism.	<p>(i) Grievance redress mechanism to report suspected procurement related cases of corruption and collusion established and publicized on project website.</p> <p>(ii) Contact details of MOF and ADB's office on Anti-corruption periodically advertised in newspapers and on project website.</p>	EA	Within six months of project effectiveness	<p>Project effectiveness 25 December 2018.</p> <p>(i) Grievance redress mechanism to report suspected procurement related cases of corruption and collusion was established in February 2021 and has been publicized on the project website (https://www.tiigp2-laos.org/article-categories/procurement-grievance-redress-mechanism/)</p> <p>(ii) A link to ADB's Anticorruption and Integrity web page containing procedures and a form to report integrity violations is included in the grievance redress mechanism published on the project website. Contact details of MOF will be published on the project website</p>	Completed

ADB = Asian Development Bank; AM = Aide Memoire; DICT = Department of Information, Culture and Tourism; DPWT = Department of Public Works and Transport; EA = executing agency; MICT = Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism; MOF = Ministry of Finance; OICT = Office of Information, Culture and Tourism; ONRE = Office of Natural Resources and the Environment; OPWT = Office of Public Works and Transport; PAM = Project Administration Manual; PCU = project coordination unit; PIU = project implementation unit; SAO = State Audit Organization; UDAA = Urban Development Administration Authority.

Source: Asian Development Bank and Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism.

Annex 8: Time Bound Action Plan on Fiscal Year 2021 APFS Audit Findings as of 30 September 2023

Year / Number	Priority	Observations and implications	Progress as of September 2023
1. There are eleven issues which are fully improved against the previous year recommendations of audit team			
1.1 Annual Budget Plan Implementation			
FY2020	H	- In 2020, the implementation on annual budget plan of the GMS- TIIGP2 decreased to plan at amount USD 5.233.056 or about 57,72% (the budget plan was USD 9.065.487, and the actual implementation was USD 3.832.491).	Resolved/Improved. 70% of budget was implemented in 2021.
1.2 Grant Account			
FY2020	H	The project prepared journal books on grant fund but the form of the journal did not complete, and the journal summarization was not signed/approved by related person. Moreover, the project did not prepare reconciliation document between grant journal and ADB semi-monthly.	Resolved. PCU and PIU team has prepared grant account in accordance with the template suggested by SAO.
1.3 Account Recording			
FY 2020	H	The Vang vieng PIU recorded transaction on copy machine maintenance, drinking water, housemaid, messenger, printing and others at amount LAK 10.504.000 into category of communication (account code No. 628200), the audit team noted that the account code recorded was not accurate to the actual disbursement.	Resolved. PIU has adjusted its records and reported to PCU for consolidation.
1.4 PCU and PIU staff cost/contract staff			
FY 2019	H	The Luang Prabang PIU procured two contract staff (accountant and finance officer); the audit team noted that the PIU did not take the contracts to register in Court Office.	Resolved. PIU LPB has registered contracts yearly. However, for 2019's contract, it wouldn't be able to get registered because it has it has passed the end date.
1.5 Internal control system			
FY2020	H	The outflow and inflow of documents recorded (the recording on reception book) of Champasack PIU (CPS PIU) was not tight, that would make difficulty to find documents. The PIU did not record in and out documents, no number, the PIU did not chronologically record on actual items occurred. The form of reception book did not show addressee and place for keeping. -The CPS-PIU did not have cash book, bank book, cash advance book and contract register. - The recording on Fixed Assets was not accurate as to actual assets receipt.	Resolved. PIU CPS has prepared reception book, cashbook, bank book and cash advance book as suggested by SAO. Also, the fixed assets register has been updated for every item with description and necessary detail as per suggested by SAO.
1.6 Seminar, Dissemination and Workshop			
FY2020	H	The Vang vieng PIU used fund of category on Capacity Building (A5) to the Seminar, Promotion and Management (DPM), to Consultation Meeting on Development Plan and Tourism Management for 2021- 2025, the audit team noted that the calculation and disbursement did not follow to the decision on the use of state administration fund such as:	Resolved. PCU team has notified all PIUs to avoid such payment (research fee) and requested all PIUs to comply with the said government policy.

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		there's disbursement for research and edit at amount LAK 8.150.000, this payment item doesn't mention in the current decision.	
1.7 Contract Staff			
FY2020	H	The CPS PIU hired two contract staff (cashier and accountant at amount) LAK 99.600.000, but the contracts did not register in Court Office.	Resolved. CPS PIU has registered their new contracts every year. 2020 contracts, will not be able to register because it has passed the end date.
1.8 Procurement			
FY 2019	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2019, the project purchased computers at amount USD 23.393,67 or about LAK 206.800.000 in form of quotation, the audit team noted that the three quotations which were submitted for the price comparison were same owner. Moreover, the winner did not have tax payment document in complete set. - In 2019, the project renovated LaneXang Cultural Square Network Office at amount USD 4.882,27 or about LAK 41.997.300, the audit team noted that the said renovation did not make quotation/price comparison from three suppliers and the contractor for the renovation did not run business on construction. 	Resolved. The PCU team has provided necessary data to resolve the problems to SAO. All procurements were conducted in compliance with procurement process.
1.9 Procurement			
FY2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -In 2020, the PCU transferred fund to Green Adventure Limited for the design, printing and billboard installation, tourism dissemination, brochures, poster at amount LAK 89.000.000, the audit team noted that the said procurement did not implement in compliance with law on state procurement and Project Financial Management Manual such as there's no approval decision from PCU, no procurement committee and the procurement officer of the PCU did not participate for the procurement. -The Vangvieng PIU purchased CCTV for the safeguard to tourists at total amount LAK 117.040.000 noted that none no objection letter provided by the PCU, there's no procurement committee and no procurement officer of the PCU participated in the procurement. 	Resolved/Cleared with SAO. The PCU team has provided necessary data to resolve the problems to SAO.
1.10 Project management			
FY2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CPS PIU disbursed fund at amount LAK 11.800.000 for vehicle maintenance the audit team noted that the said vehicle did not belong to the PIU. - The Vang vieng PIU disbursed fund for Capacity Building (A5) to organize meeting and seminar at about three times, the audit team noted that rate for fund disbursement did not follow to the decision on state administration fund such as the PIU disbursed for research and documents edit at amount LAK 6.150.000 the said disbursement did not state in the decision. 	Resolved. Because at the time PIU CPS hasn't yet had the vehicle for administration work therefore, the car from previous project has to be used. PIU CPS has generated a document, as per suggested by SAO, indicating that the car is being used under the project.
1.11 Fixed Assets			
FY2019		In 2019, the project supplied some equipment to Lanexang Cultural Square Network Office at amount LAK 36.014.000 which included two units of Ventilator Fan, a unit of Air Conditioner	Resolved. PCU has made the handover letter and send to the

Year / Number	Priority	Observations and implications	Progress as of September 2023
		(3500 BTU), a wood meeting desk, a desk, and chairs and two units of Laptop, the audit team noted that there's no handover documents between the project and the Network.	stakeholder for acknowledgement.
2 There are Three issues which are partially improved against the previous year recommendations of audit team			
2.1 Internal Control System			
FY 2020	H	- The Second Greater Mekong Sub-Region Tourism Infrastructure for Inclusive Growth Project at the central has had decision on steering committee and management of the project but the project did not extend the said decision to be project's organizational structure and did not determine TORS to each person in the U decision as prescribed in PAM. - The project did not have Financial Management Manual (FMM) and no Management Manual on Assets and Vehicles in specific, there's no register on contracts.	Resolved. The manual on Assets and Vehicle was separated and signed on 4th Jan 22.
2.2 Seminar, Dissemination and workshop			
FY 2020	H	The Luang Prabang province and Vientiane province (Vangvieng) PIU calculated and disbursed overrate of per diem to meeting and workshop participants which were organized inside Luang Prabang province, the fund disbursed for Capacity Building (A5), the said overrate disbursement did not comply with decision issued by Ministry of Finance.	Resolved. Starting October 2021, PCU and all PIUs have complied with the MOF per diem rates.
2.3 PCU and PIU staff cost/contract's staff			
FY2019	H	In 2019, the project signed contract with project's staffs and consultants at about 18 contracts, there're three contracts for accountants and Finance Officer, six contracts were for internal expert and nine contracts were for international experts with total amount USD 5.576.948, the audit team noted that whole signed contract did not register in Court Office.	In progress of translating prior to registration. Expired contracts will not be translated and registered.
3. There are 3 issues which are not improved at all against the previous year recommendations of audit team			
3.1 Budget Plan Preparation			
FY 2019	H	-The central project prepared general budget plan (7-year budget plan), prepared budget and activity plan for fiscal year 2019 but the project did not take budget plan included in the budget plan of MICT.	Ongoing discussion. This is considered not an issue and will be raised to the audit in 2022 since project need the confirmation from higher authority.
3.2 Allowance Disbursement of the contract staff			
FY 2020	H	In 2020, the GMS-TIIGP2 disbursed administration fuel and telephone fee to whole contract's staff of the project at amount LAK 143.400.000 (three contract staff of PCU amount LAK 40.800.000; two contract staff of CPS PIU amount LAK 34.200.000; two contract staff of Vangvieng PIU amount LAK 34.200.000, two contract staff of Thalad PIU amount LAK 34.200.000 and two contract staff of LPB PIU amount LAK 34.200.000). The audit team noted that the said disbursement did not include in the salary of the staff in order to calculate the income tax in compliance with prescribe rule and regulations.	Resolved. Starting June 2022, PCU and all PIUs has complied with this finding.
3.3 Administration Allowance			
FY 2020	H	The PCU and the PIUs prepared monthly budget for administration fuel and telephone fee to management and staff, the budget preparation was based to annually minute of annually meeting in 2019, No: 003/GMS-TIIGP2, dated February 22, 2019 but the said minute	Not Resolved. Rates were still based on minute of meeting in 2019, No: 003/GMS-TIIGP2, dated February 22, 2019.

