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Inclusive Growth Project**

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Location map of subprojects

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Vientiane Province

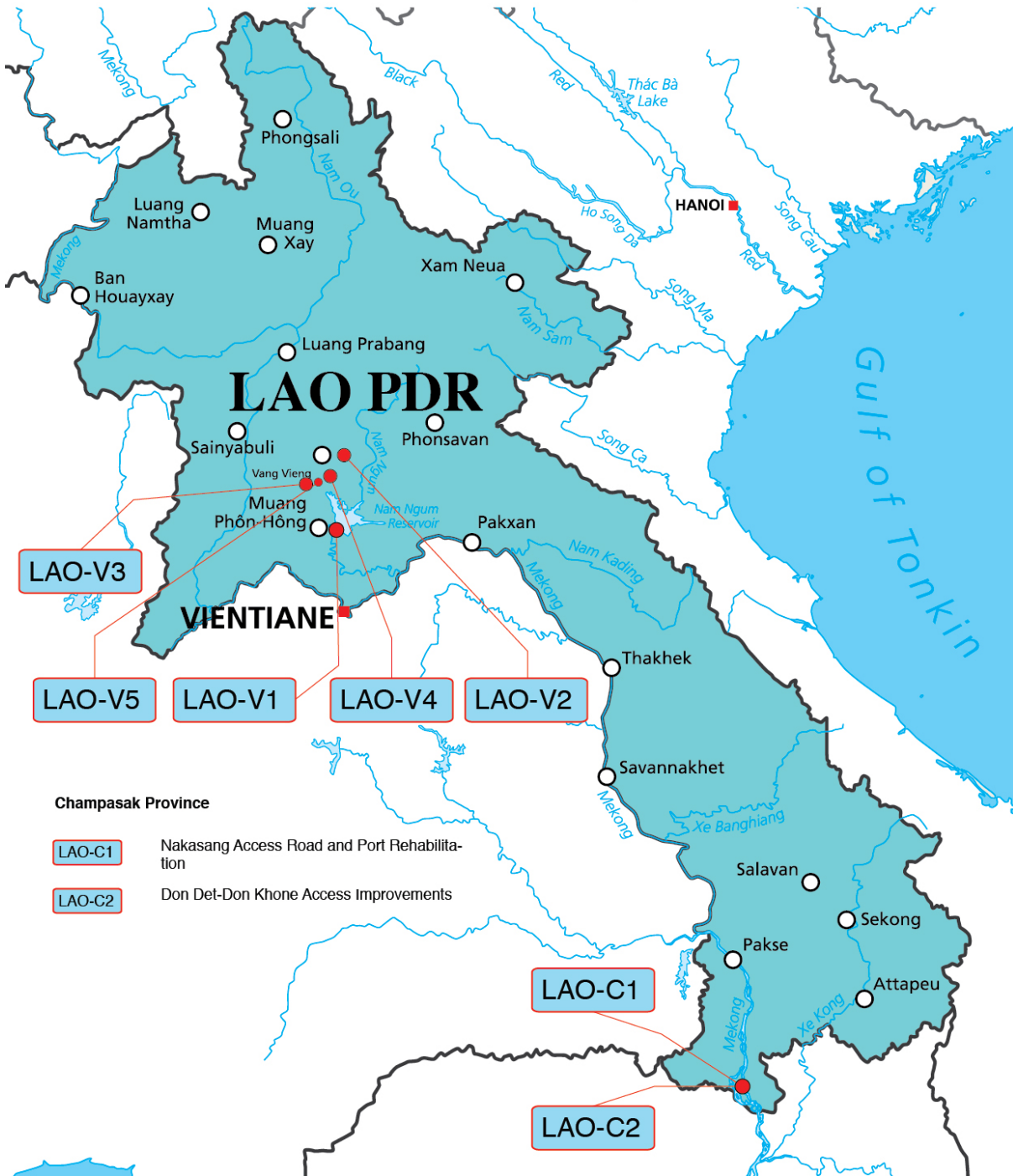
LAO-V1 Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements

LAO-V2 Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements

LAO-V3 Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements

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

LAO-V5 Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements



Champasak Province

LAO-C1 Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation

LAO-C2 Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements

LAO-C1

LAO-C2

1. Basic Data

Grant number:	0599-LAO
Grant Amount:	USD 47,000,000
Board Approval:	31 August 2018
Financing Agreement Signed:	16 October 2018
Grant Effectiveness:	25 December 2018
Physical Completion Date:	31 December 2024
Grant Closing Date:	30 June 2025
Elapsed Grant Period:	60 months/78 months (77%) (from Grant Effectiveness to Closing)
Project Overall Progress:	76.80%
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 31 December 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	0.463	1.304
Actual Cum CA	32.969	33.898	34.422	36.055		36.418	36.747	36.896	37.359	
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	3.020	9.035
Actual Cum Disb	14.580	16.535	19.138	21.755		23.801	26.469	27.770	30.790	

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

Contract Awards by Category:

As of 31 December 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 31 December 2023

Expenditures	ADB (\$ mln)	Govt. (\$ mln)	Total (\$ mln)
Actual expenditure for Project Quarter 19 (Q3 2023)	3.020	0.056	3.076
Cumulative expenditure up end of Project Quarter 19 (Q3 2023)	30.790	0.874	31.664

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.