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		mentioned over rate for the administration fuel and monthly telephone fee issued by Ministry of Finance.	
New Issues in 2021			
1. Budget Plan Implementation			
FY 2021		<p>In 2021, the Vientiane Province PIU prepares budget and activity plan at total amount of USD 167.917, the actual implementation is USD 90.935, the budget implementation decreases to the plan at about USD 76.982 and some activities do not in the annual plan, which are shown as following: 1) the budget plan for Vehicles and Equipment (A2) is USD 41.750, the actual implementation is USD 20.874, the implementation decreases to the plan at about 50%. 2) the plan for Capacity Building (A5) is USD 69.300, the actual implementation is USD 15.306, the implementation decreases to the plan at about 80% and the budget plan for Project Management (A4) is USD 15.000, the actual payment is USD 22.668, the over payment is USD 7.667, the over payment is 50%</p> <p>- In 2021, the LuangPrabang PIU prepares budget plan at amount USD 219.417; the actual implementation is USD 72.021, the budget implementation decreases to the plan at amount USD 147.395. some activity cannot implement as to plan at all and some activity can implement but it does not reach 50 percent of the plan such as:</p> <p>1) the budget plan for the category on Vehicles and Equipment (A2) is USD 57.750, the actual implementation is USD 0 and 2) the budget plan for the category on Capacity Building is USD 110.800, the actual implementation is USD 33.812.</p>	<p>Partly resolved.</p> <p>LPB has only achieved 73.67% of annual budget plan.</p> <p>Vientiane province still continued implementing activities not in the annual plan, while some activities exceeded the annual budget.</p> <p>LPB and VTE will try to improve in 2023.</p>
2. Consulting Service			
FY 2021		In 2021, the PCU disburses fund for van leasing and airfare at total amount of USD 3.458.47 or about LAK 34.067.621 and the said disbursement was correctly recorded to the category on Consulting Service (A3). The audit team notes that the said item doesn't yet attach supporting documents such as: no invoice for each disbursement.	<p>Resolved.</p> <p>No similar transactions noted in 2022.</p>
3. Accounting Recording			
FY 2021		In 2021, the PCU disburse fund on formation the Tourism Source with participations of citizen and homestay citizen Manual, the said disbursement was recorded into the category of PCU and PIU Staff Cost (B1) at USD 2.000 or about LAK 21.562.000. the audit team notes that the said category (B1) is the category for salary payment to project's staff and the payment does not comply with Project Accounting manual.	<p>Resolved.</p> <p>PCU has adjusted the transaction</p>
4. Accounting Summarization and preparation on Financial Statement			
FY 2021		The Luang Prabang Province PIU and Vientiane Province PIU summarize journal on bank account and petty cash monthly and yearly basis but the PIU has not perform category ledger	<p>Resolved.</p> <p>LPB and VTP PIUs have prepared the said document per suggestion of SAO starting January 2022.</p>
5. Contract Staff			
FY 2021		In 2021, the Vientiane Province PIU hires two staff (finance officer and cashier) the total amount of the contract is 90MLAK with duration about ten months, the audit team notes that those said	<p>Resolved.</p> <p>PIU VTP has registered their new contracts every year. For 2021's</p>

Year / Number	Priority	Observations and implications	Progress as of September 2023
		contracts do not register in court office	contract, it could not be registered due to past termination date.
6. PCU and PIU Operations			
FY2021		- LPB PIU disburses LAK 1,888,999 for vehicle and equipment maintenance, but vehicles and equipment are not in the possession of the PIU such as the payment to vehicle maintenance and assurance fee for plate no. 7563 cost LAK 1,358,000 and computer repair costs LAK 530,000	Partly Resolved. Although these vehicles and equipment were not procured under the current project but are from previous project. The Project submitted document to confirm that these vehicles and equipment are government owned.
FY 2021		- The PCU disburses vehicle maintenance expense plate no 4973 and 7560 at total cost 15,769,000 the audit team notes that those said vehicles are not in the possession of the project.	
7. Fixed Assets			
FY 2021		- In 2021, the Vientiane province PIU records broken fixed assets which are four units of External Hard Disc at total amount LAK 2.516.400, but the PIU does not prepare documents to clear the broken assets from the assets' register of the PIU. Moreover, the Vientiane province PIU appoints assets counting committee, but year-end the said committee does not conduct physical counting on fixed assets. - In 2021, the Luang Prabang province PIU prepares assets' register and year-end, the PIU also appoints the assets counting committee, but some assets of the PIU do not tag code and no serial number such as a unit of chair and a meeting desk.	Partly Resolved. Reason for the breakage of the 4 external hard disks was not recorded.
8. Site Visiting and the contract Implementation			
FY 2021		The road improvement and infrastructure facilitation for tourism in Nam Ngum reservoir, the contract no. TIIGP2-LAO-W02 costs USD 4,889.065,14, the contract was signed on April 26, 2021, with the duration of the construction at about 24 months. The construction starts from July 1, 2021 and the complete date is scheduled on June 30, 2023. From the construction up to now in March 2022 has been taking about ten months, but the progress of work is only 9,62% of total Works. the audit team notes that the construction is delay in comparison to the plan.	Partly resolved due to 21.86% slippage The PMCES will continue to monitor progress to improve contractor performance.
FY 2021		- Through actual audit the Construction on Alley Road Improvement to Kaengyui Tourism Site, the Alley Road Construction and Bridge Construction in west of Vangvieng district, the contract No. TIIGP2- LAO-W03 costs USD 8.829.630,71. the contract is signed on July 23, 2021, with the duration of the construction at about 24 months. The construction starts from September 1, 2021 and the complete date is scheduled on September 14, 2023. From the construction up to now in March 2022 has been taking about seven months, but the progress of work is only 9,93% of total Works, the audit team notes that the construction is delay in comparison to the plan.	Partly resolved due to 13.02% slippage The PMCES will continue to monitor progress to improve contractor performance.
FY 2021		- Through actual audit the Construction on Garbage Field Improvement, the contract No. TIIGP2-LAO-W04 costs USD 3.156.160,08, the contract is signed in March 19, 2021, with the duration of the construction at about 24 months. The construction starts from April 19, 2021, and the complete date is scheduled on April 20, 2023. From the construction up to now in March 2022 has been taking about eleven months. but the progress of work is only	Partly resolved due to 26.58% slippage

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		26.17% of total Works the audit team notes that the construction is delay in comparison to the plan.	The PMCES will continue to monitor progress to improve contractor performance.
FY 2021		- Through actual audit the Construction on Alley Road in Nakasang, DonDeth and DonKhone, the contract No. TIIGP2-LAO-W01 costs USD 3.964.308,36, the contract is signed on December 30, 2019, with the duration of the construction at about 24 months. The construction starts from May 26, 2020, and the complete date is schedule on May 2022. From the construction up to now in March 2022 has been taking about twenty-two months, but the Works reaches only 70,45% of total Works, the audit team notes that the construction is delay in comparison to the plan.	Progress to date is 100% against 100% elapsed (completed June 2023)
FY 2021		The Construction on Public Toilets in Nuan Tar Gas Station in Saen Soum village, Phonhong district, Vientiane province. the construction is LAK 265.432.000. the audit team notes that after the construction complete. minute with the Gas Station over for the operation and maintenance were not yet prepared. - This is to make sustainability of construction works of the project and the contract preparation does not comply with prescribed condition.	Vientiane province signed an agreement with the Nuanta Gas Station on how to manage and maintain the public toilet..

Annex 9: Goods and works procurement monitoring table as of 30 September 2023

Grant 0599-LAO: Second GMS Tourism Infrastructure for Inclusive Growth Project (49387-002)																
Status of Procurement - Goods																
Procurement Plan Approved on: March 2023 (Version 7)																
Package No.	Description	Mode	Adv Date	Estimate (\$ mil)	Number of Contracts	Bids Issuance	Bid Closing	Bid Evaluation			Contract			Name and Consultants		
								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		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	TSUZU LAO SERVICES SOLE CO., LTD.
TIIGP2-LAO-G01b	PIU vehicles (2 units)	NCB	31-Aug-20	110,000		2/Sep/20	6/Oct/20	3/Nov/20	\$	92,880	4/Nov/20	3/May/21	G23062	\$ 92,880	92,880.00	Toyota Champa Co. Ltd.
TIIGP2-LAO-G02	PCU office furniture and equipment	Shopping	Q4/2018	25,000	Various										37,452.42	
TIIGP2-LAO-G02	Office Furnitures for PCU										19/Feb/19		G20443	LAK 31,955,000	3,720.00	Panuvat Furniture
TIIGP2-LAO-G02-02	Office Equipment										14/Feb/19		G20860	LAK 17,200,000	1,994.20	Me shop
TIIGP2-LAO-G02-03	Office Renovate										18/Mar/19		G20861	\$ 3,500	3,500.00	Thavisouk Construction Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G02-05	Office Equipment										9/Apr/19		G20865	LAK 49,170,000	5,724.00	XP Computer Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G02-06	Office Furniture										11/Apr/19		G20866	LAK 7,458,000	867.00	Panuvat Furniture
TIIGP2-LAO-G02-07	Office Equipment										11/Apr/19		G20867	LAK 33,000,000	3,836.00	Sing-Lao Engineering Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G02-08	Office Equipment										28/Oct/20		G22643	LAK 5,197,500	560.08	LT Sole Co Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G02-09	Office Equipment										16/Mar/21		0003	LAK 170,907,000	17,251.14	Smile Com
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VV01	PIU office furniture and equipment (4 PIUs)	Shopping	Q1/2019	90,000	Various										71,361.13	
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VV01	Office Furniture for VV										25/Mar/19		G20868	LAK 45,782,000	5,300.00	Sangchieng Furniture
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VV02	Office Equipment of VV										26/Mar/19		G20869	LAK 56,760,000	6,318.93	XP Computer
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VV03	Office Equipment of VV										28/Mar/19		G20870	LAK 23,953,900	2,626.64	SOA Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VV04	Office Repair of VV										30/Mar/19		G20871	LAK 39,864,000	4,616.56	Thavisouk Construction Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-LPB01	Office Renovate of LPB										14/Jun/19		G20876	LAK 67,947,000	7,858.78	Than Van Binh Binh
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-LPB02	Office Furniture & office Equipment (LPB)										27/Jun/19		G20877	LAK 97,746,000	11,290.98	Advice Shop LPB
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-CPS01	Office Equipment of CPS										24/Jun/19		G20878	LAK 63,294,000	7,046.34	Advice Pakse Pakse
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VP01	Office Furniture for VP										26/Mar/19		G20879	LAK 43,211,300	4,997.84	Somphan Shop
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VP02	Office Equipment of VP										26/Mar/19		G20881	LAK 60,099,600	6,881.88	Vilaywanh Shop
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VP03	Office Repair of VP										20/Jun/19		G20883	LAK 62,421,348	9,423.80	Thavisouk Construction Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-CPS02	Office furniture for Champasak PIU Office	Shopping									28/Aug/20		G22469	LAK 46,387,000	4,999.38	Silsomboun Shop
TIIGP2-LAO-G04	Vang Vieng landfill management equipment	NCB		1,300,000	2											
TIIGP2-LAO-G04-01	Pick-up truck for Vang Vieng UDAA for administrative and management purposes at Vang Vieng Landfill	Shopping		40,300							18/Nov/22		0043	USD 40,300	40,300.00	
TIIGP2-LAO-G04-0X				650,000												
TIIGP2-LAO-G05	Equipment for ASEAN Standards certification bodies	Shopping	Q2/2019	45,000	Various										42,532.66	
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	BPIT Sole.,Ltd
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	Advice Shop Luang Prabang
TIIGP2-LAO-G05-03	Procurement of IT Equipment for Tourism Destination		Q1/2020								11/Feb/20		G22218	LAK 12,952,500	1,418.73	LaoCom Computer Service Center
TIIGP2-LAO-G05-04	Procurement of computer for the secretariat of ASEAN Standard Implementation										10/Jul/20		G22220	LAK 58,740,000	6,434.00	BP IT Sole.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G05-05	Provision of IT equipment for ASEAN standard certification body										15/Aug/21		0013	LAK 75,141,000	5,676.23	Micro Info Import-Export Sole Co Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G05-06																
TIIGP2-LAO-G05-07																

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TIIGP2-LAO-G06	Equipment for ASEAN Tourism Standards Implementation (public sector)	Shopping		500,000	Various										192,244.92		
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-VV01	Garbage Collection Trucks			40,400	1						10/Nov/19		G21441	LAK	356,000,000	40,248.73	Lao-Jinchun Vehicle Trade Sole Co.,Ltd
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	9,130.40	Pharmacy Bouaphan
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-VV02	CCTV and Fittings	Shopping		12,800							15/Jun/20		G22335	LAK	117,040,000	12,644.62	MP SOLUTION INDIVIDUAL ENTERPRISE
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-LPB05	Beddings for Tourism Destination (Nayang Village)	Shopping		2,500							17/Jul/20		G22336	LAK	23,047,200	2,489.94	Nang Thongphout Shop
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	Luangprabang Tianyi Advertising
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	Sisana Construction and Renovation Co.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-VP08	Procurement of Tourism Destination Direction Signs	Shopping		5,800							7/Oct/20		G22645	LAK	41,442,500	4,461.26	Ms. Sakhone Sign Enterprise
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	Thongta and Khamla Hotel Supplies
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-VP06	Renovation of Facilities of Homestay Accommodation at Lingxan Village, Thoulakhom District	Shopping		5,800							16/Oct/20		G22653	LAK	41,481,000	4,465.41	Khambang-Sompanh Trading Sole Co.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-10	Procurement and installation of equipment for ASEAN standards implementation in Luang Prabang	Shopping		5,800							19/Oct/21		0014	LAK	66,418,000	4,744.14	Sisana Construction and Renovation Co.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-VV07	Procurement of Bedroom amenities for Amari Hotel (Support for Green Hotel)	Shopping		5,800							22-Oct-20		G22647	LAK	24,882,000	2,678.53	Thongta and Khamla Hotel Supplies
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-VP08	Procurement of Amenities and Cleaning Supplies for Long Ngum View Resort in Keo-Oudom District, Vientiane Province (Support for Green Hotel)	Shopping		5,800							13-Oct-20		G22648	LAK	41,479,900	4,465.29	Khambang-Sompanh Trading Sole Co.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-CPS06	Procurement of Equipment for Pon Arena Hotel in Khong District, Champasak province (Support for Green Hotel)	Shopping		5,800							30-Oct-20		G22649	LAK	41,446,000	4,461.64	Hengphouvanh Construction Sole Co.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-CPS10	Procurement of Improvement to Handicapped Toilets and CCTV for Eravan Riverside Hotel in Champasak City, Champasak Province (Support for Green Hotel)	Shopping		5,800							28-Oct-20		G22651	LAK	41,475,000	4,464.76	Extra Architecture Design, Engineering, Consulting and Construction Co.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-VV11	Procurement of Advertisement signed for Covid-19 in Vang Vieng District	Shopping		5,800							24-Sep-21		0021	LAK	47,960,000	4,796.00	F-Design Individual
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-VV13	Improving facilities as cleaning the road drainage, planting the tree and building the rubbish locations in the target areas in Vangvieng District	Shopping		5,800							15-Jan-22		0022	LAK	57,695,000	4,121.07	ManichokChareun Construction Co.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-VV14	Procurement of tourism destination, direction, prohibited signs and rubbish bins at Vangvieng District	Shopping		5,800							15-Jan-22		0023	LAK	65,780,000	4,698.57	F-Design Individual
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-CPS15	Procurement of tourism destination, direction, prohibited signs including installation of rubbish bin at Champasak Province	Shopping		5,800							13-Jan-22		0024	LAK	128,480,000	9,177.14	Hengphouvanh Construction Sole Co.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-CPS16	Contribution towards procurement of waste management tanks, solar energy including installation at Pon Arena Hotel, Khong District, Champasak Province (cost sharing arrangement)	Shopping		5,800							17-Jan-22		0025	LAK	38,003,179	2,714.51	Hengphouvanh Construction Sole Co.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-CPS17	Procurement of equipment to meet (i) ASEAN public toilet standard, (ii) ASEAN CBT standard, (iii) ASEAN homestay standard, and (iv) ASEAN clean tourist city standard in Champasak Province	Shopping		5,800							19/Oct/22		0044	USD	19,915	19,915.00	Hengphouvanh Construction Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-LPB18	Procurement of equipment to meet (i) ASEAN homestay standard, (ii) ASEAN CBT standard and (iii) ASEAN clean tourist city standard in Luangprabang province	Shopping		5,800							5/Oct/22		0045	USD	31,967	31,967.00	Sokmueangluang Survey-Design Construction and Renovation Co.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-VTE20	Procurement of equipment to meet (i) ASEAN homestay standard, (ii) ASEAN CBT standard, and (iii) ASEAN public toilet standard in Vientiane Province	Shopping		5,800							29/Aug/22		0046	USD	6,970	6,970.00	Singthavixub Construction Co.,Ltd
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													

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TIIGP2-LAO-G07	Equipment for DMO secretariats	Shopping	Q2/2019	40,000	Various											54,209.67	
TIIGP2-LAO-G07	Office Furniture for DMO Secretariat	Shopping								19/Mar/19		G20884	LAK	78,400,000	9,100.41		Smart Technology Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G07-02	Office Furniture for DMO Secretariat	Shopping								11/Apr/19		G20885	LAK	2,310,000	268.54		Panuvat Furniture
TIIGP2-LAO-G07-03	Office Repair for DMO Secretariat	Shopping								19/Mar/19		G20886	\$	4,300	4,300		Thavisouk Construction Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G07-04	Office Repair for DMO Secretariat	Shopping								22/Apr/19		G20887	LAK	41,997,300	4,882		Manichanh Phanvadvongsouk
TIIGP2-LAO-G07-05	Renovation of Toilets for Consultants and DMN Secretariat	Shopping								19/Nov/19		G21782	LAK	39,660,500	4,469		Mephounsab construction sole co.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G07-06	OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR THE SECRETARIAT OF SOUTHERN LAOS DESTINATION MANAGEMENT NETWORK	Shopping								18/May/20		G21919	LAK	55,990,000	6,192.60		WW Import-Export Sole Co Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G07-07	Additional furniture for DMO secretariat	Shopping								15/Mar/21		0004	LAK	29,694,500	2,997.33		Panuvat furniture
TIIGP2-LAO-G07-08	Procurement of equipment for DMO secretariats for national and project target areas	Shopping								11/May/22		0033	USD	22,000	22,000.00		Micro Info Import-Export Sole Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G08	Equipment for Heritage Interpretation	Shopping		180,000	Various												19,265.53
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-VC01	Procurement of Signs of Direction and Information Tourism Destination.	Shopping								2/Mar/20		G22249	LAK	33,440,000	3,662.80		F Design Individual
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	4,514.61		Luanprabang Tiany Advertising
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	11,088.12		Luanprabang Tiany Advertising
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-04	Directional sign design, production, and installation along the National Highway, access to priority tourism locations, and roads connecting to provincial target areas and neighboring countries	Shopping								18/Oct/22		0041	USD	20,000	20,000.00		F-Design Individual
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-05																	
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TIIGP2-LAO-G08-19																	
TIIGP2-LAO-G09	Equipment for SMEs to Implement Private Sector-Led Actions in the DMPs	Shopping		325,000	Various												25,946.94
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-01	Equipment for printing tour guide badges		Q1/2020							3-Mar-20		G21584	LAK	70,400,000	7,790.79		Smart Technology Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-LPB02	Improvement to the Night Market of Luang Prabang	Shopping								29-May-20		G22184	LAK	101,728,000	11,154.46		Sisana Construction Co; Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-LPB04	Seedling and Amenities for the Landscaping of Pottery Demonstration Center	Shopping								10-Jun-20		G22186	LAK	63,855,000	7,001.69		Nounnim Shop
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-4																	
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TIIGP2-LAO-G09-11																	
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-12																	
TIIGP2-LAO-G10	Accounting Software									25/Feb/20		G21571	USD	22,990	22,990.00		LAOSINGAPOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION PROMOTION
TIIGP2-LAO-G11	Laptop computers for data collection for 18 provincial statistical units	Shopping		18,000						6/Jun/22		0042	USD	18,000	18,000.00		NSV Computer
Total				3,688,300													

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Procurement Monitoring Sheet - Civil Works

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Package No.	Description	Mode	Resp Proj Mgt Unit	CA Target Date	Adv Date	Estimate (\$)	Draft Bid Docs		Bids Issuance	Bid Closing	Bid Evaluation		Contract						
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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	11/May/21	G23079	\$	4,669,065	4,669,065
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	15/Jul/21	\$	8,829,708	23/Jul/21	08/Aug/21	0001	\$	8,829,631	8,829,631
TIIGP2-LAO-W03a	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-CPS05	Renovation of Public Toilets at Tadfar Waterfall, Parksong District, Champasak Province	Shopping												24/Sep/21		0009		200,645,830	17,950.16
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-VP06	Renovation of Public Toilets at Thongsamsee Temple, Tholakhom District, Vientiane Province	Shopping												28/Sep/21		0010		269,735,900	24,131.09
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-VP07	Renovation of Public Toilets at Savang Village (Kang Temple), Vangvieng District, Vientiane Province	Shopping												29/Sep/21		0011		303,888,750	27,186.47
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-10	Renovation of public toilets at Vat Mai in Luang Prabang Province	Shopping												20/Dec/21		0026	LAK	322,861,000	21,462.54
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-11	Improvement of tourist facilities for ASEAN clean tourist city standard and public toilet standard in the project's target sites in Luang Prabang	Shopping												08/Aug/22		0037	USD	76,965	76,965.00
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-12	Improvement of Public Toilets to meet ASEAN standard at the tourist site of Pu Kham Cave, Vangvieng District, Vientiane Province	Shopping												26/Jul/22		0038	USD	33,958	33,958.00
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-13	Improvement to meet ASEAN standards for (i) Homestay at Lingsan Village, (ii) Community Based Tourism at Phon Village, and (iii) Public Toilets at the park near to Nam Gnum Dam at Sengsavang Village, Keoudom District, Vientiane Province	Shopping												05/Aug/22		0039	USD	41,877	41,877.00
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-14	Improvement to meet the ASEAN Standards for (i) Public Toilets in Phousalao Temple, Phothong District, (ii) Community Based Tourism in Nongluang Village, Pakxong District, and (iii) Homestay at Don Deng Village, Pathoumphone District and Don Kho, Sanasomboun District, Champasak Province	Shopping												30/Sep/22		0040	USD	44,000	44,000.00

Annex 10: Consultant recruitment monitoring table as of 30 September 2023

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Procurement Monitoring - Consulting Services																						
Package No.	Description	Mode	Adv Date	No. of Contracts	Estimate (\$ million)	Submission 1		RFP	RFP	Submission 2		Submission 3		Submission 4		Procurement Plan Approved on: March 2023 (Version 7)						
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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					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-C12-006	SSS		1												09-Jan-23		0051		\$	3,000	3,000
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-007	SSS		1												09-Jan-23		0052		\$	18,743	18,743
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-008	SSS		1												01-Sep-23	22-Sep-23			\$	10,000	10,000
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-009	SSS		1												01-Sep-23	22-Sep-23			\$	10,000	10,000
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-010	SSS		1												20-Sep-23	22-Sep-23			\$	8,975	8,975
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	23-Apr-21	G23034	\$	12,494	12,494	
TIIGP2-LAO-C19	National Social Safeguards Specialist 1	ICS	28/May/21	1	47,000.00	08-Jun-21	10-Jun-21			20-Jun-21	22-Jun-21					16-Jun-21	20-Jun-21	G23267	\$	52,000	52,000	
TIIGP2-LAO-C20	National Social Safeguards Specialist 2	ICS	28/May/21	1	25,000.00	08-Jun-21	10-Jun-21			20-Jun-21	22-Jun-21					16-Jun-21	20-Jun-21	G23268	\$	22,080	22,080	
TIIGP2-LAO-C21	National External Monitor (Social Safeguards)	ICS	13/Jul/22	1	39,000.00	09-Aug-22	23-Aug-22			09-Sep-22	23-Aug-22					29-Aug-22	09-Sep-22	0029	\$	42,000	42,000	
	Total				5,462,030.00																5,793,895	