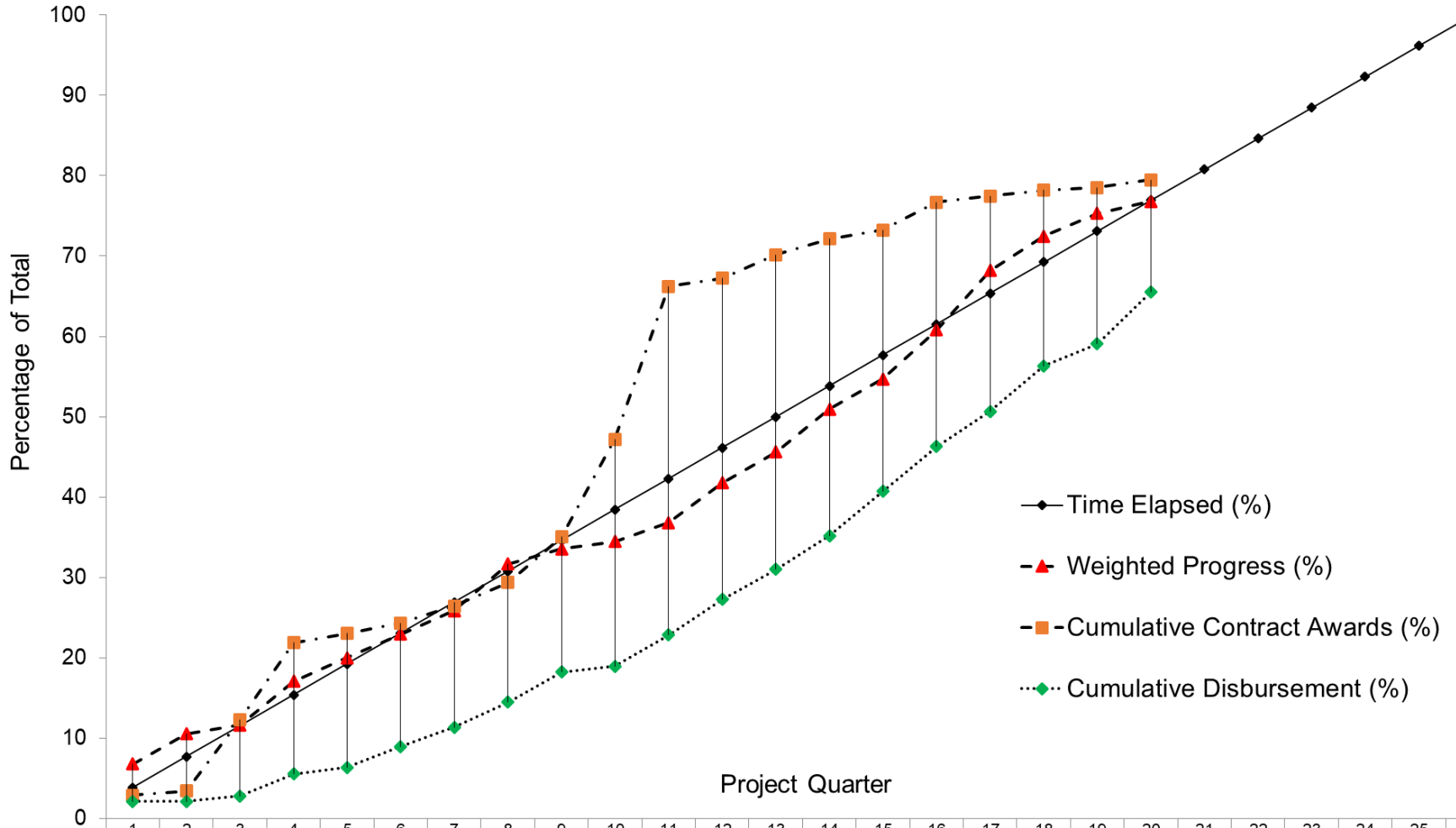
^c Following a minor change in project's financing plan approved on 27 August 2020, the cost of land acquisition and resettlement, which was originally to be covered the Government of Lao PDR, is now funded by ADB grant.

^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 31 December 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	76.80						
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	79.49						
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	65.51						

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 in 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 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) (version 22 May 2018). During the project's Mid-term Review Mission, the PAM description has been revised to reflect the actual arrangements, and the changes have been incorporated by ADB in an updated version of the PAM (version 30 April 2021).

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 2026¹, 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.² Project areas in Lao PDR include Champasak, Luang Prabang and Vientiane provinces, all located along the GMS Central Economic Corridor.

Progress to date:

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

Progress towards the project's outcome in Lao PDR as of 31 December 2023 can be summarized as follows:

		As of 31 December 2023		
Outcome Performance Indicators	Baseline (2016)	Targets (2026)	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%
			2023:	Data not yet available
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
			2023:	Data not yet available
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
	<i>corrected from \$363.9 million</i>		2023:	Data not yet available

¹ During a Mission on 22 December 2023, ADB and the EA agreed to revise the timeline for achieving the project's outcome indicator from 2025 to 2026 to reflect the proposed 12-month extension of the grant closing date.

² During a Mission on 22 December 2023, ADB and the EA agreed to revise the timeline for achieving the project's outputs from 2024 to 2025 to allow time needed to complete the final works package of TIIGP2-W03a in Lao PDR. This package's procurement will commence in Q1 2024, and construction will be completed in Q4 2025.

Outcome Performance Indicators	Baseline (2016)	Targets (2026)	Progress
d. Women comprise at least 55% of tourism workers in project areas	50%	55%	As of December 2023, female workers account for 58% of the total workforce in Lao PDR's tourism and hospitality sector. ³ Champasak Province: 61.8% Vientiane Province: 67.4% Luang Prabang Province: 49.5% Aggregate for the three target provinces: 58.3%

International arrival and expenditure results for 2020 and 2021 have been 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 long, and that as a result performance during the 2022-2026 period be significantly lower than originally projected. While this held true for 2022, international arrivals to Lao PDR during 2023 topped 3.4 million, 71% of the arrivals recorded in pre-pandemic 2019, an indication that the sector may be recovering 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 five⁴ 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.

³ Tourism sector survey, conducted by 4 PIUs in December 2023.

⁴ 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.

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 Norconsult 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.

Progress of Output 1: Urban-Rural Access Infrastructure and Urban Environmental Services Improved as of 31 December 2023, is summarized as follows:

		As of 31 December 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 revised scope	✓
2	Safeguards document approval	✓	✓	✓	→ Social safeguards due diligence report under preparation Updated IEE.EMP under preparation	✓
3	Complete land acquisition and resettlement Compensation	✓	→	✓	Not yet started	✓
4	Civil works procurement	✓	✓	✓	→ Bidding documents under preparation	✓
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.

Implementation of Works Package No. TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det - Don Khone Access Improvements is 100% complete. The Employer issued the Completion Certificate dated 30th June 2023 and the handover ceremony was conducted on 17th July 2023. The contract is under Defects 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 areas to be inspected during the Defects Liability Period include, but are not limited to:

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

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.

ADB provided No Objection on Contract Variation Order No. 2 (CVO No. 2) dated 28th December 2023 due a change in the quantities of works. The total contract amount increased by \$109,489.90 (3.47% of the original contract amount), from \$3,156,160.08 to \$3,265,649.98.

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 31st December 2023, was 86.49% against the schedule of 97.58% (the revised work programme).

During this reporting period of Oct-Dec 2023, 4.24% of works progress made against target of 3.58% due to there were many concrete and finishing works for building works being implemented after 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) site water supply, storm water and waste water system, (iii) weighing bridge office building and weighing bridge installation (iv) construction of incinerator room; (v) construction of the planted drying bed (PDB); (vi) guard house, (vii) the construction of RC drainages (U-ditch) in landfill and (viii) 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
2	The existing agreement between UDDA and Eco-green, a private waste collection company, was designed before the landfill's development, featuring an annual fee for dumpsite management. This fixed fee is inappropriate for a landfill, and with Eco-green serving only 23 out of 61 villages, the city faces high risk due to the lack of options.	A review and potential modification of the concession agreement are essential for more effective waste management practices.

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 Q4 2023 (October - December 2023)

Item	Description	Unit	Rate (USD)	October 2023 to December 2023		
				Quantity	Amount (USD)	Progress
BILL No. 01 GENERAL PROVISIONS					600,00	
104	Facilities for the Engineer					
104-2	Maintenance of Main Office and Facilities	Month	200,00	3,00	600,00	
BILL No. H: INTERNAL ROADS					94.633,01	
H.01	Concrete paving road					
313-1	Sand layer	Metre Cube	8,50	166,30	1.413,55	
314-3	Reinforced concrete pavement, 180 mm thick including Re-bar as per drawing No. RAM-LAO-DED-W04-C-14	Metre Square	32,00	1663,00	53.216,00	
400	Drainage and culvert work					
404-1	Concrete (Grade 25Mpa) for U-Drain, V-Drain Shapes	Metre Cube	200,00	117,23	23.446,00	
404-2	Reinforcing for U-Drain, V-Drain Shapes	Tonne	780,00	11,23	8.760,96	
507	STRUCTURAL CONCRETE					
507-1	Concrete Grade 15 Mpa (for minor unreinforced concrete work)	Metre Cube	150,00	30,91	4.636,50	
600	Miscellaneous works					
607-4	Precast Concrete Kerb Class 25Mpa (Drawing No. RAM-LAO-DED-W04-C-14)	Metre	16,00	197,50	3.160,00	
BILL No. I: SITE WATER SUPPLY, STORM WATER AND WASTE WATER SYSTEM					25.415,21	
I.01.2	Excavation for pipeline ditches	Metre Cube	1,26	800,00	1.008,00	
I.01.3	Foundation and gravel filling 8-12 mm	Metre Cube	13,65	400,00	5.460,00	
I.01.4	Backfilling of local soil	Metre Cube	4,20	429,20	1.802,64	
I.01.5	Supplying, laying, fitting and fixing of best quality 63mm dia PVC PN10 pipe water supply	Metre	6,83	395,00	2.697,85	
I.01.6	Supplying, laying, fitting and fixing of best quality Supplying 32mm dia upvc Pipe	Metre	3,15	427,00	1.345,05	
I.01.7	Supplying, laying, fitting and fixing of best quality 20mm dia upvc Pipe	Metre	2,63	12,00	31,56	
I.05	Septic tank					
I.05.2	Providing single layer polythene sheet (0.18mm thick)	Metre Square	0,47	28,57	13,43	
I.05.4	Cement concrete work in foundation	Metre Cube	189,00	2,68	506,52	
I.05.5	RCC and good quality: 1:1.5:3, 30MPa, stone chips (SC)	Metre Cube	262,50	31,95	8.386,88	
I.05.6	RB 400/400W: Ribbed bar or deformed bar	Tonne	787,50	2,44	1.919,14	
I.05.7	Minimum 12mm thick cement plaster (1:6)	Metre Square	4,20	185,96	781,03	
I.05.8	125mm brick work with good quality bricks in cement mortar (1:4) 1 (asper specification)	Metre Square	15,75	32,07	505,10	
I.05.11	RCC precast manhole cover 75mm 100 mm thick	Metre Square	36,87	4,80	176,98	
I.05.12	Providing & laying smooth finish layer with water cement	Metre Square	4,20	185,96	781,03	
BILL No. K: WEIGHING BRIDGE OFFICE BUILDING					5.235,03	
K.01.13	Super structure Works:					
K.01.17	C.C and rooftop 50 mm thick Av.	Metre Square	52,50	77,81	4.085,03	
K.01.20	Constructing surface drain of 300 mm clear width and depth up to 300 mm in brick masonry	Metre	23,00	50,00	1.150,00	
BILL No. M: GUARD HOUSE AND MAIN ENTRANCE					3.184,70	
M.01.13	38 mm DPC	Metre Square	26,00	36,00	936,00	
M.01.15	Supplying, fitting, fixing and installation of MS gate as per design drawings	Metre Square	37,00	19,28	713,36	
M.01.16	Painting to gate	Metre Square	2,60	38,56	100,26	
M.01.18	Supplying fitting any type of MS rod, FI bar, MS box, MS angle grill,	Metre Square	47,00	3,50	164,50	
M.01.19	Flush pointing to brick wall with cement mortar (1:2)	Metre Square	4,20	210,02	882,08	
M.01.20	Stopper	Number	52,50	2,00	105,00	
M.01.23	Supplying fitting any type of MS rod, FI bar, MS box, MS angle grill,	Set	47,25	6,00	283,50	
INTED DRYING BED (PDB)					1.754,10	
Q.01	Civil					
Q.01.7	RCC 30MPa, stone chips (SC)	Metre Cube	262,50	5,88	1.543,50	
Q.01.9	Reinforcement Steel	Tonne	780,00	0,27	210,60	
Total Executed Amout					130.822,05	4,24%