Annex 11: Utilization of consulting services as of 30 September 2023

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 30-Sep-23	Balance (pm)	Notes
TIIGP2-LAO-C01: Project Management and Civil Engineering Support (Firm)									
<i>International</i>									
1 International Civil Engineer - Co-Team Leader	Mr. Mrityunjoy Ghosh	54	05/Aug/19	41	54	31/Dec/24	49.86	4.14	
2 International Environmental Specialist	Mr. Peter Gammelgaard Jensen	6	12/Aug/19	6	13	31/Dec/24	10.20	2.80	Replacement
3 International Social Safeguards Specialist (Resettlement & Indigenous People)	Mr. Nils Gardek	6	05/Aug/19	6	6	31/Dec/24	5.74	0.26	<i>Position discontinued</i>
4 International Institutional Development Specialist	Mr. Steven Long	4	05/Aug/19	4	7	31/Dec/24	6.48	0.52	Replacement
<i>Subtotal</i>		70		57	80		72.28	7.72	
<i>National</i>									
1 National Lead Civil Engineer	Mr. Phomma CHANTHIRATH	54	07/Sep/19	41	59	31/Dec/24	47.52	11.48	Replacement
2 National Environmental Specialist	Ms. Phaylin BOUNMANYVONE	12	05/Aug/19	12	25	31/Dec/24	23.94	1.06	Replacement
3 National Social Safeguards Specialist (Resettlement & Indigenous People)	Mr. Misa PHOUTHILATH	12	05/Aug/19	12	12	31/Dec/24	12.00	0.00	<i>Position discontinued</i>
4 National Institutional Development Specialist	Mrs. Baythone Lovanxay	12	22/Jun/20	12	12	31/Dec/24	6.54	5.46	Replacement
5 Resident Engineer 1 (W01 C1 Nakasang + C2 Don Det-Don Khone)	Mr. Vongdeth Frichitthavong		22/Jun/20	24	31.5	31/Dec/24	33.31	-1.81	Replacement
6 Resident Engineer 2 (W02 Nam Ngum)	Mr. Xayavath Chanthavongsa		11/Sep/19	24	54	31/Dec/24	45.12	8.88	Replacement
7 Resident Engineer 3 (W04 VV Landfill + W03 Vang Vieng)	Mr. Lueyang SISOMBONG		15/Jun/21	22	39	31/Dec/24	27.50	11.50	Replacement
8 Construction Supervisor 1 (W03 - V3 Western Loop)	Mr. Vilath KHAMVONGSA			24	29	31/Dec/24	22.23	6.77	Replacement
9 Construction Supervisor 2 (W04 Landfill)	Mr. Anikone THAMMAVONG		01/Jun/21	24	30	31/Dec/24	27.58	2.42	Replacement
10 Construction Supervisor 3 (W03 Kang Yui)	Mr. Bounxom VONGSOUTCHAY		13/Sep/21	20	30	31/Dec/24	23.32	6.68	Replacement
11 Construction Supervisor 4 (W01-C2 Don Det-Don Khone)	Mr. Phoumano Khodpanya		15-Jun-20	20	20	31/Dec/24	18.03	1.97	Replacement

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 30-Sep-23	Balance (pm)	Notes
Subtotal		90		235	341.5		287.09	54.41	
Summary									
Total International		70		57	80		72.28	7.72	
Total National		90		235	341.5		287.09	54.41	
Grand Total TIIGP2-LAO-C01: PMCES Consultant		160		292	421.5		359.37	62.13	
Capacity Building Support (Individuals)									
International									
1	TIIGP2-LAO-C02: International Tourism Specialist - Co-Team Leader	Mr Henricus Braunius PONNE	54	19/Feb/19	54	54	31/Dec/24	42.94	11.06
2	TIIG2P-LAO-C03: International Tourism Standards Specialist	Mr Ross Alexander Corbett	8	19/Aug/19	7	15	31/Dec/24	9.68	5.32
3	TIIGP2-LAO-C05: International Gender Specialist	Ms Luz Lopez Rodriguez	2	19/Aug/19	2	5.5	31/Dec/24	5.49	0.01 <i>Closed</i>
4	TIIGP2-LAO-C07: International Financial Management & Procurement Specialist	Ms Nida Azada CALMA	5	19/Feb/19	5	17.5	31/Dec/24	15.52	1.98
5	TIIGP2-LAO-C09: International Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist	Ms. Irene Villapando (through Ramboll)	3	28/Aug/19	2.5	2.5	31/Dec/24	2.22	0.28 Replacement for Mr Nils Gardek
6	TIIGP2-LAO-C13: International Urban Planning and Design Specialist	Mr Craig Czarny	-	8/Nov/19	lump-sum	lump-sum	30/Jun/24	lump-sum	-
7	TIIGP2-LAO-C15: International Tourism Management and Development Specialist	Mr Paul Rogers	-	21/Nov/19	lump-sum	lump-sum	31/Dec/22	lump-sum	- <i>Closed</i>
8	TIIGP2-LAO-C16: International Natural and Cultural Heritage Specialist	Ms Ester van Steekelenburg	-	8/Nov/19	lump-sum	lump-sum	31/Dec/22	lump-sum	- <i>Closed</i>
9	TIIGP2-LAO-C18: International Social Safeguards Specialist	Mr Paul van Strijp	-	7/Dec/20	4	19	31/Dec/24	19.55	-0.55 <i>To be closed</i>
Subtotal		72		74.5	113.5		95.40	18.10	
National									
1	TIIGP2-LAO-C04: National Tourism Specialist - Deputy Team Leader	Ms Phongisth DAVADING	54	19/Feb/19	54	54	31/Dec/24	46.61	7.39
2	TIIGP2-LAO-C06: National Gender Specialist	Ms Sipaseuth Chanthapanya	12	19/Feb/19	12	15	31/Dec/24	15.00	0.00 <i>Closed</i>
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 <i>Closed</i>

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 30-Sep-23	Balance (pm)	Notes
4 TIIGP2-LAO-C08a: National Financial Management & Procurement Specialist	Mr Somphone Siriphanh	-	19/Apr/21	3	9	31/Dec/24	6.86	2.14	Replacement for TIIGP2-LAO-C08
5 TIIGP2-LAO-C10: National Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist	Dr Vivath Sauvaly	12	13/Nov/19	11	28	31/Dec/24	25.48	2.52	
6 TIIGP2-LAO-C11: National Internal Auditor	Mr Lomphet PHONGSVANH	-	18/Feb/19	30	33	31/Dec/24	27.00	6.00	
7 TIIGP2-LAO-C12: Tourism experts - various resource persons	Various								22 contracts included in procurement plan.
8 TIIGP2-LAO-C14: National Destination Management Specialist	Mr Vila Chanthavong	-	24/Apr/19	<i>lump-sum</i>	<i>lump-sum</i>	31/Dec/19	<i>lump-sum</i>		<i>Closed</i>
9 TIIGP2-LAO-C17: National Tourism Destination Development and Management Specialist	Mr Vila Chanthavong	-	10/Sep/20	32	47.5	31/Dec/24	34.45	13.05	New position
10 TIIGP2-LAO-C19: National Social Safeguards Specialist 1	Mr Misa Phouthilath	-	16/Jun/21	10	31	31/Dec/24	26.43	4.57	New position (moved from PMCES)
11 TIIGP2-LAO-C20: National Social Safeguards Specialist 2	Mr. Khonevilay SAYYAVONG	-	14/Jun/21	5	7	31/Dec/22	7.00	0.00	<i>Completed - to be closed</i>
Subtotal		84		163	230.5		194.77	35.73	
Summary CBS Individual Consultants									
<i>Total International</i>		<i>72</i>		<i>74.5</i>	<i>113.5</i>		<i>95.40</i>	<i>18.10</i>	
<i>Total National</i>		<i>84</i>		<i>163</i>	<i>230.5</i>		<i>194.77</i>	<i>35.73</i>	
Total CBS Individual Consultants		156		237.5	344		290.17	53.83	
Project Summary									
Total International		142		131.5	193.5		167.68	25.82	
Total National		174		398	572		481.86	90.14	
Project Grand Total		316		529.5	765.5		649.54	115.96	

Annex 12: Progress of Accident Report's Preventive and Corrective Actions

As of 30 September 2023

1. Summary of Planned Preventive and Corrective Actions
2. Compliance Monitoring by PMCES-PCU

1. Summary of Planned Preventive and Corrective Actions (Table 4 of Accident Report)

Item	Timing	Activities	Responsible Implementor	Progress as of 30 Sep 2023	Plan
1	Before 30 Sept 2022	Conduct work hazard assessment at all construction sites under W01, W02, W03 & W04	All contractors with Assistance from PMCES	W01: Conducted on 16 February 2023 W02: conducted on 12 December 2022 W03: conducted on 23 December 2022 W04: conducted in May 2023	Completed
2	8 Sept 2022	Prepare safety procedure for operation, maintenance and cleaning of mixing plant. Detail improvement plan for mixing including electrical system, the air pump, water pump, the platform of mixing plant, the sedimentation pond.	W03 contractor	W03: Completed on Oct & Nov 2022	Completed
3	First week of Sept 2022	Drill on the emergency response	W03	W03: Completed Drills carried out on 22 September 2022 and on 07 August 2023	Completed
4	3 rd week of Sept 2022	Frist Aid Training of the contractor's staff	W03 Contractor	Completed Frist aid training carried out on 22 September 2022 and on 07 August 2023	Completed
5	By 31 Dec 2022	Develop safety procedures and measures for hazardous construction activities and submit these to PMCES for review and approval	All contractors	W01: June 2023 W02: December 2022 W03: December 2022 W04: Jan 2023	Completed
6		Provide health and safety training to their staff including operation,	All contractors	W01 Completed: Action 2. 30 Oct 2022 Action 3. 30 Oct 2022	Completed

Item	Timing	Activities	Responsible Implementor	Progress as of 30 Sep 2023	Plan
		<p>maintenance and cleaning of the mixing plant.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electricity safety training at mixing plant. 2. Emergency/training on first aid and safety for workers 3. Construction safety training 4. Safety working at height training for bridge construction. 5. Electricity safety at bridge construction 		<p>Action 4. not required as there is no bridge construction under this package. Action 5. 30 Oct 2022 and Mar 2023</p> <p>W02 Completed: Action 1. Sep 2022 Action 2. 21 Dec 2022 Action 3. Oct 2022, 13 Aug 2023 Action 4 and 5. Not required due to no bridge</p> <p>W03 Completed: 1. Sep 2022 2. May 2022 3. 22 Sep 2022 4. 22 Sep 2022 5. 07 Aug 2023</p> <p>W04 Completed: Action 1. Not required as there is no batching plant Action 2. 07 Nov 2022 Action 3. 07 Nov 2022 Action 4 and 5 not required due to no bridge construction</p>	
7	Daily	Health and Safety staff to record PPE checklist onsite daily.	All contractors	Completed. The EHS Officer of each package W01, W02, W03, W04 have checked and recorded the daily use of PPE	To be continued
8	By 31 Dec 2022	Drill on the emergency response	All contractors	W01: 30 Oct 2022 W02: 21 Dec 2022, 13 Aug 2023 W03: 22 Sept 2022, 07 Aug 2023 W04: 29 Oct 2022	Completed

2. Compliance Monitoring by PMCES-PCU (Table 5 of Accident Report)

Item	Date	Activities	Responsible Implementor	Progress as of 30 September 2023	Plan
6	Monthly	Monthly the RE of PMCES inspect health and safety (using checklists record) report to PMCES environmental specialist	RE of PMCES	W01: carried out at least once a month W02: carried out at least once a month W03: carried out at least once a month W04: carried out at least once a month	The project construction period
7	Monthly	Monitor and follow up on the EHS officer's health and safety inspections (daily checklist)	RE of PMCES	The Resident Engineers have checked the daily records of PPE use prepared by the contractors' EHS Officers of each package W01, W02, W03, W04 twice a month	Continue throughout the project construction period

Monthly inspection by PMCES consultants on safety management at construction sites.

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	Aug 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022
W01	x	x	x	17 Nov	x
W02	23 Aug	15 Sep	05 Oct 27 Oct	30 Nov	22 Dec
W03	19 Aug 24 Aug	14 Sep 22 Sep	x	9 Nov 22 & 23 Nov	15 Dec 23 Dec
W04	x	14 Sep	x	9 Nov	x

	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2023
W01	x	15-17 Feb	x	24-25 April	15-16 May	Project completion	Project completion	Project completion	Project completion
W02	23 Jan	x	23 Mar 27 Mar	06 April 10-11 April	4 May	28 June	2 Jul & 8 Jul	10 Aug	9 Sep
W03	24 Jan	10 Feb	24 Mar 28 Mar	10-11 April	5 May	29 June	3 Jul & 9 Jul	11 Aug	10 Sep
W04	24 Jan	x	24 Mar 28 Mar	10-11 April	5 May	30 June	3 Jul & 9 Jul	12 Aug	10 Sep

Annex 13: GAP implementation progress as of 30 September 2023

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 (EGM)
Project Impact:	Sustainable, inclusive, and more balanced tourism development achieved.
Project Outcome:	Tourism competitiveness of secondary towns increased.

Status of GAP implementation:

- All 25 (100%) of targets were achieved and on-track.
- All 9 (100%) of activities were achieved and on-track.

	Achieved	On track	Not yet achieved
9 Activities	5 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9)	4 (1, 2, 3, 4)	0
25 Targets	6 (8, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20)	19	0

Gender Action Plan (GAP) ⁵	Progress to date (up to August 2023)	Issues and Challenges ⁶
Outcome		
Target 1: Women account for at least 55% of tourism workers in project areas. (2016 baseline: Lao PDR 50%) (DMF outcome indicator d)	<p>On-track</p> <p>As of 2021, 7,578 (54 %) out of 13,945) tourism workers in three project's target areas⁷ were women.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Champasak Province: 1,838 (56%) out of 3,288 were women. - Luang Prabang Province: 3,742 (52%) out of 7,183 were women. - Vientiane Province: 1,998 (58%) out of 3,474 were women. <p>Remark: A tourism worker is defined as a person employed in tourism and hospitality industry, including hotels, resorts, guesthouses, restaurants, tourist</p>	<p>National Gender Specialist and National Tourism Specialist will discuss with DICT to:</p> <p>(i) re-collect data on the number (male and female) of tourism workers in three Project's target areas - official letter will be</p>

⁵ GAP Activities, Indicators and Targets, Timeframe and Responsibility

⁶ 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.

⁷ Ministry of Education and Sports/Skills for Tourism Project (LAO/029). 2021. *Tourism and Hospitality Enterprise Survey of Employment and Skills in Lao PDR, 2021: Research Findings and Employment Projections, 2021-2026*. Vientiane,)

Gender Action Plan (GAP) ⁵	Progress to date (up to August 2023)	Issues and Challenges ⁶
	<p>attractions, entertainment venues, tour companies, travel agents, or as a tour guide or at a tourism-related handicraft business. The project target areas are defined as the provinces of Champasak, Luang Prabang and Vientiane Province.</p>	<p>provided by the project to collect the related data from tourism businesses unit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) discuss with tourism businesses units to enhance employment opportunities for women; (iii) In DMN meeting, the consultants will raise this issue to encourage the tourism businesses to hire more women. <p>By Q4, 2023</p>
<p>Output 1: Urban-rural access infrastructure and urban environmental services improved.</p>		
<p>Objective 1: Strengthen women’s voice in project design.</p>		
<p>Target 2: Two consultations held during detailed design of each infrastructure subproject to optimize inclusiveness, gender responsiveness, and employment opportunities during and after construction.</p>	<p>On-track</p> <p>The project conducted at least two consultations during detailed design of each infrastructure subproject to optimize inclusiveness, gender responsiveness, and employment opportunities during and after construction.</p> <p>The project has five works packages/sub-projects, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Sub-project C1: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation 2) Sub-project C2: Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements (ii) Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Sub-project V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements (iii) Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Sub-project V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvement 2) Sub-project V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvement 	<p>The project national gender specialist will discuss with PMCES team to encourage more women’s participation in the consultation meeting and re-collect information on the women’s voice in the consultations; What issues/concerns that raised by the women.</p> <p>By Q4, 2023</p>

Gender Action Plan (GAP) ⁵	Progress to date (up to August 2023)	Issues and Challenges ⁶
	<p>(iv) Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal 1) Sub-project V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal</p> <p>(v) Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements 1) Sub-project V5: Vangvieng Solid Waste Management Improvements</p> <p>Details of consultation listed below:</p> <p>(i) Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (subprojects C1-C2): two consultation were conducted with 12 (24.49%) out of 49 were women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First consultation was on 20-21 June 2018, with 5(41.67%) out of total 12 participants were women. • Second consultation was on 17-18 Oct 2018 with 7 (19%) out of 37 participants were women <p>(ii) Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02 (subproject V1): Three consultations Conducted with 23 (59%) out of 39 were women.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First consultation: The Gender Specialists (IGS and SGS) met with the project team and village representatives (total 12; 8 women) on 19 October 2019, on the GAP target of women’s representation in consultations and for them to equal benefit from the improvements in infrastructure. • Second consultation: Pre-construction, pre-hiring meeting and gender orientation held by the gender specialists on 19 August 2021 with 9 (%) out of 21 participants were women from the construction firm and the village men and women in attendance). • Third consultation: the gender team consulted with women management level in Namngum construction site on 20 May 2022. Total 6 participants, all were women (100%). The main result of consultation (i) women suggested that the project support on market information for selling fish (ii) Women need support on establishing women group for fish processing (iii) Most of women from Sengsavang village and Sokpakeo village work on services in restaurant in Namngum Tourism area, women requested project to support on training of restaurant services. <p>(iii) Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03 (subproject V2): Two consultations conducted with 20 (51.28%) out of 39 were women.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First consultation: The IGS and SGS met with 18 village residents on 20 October 2019 with 11 (61%) out of 18 participants were women. Who are 	

Gender Action Plan (GAP) ⁵	Progress to date (up to August 2023)	Issues and Challenges ⁶
	<p>collect the visitors' fees at the entrance of the fall, sell food at the stalls and they are members of community-based tourism group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second consultation: during pre-construction and labor mobilization on 19 August 2021. The I/NGS met with (9 (43%) out of 21 were women from representatives of Na Douang Village and the contractors. The participants were oriented on the GAP requirement including ensuring of 50 % representation of women and on hiring local unskilled workers, 10% of who are women; and the gender and safety provisions in the work site for women workers. <p>(iv) Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03/3a (subprojects V3 and V4): Three consultations conducted with 26 (42.62%) out of 61 were women.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First consultation: planning and design process consultation workshops held in the VangVieng PIU office on 16 August 2019 with 2(18%) out of 17 participants were women. • Second consultation: a follow up workshop on tackled the draft conceptual design report held on 17 September 2019 with 5(20%) out of 25 participants were women • Third consultation: the gender team consulted with women group from Phonvieng village, Kanmak village, Vangmieng village and Naduang village on 20 May 2022. All 19 (100%) participants were women. The women concerns were (i) Women suggested that if job available in the project area, the project should inform them and (ii) suggested project to provide training for waste workers on hygiene and sanitation. Women in Naduang village mentioned that they are waiting for completed construction then they will have more income generating activities. <p>(v) Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04 (subproject V5): Three consultations conducted, 38 (52%) out of 73 were women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First consultation: Public consultations held in VangVieng on 19 June 2018. followed by on site consultations at the landfill location with 4(33%) out of 12 participations were women from provincial and district office • Second consultation: On-site consultations in Ban Phon Vieng where employment opportunities were discussed with local stakeholders at the improved landfill were held on 13 October 2018, 21(55%) out of 38 participants were women) • Third consultation: Preconstruction and pre- labor mobilization were conducted on 20 Aug 2021, 13 (57%) out of 23 participants were women. 	

Gender Action Plan (GAP) ⁵	Progress to date (up to August 2023)	Issues and Challenges ⁶
	<p>The participants from PIU, contractors & stakeholders. At the meeting, the site engineering represented the gender requirement in construction works such as mobilize and priority local women unskilled labor to work for construction works (at least 10% of unskilled workers hired for construction works are local women).</p>	
<p>Target 3: At least 50% of people consulted are women. (DMF output indicator 1f)</p>	<p>On-track Project conducted total 13 consultation meetings with 119 (46%) out of 261 people consulted were women. Details as mentioned in target 2 above.</p>	<p>The project gender specialist/M&E specialist will discuss with project management and civil engineering support team to encourage more women's participation in the consultation meeting and adding women's voice raised during the consultations. By Q4, 2023.</p>
<p>Objective 2. Promote women's economic employment and safety.</p>		
<p>Target 4: At least 300⁸entrepreneurs (60% women) receive SME support services (2017 baseline: 0)</p>	<p>On-track To date, the project conducted training on SME services, 606 (48%) out of 1,259 participants are women.</p> <p>The project drafted SME Development Plan 2023 – 2025 for supporting services include business planning, management and marketing training, hospitality services training, product diversification, quality and safety enhancement, public-private tourism marketing and business networking, provision of equipment to improve hospitality services and product quality and safety.</p> <p>This SME development plan provides details on the target SMEs, their key constraints, SME support services identified in response to their constraints and an implementation action plan.</p>	<p>Suggestions: (i) Add number of entrepreneurs participated in the training (men/women). (ii) Double check what are entrepreneurs received SME support services and how many receivers (men and women)?</p> <p>The project gender specialist/M&E specialist will work with the consultant deputy leader and SME specialists to: (i) Re-collect data of number of SMEs (male and female</p>

⁸ The previous figure listed is 500 based on the total count of target entrepreneurs *in Cambodia and Laos. This is now disaggregated to 300 for Lao PDR (PAM, annex G page 117 para 22)