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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C1: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation • C2: Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DED prepared • IEE/EMP prepared • Social DDR prepared 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DED 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"> • Defects Liability Inspection

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 365 days of Defects Liability Period has been started from 1st July 2023. • As –built drawings were submitted on 10 September 2023 • O&M training for the infrastructure facilities completed on 10 September 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 quality pH, TSS, DO, BODS, COD, Total N, Turb., P043-, Oil,CaC03 and Grease, Hg, Cd, Pb, Ni, Zn, Cu, Cr (VI), Fe, Cl-, Coliform by every 6 months • Continue Leachate samples: pH, BODS, COD, Turb.,

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) on (IEE/EMP) issued by PONRE/Vientiane Province on 22 December for a period of 21 Dec 2020 to 20 Dec 2021 • ADB No Objection to the BER on 28 December 2020 • The Letter of Acceptance was issued on 12 February 2021 • The Contract was signed on 19 February 2021 • The site possession was given on 24 March 2021 • 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 • ADB No Objection on Contract Variation Order (VO No. 2) on dated 28 December 2023 • 	<p>and heavy metal such as Cd, As, Zn, Cr (VI), Pb, and Cu by every 6months interval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street lighting installation for internal access roads will be installed in Q1 2024.
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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

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 16th 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 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 which was Contract Variation Order No. 1.

The Works for TIIGP2-LAO-W02 Consists of:

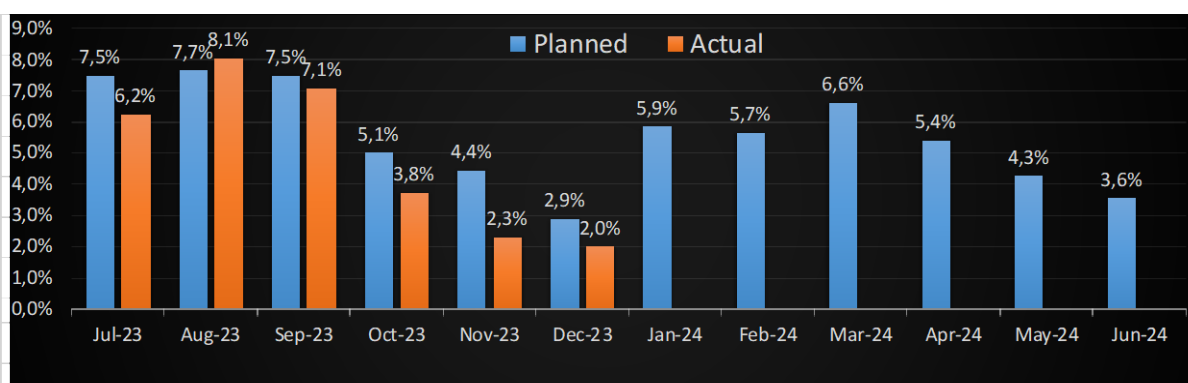
- Construction of a 1,200m² parking area which has a capacity of 4 buses and 34 cars and an overflow parking area, which has a capacity of around 27 cars.
- Improving the existing public marina to safely accommodate 50 to 60 local tour boats and launch small recreational vessels, e.g. kayaks and sailboats;
- 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 overall implementation progress, as of 31st December 2023 was 67.63% against the schedule of 68.51%. The outstanding works of 32.37% is scheduled to be completed within the extended period of 6 months from 1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024.

During this report period of October-December 2023, 8.06% of works progress made against 12.38% 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 construction.

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):

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- 6 - actions fully completed (100% completed)
- 3 – actions partially completed (more than 90%)
- 1 - actions partially completed (more than 70%)
- 4 – actions significantly delayed – Not completed (less than 50% or below progress)

Progress Status of 14-Priority Action Plans as of December 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	Target as of 31 Dec 2023	Progress as of 31 Dec 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%				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	100.00%	93.86%	Delay	Total Length= 4,967m, Completed= 4,662m=> Remaining= 305m
3	1.3	Sub-base Materials Mixing -Soil 60% -Gravel 40%	Start: 4-June-2022 End: 15-November-2022	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	100.00%	92.00%	Delay	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%				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	100.00%	100.00%	Done	
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			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	100.00%	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			Done	Cut Slope Protection 275m (behind Shop House) Completed = 100% and Fill Slope Protection 320 m (Namngum Riverside) Completed= 100%
10	3.2	Step Landscape	Start: 18-June-2022 End: 18-February-2023	28.00%	Start: 1-February-2024 End: 1-March-2024				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	81.25%	75.00%	Delay	
12	3.4	Public Plaza	Start: 15-June-2022 End: 15-February-2023	38.00%	Start: 1-November-2023 End: 1-March-2024	62.80%	38.00%	Delay	
13	3.5	Shophouse	Start: 1-August-2022 End: 1-May-2023	17.00%	Start: 1-November-2023 End: 1-May-2024	48.14%	30.00%	Delay	
14	3.6	Internal Road	Start: 1-December-2022 End: 30-June-2023	53.00%	Start: 1-March-2024 End: 31-May-2024				