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	<p>SME database was developed, 2019-2022 data is being entered by M&E specialist while the 2023 data and onwards. The database will be consolidated and accessible online in Q3 of 2023.</p>	<p>entrepreneurs) who received SME support services from the project since 2019 (by type of support services defined in the SME Development Plan 2023-2025);</p> <p>(ii) Set up the quota for female and male entrepreneurs for each SME support services defined in the SME Development Plan 2023-2025 table to ensure at least 300 entrepreneurs (60% women) receive SME support services;</p> <p>(iii) follow up the implementation of the SME Development Plan 2023-2025 (ensure quota for female and male entrepreneurs)</p> <p>By Q4, 2023</p>
<p>Target 5: At least 10% of unskilled workers hired for construction works are local women (2017 baseline: ~10%).</p>	<p>On-track</p> <p>The gender requirement (least 10% of unskilled workers hired for construction works are local women) is included in bidding documents and contracts for 5 packages: TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (C1 and C2)-completed, TIIGP2-LAO-W02 (V1), and TIIGP2-LAO-W03 (V2) and TIIGP2-LAO-W04 (V5). For W03a (V4): Vang Vieng Urban Renewal just completed DED, bidding documents is pending.</p> <p>As of September 2023, the total unskilled workers hired for across all 3 sub-projects is 19 (29%) out of total 66 unskilled workers were women. Other one sub-project (sub-project V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal), the construction was not stated yet</p> <p>Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TIIGP2-LAO-W02: 	<p>The project gender specialist will continue coordinating with PIU and contractors to collect data unskilled workers for the subproject TIIGP2-LAO-W03a once the construction commences and to monitor the hiring of more local women among unskilled workers in the follow-up phases of construction.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sub-project V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements, 4 (21%) out of 19 local unskilled workers were women; • TIIGP2-LAO-W03: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sub-project V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvement and V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvement, 5 women (23%) out of 22 local unskilled workers were women; • TIIGP2-LAO-W04: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sub-project V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvement, 10 (40%) out of 25 local unskilled workers were women. 	
<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>On-track There were 3 operated contractors and 5 camps. All 5 camps are separated access to water and sanitation facilities for women and men and separate quarters, as well as suitable worker safety training, equipment.</p> <p>As details: <u>Vientiane Province: 1 camp</u> sub-project V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements. - 1 contractor, 1 Camp: Km 4+200 Camp</p> <p><u>Vang Vieng District: 3 camps</u> sub-project V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvement and sub-projects V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvement, - 1 contractor, 2 camps</p> <p>sub-project V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management - 1 contractor (Cetuea-Panyathilath joint venture), 2 camps:</p>	<p>The project gender specialist will continue to coordinate with PIU and contractors to maintain this requirement, particularly for the subproject TIIGP2-LAO-W03a once the construction commences.</p>
<p>Activity 2: Contractors provide gender-responsive information on HIV/AIDS, STI, human trafficking and child labor exploitation prevention information to all workers.</p>	<p>On-track With support of IEC facilitator team, all four operated contractors provided gender-responsive information on HIV/AIDS, STI, human trafficking and child labor exploitation prevention information to workers in all 8 camps construction.</p> <p>IEC facilitator team includes IGS, NGS and GFPs. The contractors provided this information together with communities IEC campaign.</p>	<p>The project gender specialist will continue to coordinate with PIU and contractors to provide the gender-responsive information on HIV/AIDS, STI, human trafficking and child labor exploitation prevention information to new workers for</p>

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		the sub-project V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal TIIGP2-LAO-W03a once the construction commences.
Objective 3. Improve gender design features of tourism facilities to support economic empowerment.		
<p>Target 6: All women vendors return to improved market space after construction (2017 baseline: ~80% (120 women)).</p>	<p>On-track The project is improving 3 market sites includes (i) Kaeng Yui Waterfall (ii) Nam Ngum Reservoir and (iii) Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation. The constructions are ongoing. There are existing of total 41 vendors approximately. Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Kaeng Yui Waterfall: total 3 vendors (rotation based, there is no owner, so it cannot identify men and women vendors (ii) Nam Ngum Reservoir: total 28 vendors (19 vendors were household base and 9 vendors women headed of household) (iii) Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation: total 10 vendors (9 vendors were household base and 1 vendors woman headed of household) 	<p>To ensure all vendors return to improved market space after construction below are action to be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The project national gender specialist/ M&E specialist will collect data on the name list of all vendors (male and female) who removed out from the areas due to the construction of each sub project areas; (ii) Follow up whether all vendors (male and female) return to improved market space after construction of each sub project areas; (iii) If some vendors (especially female) do not want to return to improved market space after construction the reasons will be identified <p>By Q4 2023</p>
<p>Target 7: At least 80% (80 women) of newly constructed shop owners/operators are women.</p>	<p>On-track All constructions are ongoing, and the project noted that 80% of newly constructed shops owners/operators must be women.</p>	<p>The project national gender specialist/ M&E specialist will collect data on</p>

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		(i) No. of the newly constructed shop of each sub project areas (ii) the name list of the owners/operators of newly constructed shop of each sub project areas and (iii) continue coordinating with PIU and social safeguard team to ensure that at least 80% (80 women) of newly constructed shop owners/operators are women of each sub project areas. After construction completed
<p>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>	<p>On-track All 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. Details as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access road subproject (C1, C2, V1, V2 & V3 and V4), the Detail Engineering Design (DED) included suitable road shoulders, public lighting, and road safety instruction. Public toilets and access for people with disabilities (wheelchair) will be provided in main area of subprojects V1 (Nam Ngum) and V2 (Kaeng Yui). • Suproject Vang Vieng Landfill (V5), the DED included public lighting, separate male and female toilets, lockable kiosks. Accessible for disabled is provided for the site buildings <p>Up to June 2023, the construction for packages TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (subprojects C1, C2) are completed, the contractors followed the DED.</p> <p>The project gender team will collect the data after all constructions are completed.</p>	<p>The project gender specialist/M&E specialist will coordinate with engineer team to ensure that the contractor of each subproject follows the DED</p>

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<p>Activity 4: Infrastructure user charges (e.g. market stall rent and waste collection fees) are affordable to male and female users.</p>	<p>On-track Constructions are ongoing; the project will consider market stall rent and waste collection fees after construction is completed. The project consulted with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TIIGP2-LAO-W04 (subproject V5): Residents of Vang Vieng expressed concerns about affordability of garbage collection fees during a dialogue with gender specialists and PIU on 10 October 2019. Affordability of user charges has been considered in the outline and detailed design. The PMCES Consultant institutional specialists will conduct consultations with users on user charges and include the results in O&M planning. • TIIGP2-LAO-W02 (subproject V1): Affordability of replacement shops and residences for the affected businesses and households at the Marina at Nam Ngum has been carefully considered and consultations held with affected men and women. The updated resettlement plan now specifies that the first-year rent will be waived and year 2-3 user charges will be reduced by 50%, to ensure affordability and allow time for the businesses to build up and generate sufficient revenue to afford the full rental fee which will kick in in year 5. 	<p>The project gender specialist will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Continue coordinating with PIU and social safeguard team to follow up and accomplish this target; (ii) Coordinate with PMCES Consultant institutional specialists to conduct consultations with users on user charges and ensure that any issues on infrastructure user charges raised in the meeting by women are considered and include in O&M planning.
<p>Objective 4. Ensure women’s equal participation in gender-sensitive IEC programs to mitigate tourism’s social risks.</p>		
<p>Target 8: 50% of IEC facilitators trained by the project are women.</p>	<p>Achieved There were 9 gender focal persons composed of 4 male and 5 female (55 %) who serves as the lead on-site IEC facilitators. They participated in the one-day gender-responsive including IEC knowledge training which, the gender specialists’ team conducted in the provinces from 13 – 30 June 2022</p>	<p>One male from PCU will be appointed for national focal person by the project and will be trained on IEC knowledge by the project national gender specialist.</p>
<p>Target 9: At least 50% of people reached by gender-sensitive IEC campaigns are women (2017 baseline: 0% women).</p>	<p>On-track 87 (38%) out of 230 participants attended the IEC campaigns were women from communities around 3 sub-project sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Sub-project W01: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation on 8-11 February 2021, 33 (35%) out of total 93 participants were women. (ii) Conducted IEC campaign in Nam Ngum Reservoir for Works Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Subproject V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements on 21-22 December, 2022: 8(26%) out of 31 were women. (iii) Conducted IEC campaign in Vang Vieng for Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W03: sub-projects V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvement; and V3: Western 	<p>Comment The project gender specialist /M&E specialist organize communities’ campaign for the remain 3 sub-projects and ensure that 50%of participants are women.</p>

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	<p>Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvement on 23-25 December 2021 - 46 (43%) out of 106 were women.</p> <p>For the next IEC campaigns will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Champasak Province: sub-project C1&C2: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation Nakasang Camp, Dondet Camp & Donkhone Camp the selected agenda will focus on boating safety, first aid and waste management. (ii) Vientiane Province: sub-project V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements. the selected agenda will focus on boating safety, first aid and waste management during construction (iii) Vientiane Province: subproject V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvement and (iv) Vientiane Province: sub-project V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal TIIGP2-LAO-W03a once the construction commences for all topics (i) traffic and boating safety, (ii) HIV/AIDS prevention, (iii) human trafficking prevention and solid waste management. <p>By Q2, 2024.</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>Achieved</p> <p>The project gender team scanned and identified appropriate gender-sensitive campaign materials from UNFPA, and national government agencies.</p> <p>The International Gender Specialist is preparing IEC reference/training Manual.</p> <p>National Gender Specialist collected 50 copies of each type of brochures, flyers, posters and others related materials on HIV- AIDS, human trafficking prevention, violence against women and children, from different related national and international organizations such as ILO, UNFPA etc. These were allocated at least 10 of each material per worksite.</p> <p>Based on this, IEC material packages have been distributed in the construction sites and to the surrounding communities during IEC Campaigns conducted in Vientiane Province for works packages TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements and TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements (21-25 December 2021).</p>	
<p>Output 2: Capacity to implement ASEAN Tourism Standards strengthened</p>		

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Objective 5. Promote women's leadership.		
<p>Target 10: At least 30% of ASEAN tourism standards certification board members and assessors are women (2017 baseline: 0).</p> <p>(DMF output indicator 2a)</p>	<p>On-track 86 (43%) out of 200 ASEAN tourism standards certification board members and assessors were women</p> <p><u>National:48(51%) out of 94 members and assessors were women):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASEAN Green Hotel: 8 (62%) out of 1 were omen; dated 21/07/2021. • ASEAN Spa Service: 7 (64%) out of 11 were women; dated 21/07/2021. • ASEAN Homestay Standard: 3 (33%) out of 9); dated 27/08/2021. • ASEAN Public Toilet Standard: 4 (44%) out of 9); dated 07/12/2021. • ASEAN Clean City Standard: 8(47%) out of 17 were women; dated 11/08/2021. • ASEAN CBT Standard 2 (22%) out of 9 were women- dated 14/09/2021 Not Achieved • ASEAN MICE Standard: 8(62%) out of 13 were women; dated 25/06/2021. • ASTA: 8 (62%) out of 13 were women dated 08/04/2022. <p>Provinces: 38 (36%) out of 106 members and assessors were women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champasak Province: 14(34%) out of 41 were women; dated 22 June 2021 • Vientiane Province: 6(33%) out of 18 were women; dated 22/07/2021. • Vang Vieng District: 9(30%) out of 30 were women; dated 14/06/2021. • Luang Prabang Province: 9(53%) out of 17 were women; dated 20/09/2022. 	<p>By Q4, 2023 National gender specialist and deputy consultant team leader will discuss with MICT ASEAN Tourism Standard Secretariat to:</p> <p>(i) appoint more women in ASEAN CBT Standard certification board members and assessors to reach at least 30%, and</p> <p>(ii) re- establish the ASEAN tourism standards certification board members and assessors at the provinces, only the qualified members and assessors will be appointed (to ensure that at least 45% of ASEAN tourism standards certification board members and assessors are women/ASEAN tourism awards selection panel members are women).</p>
<p>Target 11: At least 35% of ASEAN tourism standards trainers are women (2017 baseline: 0)</p>	<p>On-track 72 (40%) out of 179 trainers at different levels (Master Trainers, National trainers and Provincial trainers are women.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Trainers: Overall 5 (42%) out of 12 were women. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ASEAN Green Hotel & ASEAN Spa Service: 1 (50%) out of 2 was woman. - ASEAN Homestay Standard: 1 (50%) out of 2 was woman. - ASEAN Public Toilet Standard: 0% (0 out of 1) -Not Achieved 	<p>Project national gender specialist and consultant team leader will discuss with MICT ASEAN Tourism Standard Secretariat and PIUs to appoint more women to reach at least 35% by Q4, 2023 as follows:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard: 67% (2 out of 3); - ASEAN CBT Standard 0% (0 out of 1) -Not Achieved - ASEAN MICE Standard: 0% (0 out of 2); -Not Achieved - ASTA: 100 % (1 out of 1) • National Trainers: Overall 34 (55%) out of 62 were women. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ASEAN Green Hotel: 2 (67%) out of 3 were women. - ASEAN Spa Service: 2 (67%) out of 3 were women. - ASEAN Homestay Standard: 100% (2 out of 2); - ASEAN Public Toilet Standard: 1 (33%) out of 3 was woman- Not Achieved - ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard: 100% (2 out of 2); - ASEAN CBT Standard 2(22%) out of 9 were women -Not Achieved - ASEAN MICE Standard: 20(67% out of 30 were women. - ASTA: 3(30%) out of 10 were women- Not Achieved Provinces: 31 (43%) of 105 were women: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Champasak Province: 14(34%) out of 41 were women, dated 22 June 2021 Not Achieved - Vientiane Province: 6(33%) out of 18 were women; dated 22/07/2021 Not Achieved - Vang Vieng District: 9(30%) out of 30 were women; dated 14/06/2021 Not Achieved - Luang Prabang Province: 4(25%) out of 16 were women; dated 03/07/2019 2021- Not Achieved 	<p>(i) National Trainers include more women in the training on (a) ASEAN Public Toilet Standard and (b) ASEAN CBT Standard</p> <p>(ii) re- establish the ASEAN tourism standards trainers at the provinces, only the qualified trainers will be appointed (at least 35% of ASEAN tourism standards trainers are women)</p>
<p>Target 12: At least 45% of ASEAN tourism awards selection panel members are women (2017 baseline: 0).</p>	<p>On-track ASEAN tourism standards certification board members, assessors and ASEAN tourism awards selection panel members have the same set of members, as enumerated in target 10.</p> <p>There were 86 (43%) out of 200 ASEAN tourism awards selection panel members are women.</p> <p>Challenge of meeting qualification standards also apply in the shortfall of women targets. The gender specialists, will continue advocating for additional women members, in coordination with the MICT officers and PCU consultants</p>	<p>The project gender specialist and deputy consultant team leader will discuss with MICT ASEAN Tourism Standard Secretariat to re- establish the ASEAN tourism standards certification board members and assessors at the provinces, only the qualified members and assessors will be appointed (to ensure that at least 45% of ASEAN tourism awards selection panel members are women).</p>
<p>Objective 6. Promote equal access to ASEAN tourism standards training and information</p>		

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Activity 6: ASEAN tourism standards manuals translated to Lao language.	Achieved Translation of all seven ASEAN Tourism Standards were completed. All seven final standards were published in Lao language.	
Target 13. At least 40 % of women participants in ASEAN tourism standards training for businesses are women.	On-track As of September 2022, 1,046 (40%) out of 2,618 are women participated in ASEAN tourism standards training for businesses.	Comment Please add more information (i) Topics of the trainings (ii) no. of participants (men/omen) for each training. Project national gender specialist will coordinate with MICT Tourism Secretariat to ensure that for the upcoming ASEAN tourism standards training, the percentage of women participation should be at least 60% (The activity proposal will define 60% of the expected female participants)
Output 3: Institutional arrangements for tourism destination management and infrastructure O&M strengthened		
Objective 7. Promote gender- balanced project management.		
Target 14: At least 3,000 ⁹ residents and tourism workers (50% women) participated in destination management training and awareness-raising activities. (2017 baseline: 0) (DMF output indicator 3c)	On-track As of September 2023, of the 5,974 residents and tourism workers who have participated in destination management training and awareness-raising activities, 2,744 (45.93%) were women.	Suggestion: The project ender specialist will inform PIUs to encourage more women to participate in destination management training and awareness-raising activities by conducting the activities in suitable time and comfortable place for women The training and awareness-raising activity proposal will be

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		<p>reviewed by national gender specialist especially in terms of the expected number of female participants (at least 60% of woman participations).</p> <p>This will be undertaken from today</p>
<p>Target 15: Women comprise at least 30% of project steering committee (PSC) members. (2017 baseline: ~25% (4women))</p>	<p>Achieved The project steering committee consisted of 11 members 4(36%) members were women.</p>	
<p>Target 16: Women hold 30% of project director and deputy director positions. (2017 baseline: 20%). (In financing agreement 40%)</p>	<p>Achieved The overall total for national and provincial levels is 4 (40%) out of total 10 members were women.</p> <p>National: 1 female (50%) out of total 2, Provinces: 3 (37.5%) out of 8 were women.</p>	
<p>Target 17: At least 40% of overall PCU and PIU staff positions are held by women (2017 baseline: 34%). (In financing agreement 30%)</p>	<p>Achieved Of the overall total of 21(48%) out of total 44 PCU and PIU staff were females National PCU: 4 (67%) out of 6 were women.</p> <p>Provincial PIU: 17 (45%) out of total 38 were women. (i) Champasak Province, 4(40%) out of 10 were women. (ii) VTE Province including Vang Vieng: 8 (40%) out of 20 were women. (iii) Luang Prabang province, 5 (63%) out of 8 were women</p>	
<p>Target 18: At least 30% of PCU and PIU staff that attend technical and project management training are women.</p>	<p>On-track As of Jun 2023, 201(46%) out of 435 participants among PCU and PIU staff, who attended technical and project management training are women. Such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training of trainers on tourism management ▪ Training on "how to organize workshop and meeting professionally" and using IT system to support organizations operation and tourism promotion work. ▪ Training on the implementation of the DMPs for Vientiane province and Vang Vieng PIUs and other tourism sector staff 	<p>Comments: By Q4, 2024, the project gender specialist/M\$E specialist will coordinate with PCU and PIU to collect data on:</p> <p>(i) How many technical and project management trainings which, project</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training on implementation of destination management ▪ Training of trainer on tourism and hospitality services for all DICTs (across the country) ▪ Training on destination management planning and DMP Action Plan preparation for national level DMN Taskforces ▪ Training of Trainers on Presentation Skills for tourism sector staff (public and business sectors) along NSEC ▪ The first annual Training of Trainers on how to draft Destination Management Plan for four Tourism Departments in Vientiane Province. ▪ Conduct training on tourism development planning for tourism sector staff at provincial and district levels. ▪ Training on how to develop the photo galleries and tourism information files. ▪ Training on the use of assessment form and pilot/trial assessment on tourist attractions classification standard for four tourism departments ▪ Training on drafting the destination management plan ▪ Training on application of filing system (documents) ▪ Training on preparation and conduct of meetings and workshops for tourism management staff ▪ Training on project proposal ▪ Provide training on grievance redressal mechanisms for the Arbitration Committee ▪ Training on mobile application management and maintain for the members of Lan Xang Culture Quadrangle Network. 	<p>conducted? (No need to include workshop)</p> <p>(ii) Check with each member of PCU and PIU participate in each training.</p> <p>(iii) Check each training how many participants from PCU and PIU (men, women and %)</p> <p>For the upcoming technical and project management training, at least 30% of PCU and PIU staff that attend are women.</p>
Objective 8. Promote women's representation in destination management network (DMN) and infrastructure O&M entities.		
<p>Target 19: DMN managers comprise at least 30% women (2017 baseline: ~30%).</p>	<p>Achieved 17 (49%) out of total 35 National & Provincial DMN were female Detail: (i) National: 5(50%) out of 10 were female (Agreement dated 25 November 2021) (ii) Champasak: 3(43%) out of 7 were female (Agreement dated 3 Dec 2021) (iii) Vientiane Province: 4(50%) out of 8 were female (Agreement 9 August 2022) (iv) Vang Vieng District: 2(40%) out of 5 were female (Agreement dated 28 March 2022) (v) Luang Prabang province: 3(60%) out of 5 were female (agreement dated 31 December 2021)</p>	
<p>Target 20: Women comprise at least 40% of total DMN</p>	<p>Achieved 28 (51%) out of 55 National & Provincial DMN membership were female. Details:</p>	

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membership (2017 baseline: ~30%).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) National: 6 (50%) out of total 12 were female (ii) Champasak Province: 6 (55%) out of total 11 were female. (iii) Vientiane Province: 4 (40%) out of total 10 were female. (iv) Vang Vieng District: 6 (50%) out of total 12 were female. (v) Luang Prabang province: 6 (60%) out of total 10 were female. 	
<p>Target 21: 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) (DMF output indicator 3a)</p>	<p>On-track As of September 2023, project conducted 10 workshops, 76 (28.25%) out of 269 were women.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Q1 2023 (Jan-March 2023) 3 workshops for W04 VV Landfill, 36 (29.5%) out of total 122 were women <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Workshops for lesson sharing on SWM and landfill operation with VCOM; (ii) Workshops for lesson sharing on SWM and landfill operation with Kaysone Phomvihanh City UDAA (iii) Technical Workshop on proposed new SWM and Landndfill O&M Approach for Vangvieng with VTE Province PCU and Vang Vieng Authorities. ▪ Q2 2023: (April-June 2023)_4 workshops and meetings for W01 Nakasang, 25 (32%) out of 78 were women: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Consulting meeting on preference O&M approach with Khong District Authority. (ii) Consulting meeting on preference O&M approach with Nakasang and Phiengdy community. (iii) Meeting on proposed O&M approach for Nakasang River Port and parking area with Khong authorities. (iv) Meeting on proposed O&M approach for Nakasang River Port and parking area with Nakasang and Phiengdy community. • Q3 2023 (July-Sep 2023) 3 workshops and meeting, 15 (22%) out of 69 were women: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Dissemination meeting on O&M manual for DonDet, Khone, and Hangkhone village authorities and communities. (ii) Dissemination meeting on O&M manual for Khong district offices (iii) Dissemination meeting on O&M manual for Nakasang, Phiengdy and Mai Sivilay village authorities and communities 	<p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Add sex-disaggregated data of public works and tourism site managers. (ii) Double check number of public works and tourism site managers received supports from the project i.e., skills, equipment, and budget to effectively develop and implement tourism management plans and infrastructure O&M. <p>The project gender specialist /M&E specialist discuss with the consultant team the progress of tourism management plans and infrastructure O&M to collect data as requested above By Q4.2023</p> <p>The national gender specialist will review tourism management plans and infrastructure O&M of each sub projects and to collect data on the number of public works and tourism site</p>