Development of Variation Order No.2:

This contract, valued at USD \$4,669,065.14, was awarded to Khamfong Group Sole Company Limited on April 20, 2021. Work began on July 1, 2021, with a 731-day performance period, initially aiming for completion by June 30, 2023. However, due to delayed Marina site access, granted on February 28, 2022, and disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the completion date has been extended to June 30, 2024.

The original detailed engineering design (DED) for the contract, completed in 2020, encountered delays, with civil works only starting in July 2021. Marina rehabilitation was further postponed because the DED didn't fully address resettlement issues, necessitating a Revised Resettlement Plan by April 2022. When work at the Marina began in May 2022, unforeseen soil discrepancies emerged, especially during kitchen expansions. This highlighted the DED's shortcomings in ensuring slope stability, leading to necessary site modifications. Additionally, unresolved resettlement issues demanded design changes per the Revised Plan. This led to significant adjustments in various bills, including extensions in Bill No. 1, slope modifications in Bill No. 2, extra costs in Bill No. 3, and increased road improvement expenses in Bill No. 4. Key variations include:

- Resettlement Issues: Expansion of kitchen facilities in shophouses disturbed the soil balance, increasing erosion risks. This necessitated replacing the original riprap design with a more robust Maccaferri Gabion Terramesh solution, incurring additional costs.
- Groundwater Movement Challenges: Unexpected groundwater movement and rock weathering required enhanced erosion control measures for slope protection, particularly along the access road. This involved adopting more advanced techniques than initially planned, leading to higher project costs.
- Missing Contract Items: Certain items, omitted from the original bill of quantities, were later included through a Variation Order.
- Sub-standard Retaining Wall: Initial assessments overestimated the existing retaining wall's structural integrity. The discovery of sub-standard reinforcement led to the adoption of a gabion terramesh system for soil stability, resulting in extra costs.

The Variation Order No.2 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, and (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 total contract amount will increase by \$661,734.14 (14.17% of the original contract amount), from \$4,669,065.14 to \$5,330,799.28.

The summary of Variation Order is as follow:

Bill No.	Original Contract, USD	Revised Contract, as per VO-2, USD	Difference, USD
Bill No. 1: General Provisions	158,560.00	170.660,000	12.100,000
Bill No. 2: Landscape Marina	959,903.28	1.871.383,110	911.479,830
Bill No. 3: Building Marina	819,067.15	953.446,720	134.379,570
Bill No. 4: Road Improvement	2,173,320.43	2.257.555,640	84.235,210
Bill No. 5: Pipe Culverts	124,418.68	53.418,680	(71.000,000)
Bill No. 6: Dayworks Provisional Sum	9,335.13	9.335,130	-
Sub-Total (Bill No. 1 to Bill No. 6)	4,244,604.67	5.315.799,28	1.071.194,61
Contingencies 10%	424,460.47	15.000,00	(409.460,47)
Total of Contractor's Bill with Contingency	4,669,065.14	5.330.799,28	661.734,14

The project received ADB No Objection on Contract Variation Order (VO No. 2) on dated 22 December 2023 while the Contract Variation Order No. 2 (CVO-2) Agreement was signed by the parties on dated 25 December 2023

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

Contract package	ADB Findings	Results as of 31 December 2023
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 complete the construction works	<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%) • Progress in Oct 3.75% (Target 5.1%) • Progress in Nov 2.30% (Target 4.4%) • Progress in Dec 2.01% (Target 2.89%) <p>• Result: Satisfactory for Aug, Sep & Dec 2023 and un-satisfactory for Oct & Nov 2023</p>
	(ii) meet at least 90% of planned equipment, manpower, materials,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manpower – 63%, Equipment - 69%, Material – 89% in Aug • Manpower – 60%, Equipment - 74%, Material – 96% in Sep • Manpower – 55%, Equipment - 77%, Material – 79% in Oct • Manpower – 60%, Equipment - 77%, Material – 91% in Nov • Manpower – 55%, Equipment - 75%, Material – 52% in Dec <p>• Result: Satisfactory (the contractor selected equipment intensive during the rainy seasons) for Aug & Sep 2023. Unsatisfactory for Oct & Nov 2023 as Works was labour incentive</p>
	(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 • 3 Not completed as wet condition in the field (new target to complete in December) <p>• Result: Refer Safeguard Report</p>

The Contractor was heavily behind of progress during this quarter (progress 8.06%, planned 12.38%). The deployment of manpower, equipment and material did not meet the least 90% of planned equipment and manpower due to lack of labour force & material availability at the site. As a whole, we rated the performance of the Contractor for the month of August and September is satisfactory but for the month of October & November & December is unsatisfactory.

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 Q4 2023 (October – December 2023)

Item	Description	Unit	Rate (USD)	October - December 2023		
				Quantity	Amount (USD)	Progress
Bill No. 1: General Provisions					6.790,00	
102-1	Maintenance of Road, Bridges and Culvert	month	410,00	3,00	1.230,00	
102-3	Maintenance of Traffic	month	200,00	2,00	400,00	
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					439.218,48	
203-1	Common Excavation	Metre Cube	1,35		-	
203-2	Rock Excavation	Metre Cube	10,50		-	
601-3	Cut Slope Protection at Marina (Terramesh System behind Shophouses)	LS	211.275,13	0,54	113.770,05	
601-4	Fill slope protection at Marina AL-2	LS	354.321,02	0,40	141.953,87	
601-5	Fill slope protection road to circular pavilion at Marina AL-3	LS	295.768,12	0,21	62.994,23	
601-6	Fill slope protection at Marina & Access Road Connection AL-1, AL-5 (Public Road) & AL-6 (Diversion Road)	LS	54.929,28	0,26	14.084,17	
707	OverFlow Parking	LS	20.073,90		1.385,73	
708	Contractor Re-install Retaining Wall behind (27Car+4 Bus) 60m with 8m high	LS	71.467,88	0,68	48.870,62	
701-4	Stair ST04	LS	34.048,52	0,08	2.820,00	
802E3	SEPTIC TANKS (Capacity of 19.2 m3/day) for Public Plaza and Public toilet (2 units)	LS	24.064,82	0,86	20.682,79	
704-2	Water Treatment Tank	LS	45.727,85	0,71	32.657,02	
Bill No. 3: Building Marina					87.834,30	
802B	Shop house type A	LS	195.091,48	0,13	25.060,51	
802B	Shop house type B	LS	166.156,40	0,11	18.534,38	
802B	Shop house type C	LS	134.035,31	0,11	14.410,71	
802B	Shop house type D	LS	63.621,81	0,05	3.313,00	
803	PUBLIC PLAZA	LS	137.604,65	0,19	26.515,70	
Bill No. 4: Road Improvement					86.778,00	
404-4	Stone Masonry (Replac construction by reinforced concrete U-ditch)	Metre Cube	36,00	1.747,39	62.906,00	
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	666,67	2.500,00	
Total Executed Amout					620.620,78	11,64%

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 including the internal adjustments of quantities.

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 31st December 2023, was 64.78% against the revised schedule of 66.22%. During this reporting period of October to December 2023, 5.35% of works progress made against 7.74% 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 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) pre-stressing and grouting of I-girders of Nam Xong bridge; (xvii) installation of I-girders for span 3 from Pier P2 to Abutment A2 including steel bar arrangements and concrete pouring for deck slab,(xviii) launching and deck slab for span 2 from Pier P1 to P2 of Nam Xong bridge construction.

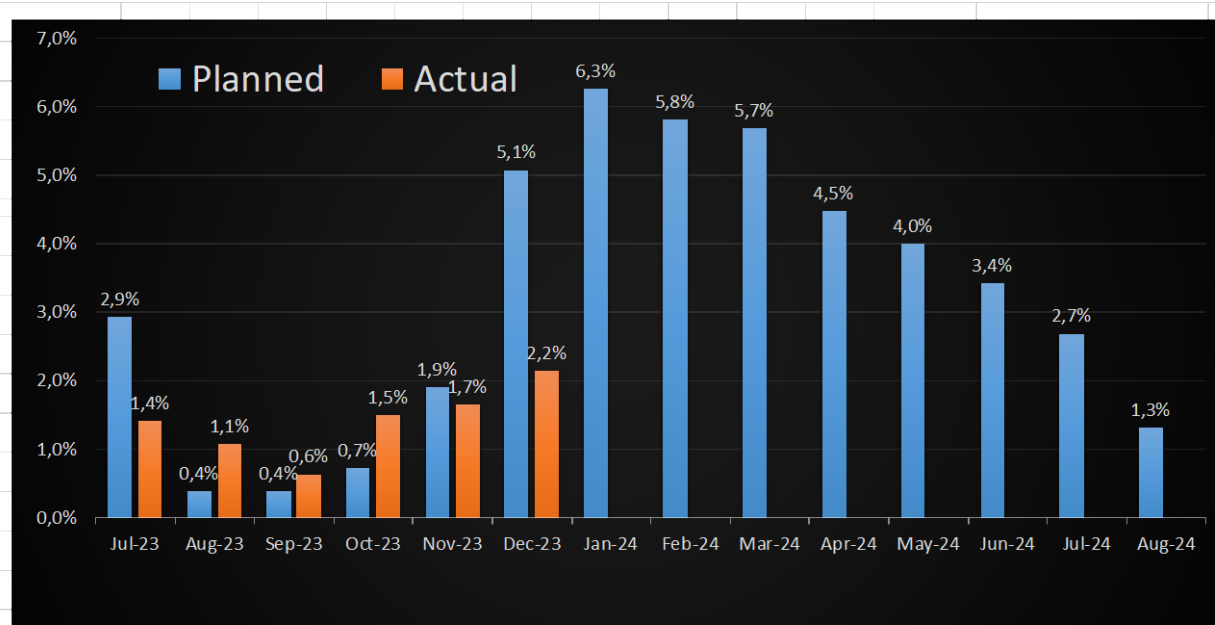
The progress status is summarized for 11-priority action plans (agreed in June 2022):

- 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:

- Physical progress is 64.78% (Target 66.22%) from S-curve
 - o Kaeng Yui: 63.30%
 - o Western Loop: 66.62%
 - o NamXong Bridge: 74.29%
- 5.7 Km concrete road surface completed out of 6.0 km for Kaeng Yui Access Road (95.0% completed).
- 26.6 Km Access Road Preparation in Progress (earthwork & subbase 98.0%, base course 77.50%, DBST 1st layer 53.82% completed).
- Kaeng Yui Landscape (buildings 66.50% and landscape 39.62% completed)
- 80 m RCC Nam Xong Bridge in progress (74.29% completed)
- Pre-stressed Concrete I-Girders out of 15 (15 girders/100% completed)
- Girder installation 100% completed (3-span out of 3 spans installed)
- All Integrity & Sonic tests, Static & Dynamic tests 100% completed
- CEMP revision completed
- Prepared a health and safety handbook and Emergency contact of project site
- Conducted construction toolbox meeting regularly by the 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 were being implemented