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		managers (plan VS actual) of each sub-project areas. - At least 30% of 90 public works and tourism site managers are women.
<p>Target 22: 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.</p>	<p>On-track For Champasak and Luang Prabang: 218 (62.28%) out of 350 are women. <u>Champasak Province:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) KM 40 Village: CPC Coffee Production Group in Bolevan Plateau, Paksong Coffee Production Group, KM 40 Tea Leaves production group, Village Tour Group, Homestay Group, Tour Guide Service Group, Handicraft and Souvenir Products Group, Organic Vegetable Production Group, Cooking Service Group. 38 (37%) out of 104 members are women. 2) Nong Luang Village: Village Tourism Group, Homestay Group, Village Tour Guide Service, Cooking Service Group. 60 (66%) out of 91 are women 3) Tad Young Water fall -Tourist attraction site. Organic Vegetable Production Group, 46 (87%) out of 53 are women <p><u>Luang Prabang province</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Nayang Tai Village: Handicraft Production Group (Fabric Weaving), Handicraft Production Group (bamboo), Handicraft and Souvenir Products Group, Homestay Group, Tour Guide Service Group, Cooking Service Group: 61 (76%) out of 80 members are women. 2) Chan nua Village: Handicraft Production Group: 13 (59%) out of 22 members are women. 	<p>The project national gender specialist and gender focal persons will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) collect data on the name list of the community-managed tourist attractions of all sub project areas and the number of women and girl's members and (ii) go to the sub-project areas to work with PIU gender person to encourage women participation in all sites with community-managed tourist attractions (at least 40% women and girl's membership).
<p>Target 23: At least 50% of participants in tourism-related service training are women (2017 baseline: ~70%).</p>	<p>On-track As of June 2023. 345 (53%) out of 649 participants in tourism-related service training are women such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TOT on hotel management (accommodation) - Training of trainer on entertainment and restaurant management - Training of trainer on tourism and hospitality services for all DICTs (across the country) - Training on English Language skills for effective services of Tour Guide, Hotel, Guesthouse and Restaurant 	<p>The project gender specialist /M&E specialist will provide data on number of male and female participants of tourism related trainings by Q4, 2024 For the upcoming tourism-related service training at least 60% of participants are women.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training on human relations and service psychology for tourism business providers (tour operators, hotel and restaurant owners/providers...) - Training for site guides - Training for heritage tour guides - World heritage tour guide training in Champasak. Training on tour guides in LPB LPB, 2-24 May 2023 total: 70 (37 women)	(The activity proposal should define 60% of the expected female participants.)
Objective 9. Improve gender mainstreaming capacity to implement and monitor the GAP and report gender impacts.		
Target 24: 50% of 10 gender focal persons appointed to PCU, and PIUs are men. ¹⁰	On-track Of the total 9 gender focal persons, 5 (55%) were female and 4 (45%) were men. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Four (4) male and 4 female focal persons at the PIU and - One female focal person at the national level. 	The project gender team will work with Consultant DTL to coordinate with PCU to appoint one male gender focal to meet the target 10 gender focal persons and 50% are men by Q3 2023.
Activity 7: Gender specialists and social development consultants provide gender equality training and GAP implementation training to all project supervision, management, and coordination entities.	Achieved The International Gender Specialist (IGS) was recruited on 26 August 2019 and has been working closely with the National Gender Specialist (NGS). After the initial 2-person months contract is used up, her second contract variation for additional 1.5 person-months was approved on 12 February 2022. The overall total from the original contract to the second contract variation is 5 person-months. The contract of the first National Gender Specialist (NGS), who served the post since TIIGP1, was used up after several contract variations until December 2021 and was no longer extended. The tasks of the NGS are taken over by the M & E Specialist who has gender experience. The MICT Gender Focal person is also tapped to support provincial gender training. They consulted with the PCU officers, the PMCES Consultant and M&E consultants. During the IGS' first in-country mission, she provided gender orientation training to PCU members and project consultants (18 attended, 10 were women) on 21 Oct. 2019. 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	

¹⁰ The project established one PCU and 4 PIUs

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	<p>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>A series of trainings in gender-responsive tourism was conducted in the provinces from June 13 – 30 2022 and Vientiane capital on 1 July 1 2022</p>	
<p>Activity 8: GAP targets and actions are reflected in annual project work plans and reported in quarterly progress reports.</p>	<p>Achieved</p> <p>The annual project plans (2019, 2020 and 2021) were reviewed along with the overall Gender Action Plan. Gender focal persons (one male and one female) were appointed for each PIU.</p> <p>The project’s annual workplan for 2021, 2022and 2023 included GAP targets and activities and the budget has been allocated for GAP activities.</p> <p>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 project workplan from 2021 onwards.</p> <p>The GAD specialists drafted their individual and team workplans for 2021 and 2022 based on the GAP.</p>	<p>For the next annual work, the Gender Specialist will continue coordinating with project consultants to ensure that GAP targets and actions are reflected in 2024 annual project work plans and reported in quarterly progress reports</p>
<p>Activity 9: PPMS includes sex-disaggregated indicators and templates to track GAP progress, implementation, and project benefits.</p>	<p>Achieved,</p> <p>The PPMS and baseline report were submitted to ADB in Q2 2020. PPMS was finalized. The National Gender Specialists support the monitoring of GAP indicators and alignment and report on GAP progress accordingly.</p> <p>The PPMS includes sex-disaggregated indicators and templates to track GAP progress, implementation, and project benefits.</p>	
<p>Target 25: At least 3 human impact stories on GAP implementation, including women’s understanding of, and satisfaction with project design,</p>	<p>On-track</p> <p>The project gender specialist consulted with PCU and PIU gender focal persons on the draft template of gender impact stories.</p>	<p>The project ender specialist will coordinate with project consultants to</p>

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<p>and improved economic opportunities are documented for publication.</p>	<p>PIU-GFPs had orientation on gender guidelines for case studies but will need follow-up refresher and materials when GAD specialist does provincial visits. This case study guideline was shared with them.</p> <p>The project will:</p> <p>(i) Identify 3 human impact stories by Q2 – 2023 demonstrating positive changes brought by the project interventions. The stories could be about (a) a woman, or a group of women who have upgraded her/their knowledge and capacity after project interventions; (b) livelihood improvement because of project interventions by comparing income and/or living conditions before and after project activities; (c) strategic change such as the changes of institution’s strategy to support women. This could be a story of woman who got promotion or has opportunity to work at the decision-making level.</p> <p>(ii). All 3 human impact stories will be completed by Q1-2024</p>	<p>(i) Identify three human impact stories by Q4 – 2023</p> <p>(ii) All 3 human impact stories completed Q2-2024</p>

Annex 14: Status of compliance with Grant Covenants as of 30 September 2023

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	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.	Compliant
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 2020 APFS was submitted to ADB on 22 September 2021. The APFS for FY 2021 was submitted on 28 June 2022. The financial statements for FY 2022 were submitted to SAO in February 2023 but SAO only submitted the audited version on 17 October 2023, nearly 4 months past the June 30 2023 deadline during which the project was temporarily out of compliance.
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 on the ADB website on 18 November 2020. • The 2020 APFS was disclosed on the ADB website on 29 September 2021. • The 2021 APFS was disclosed on the ADB website in June 2022.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disclosure of 2022 APFS is delayed due to late submission by EA.
4	<p>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.</p>	Compliant
5	<p>Section 4.03. The Recipient shall enable ADB's representatives to inspect the Project, the Goods and Works, and any relevant records and documents.</p>	Compliant
	<p>Grant Agreement Schedule 4</p>	
6	<p><u>Implementation Arrangements</u> The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the detailed arrangements set forth in the PAM. Any subsequent change to the PAM shall become effective only after approval of such change by the Recipient and ADB. In the event of any discrepancy between the PAM and this Grant Agreement, the provisions of this Grant Agreement shall prevail.</p>	Compliant
7	<p><u>Environment</u> The Recipient shall ensure that the preparation, design, construction, implementation, operation and decommissioning of the Project and all Project facilities comply with (a) all applicable laws and regulations of the Recipient relating to environment, health and safety; (b) the Environmental Safeguards; and (c) all measures and requirements set forth in the IEE, the EMPs, and any corrective or preventative actions set forth in a Safeguards Monitoring Report.</p>	Compliant
8	<p><u>Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement</u> The Recipient shall ensure that all land and all rights- of-way required for the Project are made available to the Works contractor in accordance with the schedule agreed under the related Works contract and all land acquisition and resettlement activities are implemented in compliance with (a) all applicable laws and regulations of the Recipient relating to land acquisition and involuntary resettlement; (b) the Involuntary Resettlement Safeguards; and (c) all measures and requirements set forth in the RP, and any corrective or preventative actions set forth in the Safeguards Monitoring Report. Without limiting the application of the Involuntary Resettlement Safeguards or the RP, the Recipient shall ensure that no physical or economic displacement takes place in connection with the Project until: (a) compensation and other entitlements have been provided to affected people in accordance with the RP; and (b) a comprehensive income and livelihood restoration program has been established in accordance with the RP.</p>	<p>Compliant</p> <p>All subprojects have up to date safeguards instruments in place including RP and CCRs.</p>
9	<p><u>Indigenous Peoples</u> The Recipient shall ensure that the preparation, design, construction, implementation and operation of the Project and all Project facilities comply with (a) all applicable laws and</p>	Compliant

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	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.	
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
11	<u>Safeguards - Related Provisions in Bidding Documents and Works Contracts</u> The Recipient shall ensure that all bidding documents and contracts for Works contain provisions that require contractors to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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; (b) make available a budget for all such environmental and social measures; (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; (d) adequately record the condition of roads, agricultural land and other infrastructure prior to starting to transport materials and construction; and (e) reinstate pathways, other local infrastructure, and agricultural land to at least their pre- project condition upon the completion of construction. 	Compliant 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.
12	<u>Safeguards Monitoring and Reporting</u> The Recipient shall do the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) submit semi- annual Safeguards Monitoring Reports to ADB and disclose relevant information from such reports to affected persons promptly upon submission; (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 (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. 	Compliant.
13	<u>Prohibited List of Investments</u> 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.	Compliant
14	<u>Labor Standards, Health and Safety</u> The Recipient shall ensure that the core labor standards and the Recipient's applicable laws and regulations are complied with during Project implementation. The Recipient shall include specific provisions in the bidding documents and contracts financed by ADB under the Project requiring that the contractors, among other things: (a) comply with the Recipient's	Compliant

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	<p>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>	
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>On 24 August 2020 the Ministry of Finance requested ADB to approve financing land acquisition and resettlement (LAR) costs from the grant proceeds, instead of government's counterpart funds. The justification for this request was fiscal constraints due to the COVID-19 pandemic, during which the government has been experiencing challenges meeting its revenue targets, and budget has been reallocated for the emergency COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery. These constraints are impeding the government's ability to make available and thus timely disburse the required LAR compensation payments to the project's affected households.</p>

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		On 27 August 2020, ADB approved a minor change in the project's financing plan to facilitate this, reducing government's counterpart funding from \$1.8 million (3.7% of total project costs) to \$1.68 million (3.5% of total project costs), and consequently, reducing the total project cost from \$48.8 million to \$48.68 million.
17	<p><u>Consultation with Stakeholders</u> The Recipient shall ensure that consultation with the Project stakeholders takes place during Project implementation, in accordance with the stakeholder communication strategy set out in the PAM.</p>	Compliant
18	<p><u>Governance and Anticorruption</u> 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. The Recipient shall ensure that the anticorruption provisions acceptable to ADB are included in all bidding documents and contracts, including provisions specifying the right of ADB to audit and examine the records and accounts of the executing and implementing agencies and all contractors, suppliers, consultants, and other service providers as they relate to the Project.</p>	Compliant