Actual Progress VS Planned



Progress status of 11-priority action plans, as of 31 December 2023

11 Priority Action List agreed in the Management Meeting No. 08 dated 5th May 2022				Target as of 31 st December 2023	Actual Progress as of 31 st December 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: 96.10% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total 77 locations Completed 74 locations 	Completed (95%)
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: 96.0% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total 26.0 km Completed 25.0 km 	Completed (98.0%)
7	Base Course Construction - WL	Contractor	Start: 15 May 2022 to 10 April 2023	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western Loop: 77.48% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total 26 km Completed 24.0 km of 1st layer, 100 mm THK & 16.30 km of 2nd layer, 100 mm THK. 	Uncompleted (22.52%)
8	Pavement Concrete - KY	Contractor	Start: 25 May 2022 to 31 December 2022	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kaeng Yui: 95.0% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total 6.0 km = 36,000 m² Completed 5.7 km full width W=6.0 m 	Completed (95.0%)
9	Landscape - KY	Contractor	Continue: 5 May 2022 to 30 August 2023	Landscape: 100% Building: 100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landscape Work: 39.62% Building Work: 66.50% 	Uncompleted (46.94%)
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 Q4 2023 (October – December 2023)

Item	Description	Unit	Rate (USD)	October 2023 to December 2023		
				Quantity	Amount (USD)	Progress
BILL No. 01 GENERAL PROVISIONS					1,650.00	
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	
BILL No. 1: LANDSCAPE FOR KAENG YUI					14,619.58	
621-1-1	Site area: W13xL12m Layout and Setting	Metre Square	19,13	156,00	2,983,50	
621-1-2	Clear, Excavation, Fill Land and Compact the area	LS	765,00	1,00	765,00	
621-4-5	Lean concrete (7Cm Thick)	Metre Cube	72,68	0,90	65,41	
621-4-6	Concrete for Structure (25 Mpa)	Metre Cube	179,78	13,80	2,480,90	
621-4-10	Steel reinforcement	Tonne	726,75	8,76	6,362,70	
621-5-5	Lean concrete (7Cm Thick)	Metre Cube	72,68	0,95	69,04	
621-5-6	Concrete for Structure (25 Mpa)	Metre Cube	179,78	10,53	1,893,03	
BILL No. 2: BUILDING FOR KAENG YUI					12,422,72	
701 A.2.1	Wood imitation ceramic tile	Square Metre	16,83	134,32	2,260,61	
703 A.1.1	Clay brick masonry wall 100mm thick, with water repellent coating	Square Metre	7,27	37,00	268,87	
703 A.2.2	Wood panel with wood door frame (2050x300mm)	Set	197,37	8,00	1,578,96	
703-A.2.3	Wood panel with wood window frame (1300x1300mm)	Set	141,53	4,00	566,10	
703-A.3.1	Wood imitation on ceramic tiles	Square Metre	16,83	149,22	2,511,37	
703 P.3.1	LAVATORY, (LAV)	Set	218,03	4,00	872,10	
705 A.1.1	Clay brick masonry wall 100mm thick, with water repellent coating	Square Metre	7,27	138,12	1,003,79	
705 A.1.2	Ventilation brick wall	Square Metre	7,27	25,88	188,08	
705-A.4.1	Supply and install flat roof	Square Metre	26,78	118,50	3,172,84	
BILL No. 3: ROAD IMPROVEMENT FOR KAENG YUI					34,520,25	
313-1	Sand Layer	Metre Cube	6,50	153,00	994,88	
314-2	Reinforced Concrete Pavement, 160 mm thick (Class 30Mpa)	Metre Square	19,35	1,530,00	29,612,39	
607-4	Precast Concrete Kerb	Metre	12,62	310,00	3,912,98	
BILL No. 4: ALL CULVERTS FOR KAENG YUI					17,068,07	
202-1	Removal of Structures (Existing culvert, headwall)	Metre Cube	19,60	53,95	1,057,42	
202-7	Removal of Concrete Pipe Culverts, 600mm - 1000mm	Metre	6,55	24,00	157,20	
207-1	Structural Excavation (Common)	Metre Cube	2,91	435,00	1,264,55	
402-8	Reinforcing Steel in Headwalls, Wing walls and Aprons	Tonne	726,75	4,80	3,488,40	
507-1	Concrete Grade 15 (for minor unreinforced concrete works)	Metre Cube	95,00	28,00	2,660,00	
507-4	Concrete Grade 30 (for Headwall, Apron, Encasing etc.)	Metre Cube	150,00	56,27	8,440,50	
BILL No. 5: BRIDGE REPAIR FOR KAENG YUI					81,387,78	
202-1	Removal of existing Steel Bridge, Steel Column, Steel Beam, abutments and other accessories including clearance of bush and vegetation from the proposed location etc. all complete	LS	2500,00	1,00	2,500,00	
203-4	Backfilling with rock (supply and compaction of stone (size 40mmx60mm) mix with sand for bedding and aprons)	Metre Cube	33,15	33,00	1,093,94	
207 STRUCTURAL EXCAVATION						
207-1	Structural Excavation (Common)	Metre Cube	2,91	218,00	633,73	
404-1	Concrete Grade 30MPa for all Structural Concrete, Cut-off Walls, Aprons, Returned Walls, Wing Walls, Head Walls, Side Walls, Mid Wall, Top & Bottom Slab, Kerb Slab etc.	Metre Cube	224,55	112,17	25,187,37	
404-2	Reinforcing Steel in Cut-off Walls, Aprons, Returned Walls, Wing Walls, Head Walls, Side Walls, Mid Walls, Top & Bottom Slab, Kerb Slab etc.	Tonne	1154,81	9,73	11,234,72	
202-1	Removal of existing Steel Bridge, Steel Column, Steel Beam, abutments and other accessories including clearance of bush and vegetation from the proposed location etc. all complete	LS	2500,00	1,00	2,500,00	
203 ROADWAY EXCAVATION						
203-4	Backfilling with rock (supply and compaction of stone (size 40mmx60mm) mix with sand for bedding and aprons)	Metre Cube	33,15	33,00	1,093,94	
207-1	Structural Excavation (Common)	Metre Cube	2,91	220,00	639,54	
404-1	Concrete Grade 30MPa for all Structural Concrete, Cut-off Walls, Aprons, Returned Walls, Wing Walls, Head Walls, Side Walls, Mid Wall, Top & Bottom Slab, Kerb Slab etc.	Metre Cube	224,55	112,17	25,187,37	
404-2	Reinforcing Steel in Cut-off Walls, Aprons, Returned Walls, Wing Walls, Head Walls, Side Walls, Mid Walls, Top & Bottom Slab, Kerb Slab etc.	Tonne	1154,81	9,80	11,317,17	
BILL No. 2: BRIDGE REPAIR FOR WESTERN LOOP					405,00	
602-11	Masonry Retaining Wall (grouted)	Metre Cube	8,10	50,00	405,00	
BILL No. 3: ROAD IMPROVEMENT FOR WESTERN LOOP					205,849,74	
301-2	Sub-base Type B	Metre Cube	5,01	753,30	3,776,29	
302-1	Base Course Type A	Metre Cube	12,60	4,193,98	52,844,15	
303-1	Prime Coat (MC-70)	Lit	1,08	40,869,36	44,138,91	
304-1	First Seal Coat (AC-80/100)	Lit	1,08	69,254,64	74,795,01	
304-2	Cover Material (19mm nominal size)	Metre Cube	14,40	485,07	6,985,00	
402-1	Cross Pipe between manholes, 600 mm diameter (Refer Drawing: RAM-LAO-DIED-W03-V3 DR GEN-1022, 1108, 1203, 1403, and 1502)	Metre	75,00	120,00	9,000,00	
404-2	Reinforcement Steel (RCU Drains+Manholes+Cross pipe RCC work)	Tonne	750,00	2,91	2,185,88	
506-1	Steel Reinforcement	Tonne	750,00	1,41	1,057,50	
507 STRUCTURAL CONCRETE						
507-1	Concrete Grade Class 15Mpa (for minor unreinforced concrete work)	Metre Cube	70,00	50,00	3,500,00	
507-4	Concrete Grade 30 (Manhole and RCC Drain)	Metre Cube	110,00	37,70	4,147,00	
602-5	Reinforced Concrete Walls and Slope Protection (Concrete Grade 30MPa, base of Breast wall)	Metre Cube	150,00	19,50	2,925,00	
602-11	Masonry Retaining Wall (grouted, hill side of road)	Metre Cube	9,00	55,00	495,00	
BILL No. 4: ALL CULVERTS FOR WESTERN LOOP					8,057,25	
402-1	Pipe Culvert, 600 mm diameter	Metre	49,73	10,00	497,25	
CAUSEWAY CULVERT -2 CH: S+763						
602-2	Grouted Rip-rap Slope Protection	Metre Cube	30,00	252,00	7,560,00	
BILL No. 5: BRIDGE FOR WESTERN LOOP					67,124,87	
506-1	Steel Reinforcement	Tonne	726,75	24,78	18,008,87	
507-6	Concrete Grade 40 (for diaphragms and decks, wearing mat, filling over footpath, edge beam)	Metre Cube	200,00	167,94	33,588,00	
509-1	Elastomeric Bridge Bearings, Type 400x500x100 CR	Number	250,00	20,00	5,000,00	
510-1	Bridge Railing (Pedestrian railing, crash barrier)	Metre	47,00	224,00	10,528,00	
Total Executed Amount					443,105,26	5,35%

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 31 December 2023
TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements	EA reassesses progress of DBST pavement in November 2023 and confirms if the DBST pavement 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4Km of 1st Layer of DBST completed before rainy season of 2023 (R2 section) • 6Km of 1st Layer of DBST completed in October 2023 (R1+R2) • 4Km of 1st Layer of DBST is completed in Nov 2023 • 3Km of 1st Layer of DBST is completed in Dec 2023
	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
	TIIGP2-LAO-W03: 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 Safeguard Report

The project also noticed good progress in 84m Namxong Bridge and Kaeng Yui Access Road Pavement despite (i) heavy delay to receive Double Bituminous Surface Treatment (DBST) for 26km western loop required to start in dry season and (ii) Kaeng Yui landscape. It is also noted that the quality of Works was satisfactory.

The Contractor was slightly behind of progress during this quarter (progress 5.35%, planned 7.74%). The deployment of manpower, equipment and material did not meet the least 90% of planned equipment and manpower due to lack of labour force, equipment and material availability at the site. As a whole, we rated the performance of the Contractor for the month of August, September, and October is satisfactory but for the month of November & December is unsatisfactory.

The PMCES Resident Engineer and two Supervisors were continuously working on site for supporting/assisting the PIU/UDAA Vang Vieng District in inspecting and supervising all of the ongoing construction works for V2&V3 subprojects. The PMCES supervision team were also following-up the daily implementation progress and addressing the issues as required.

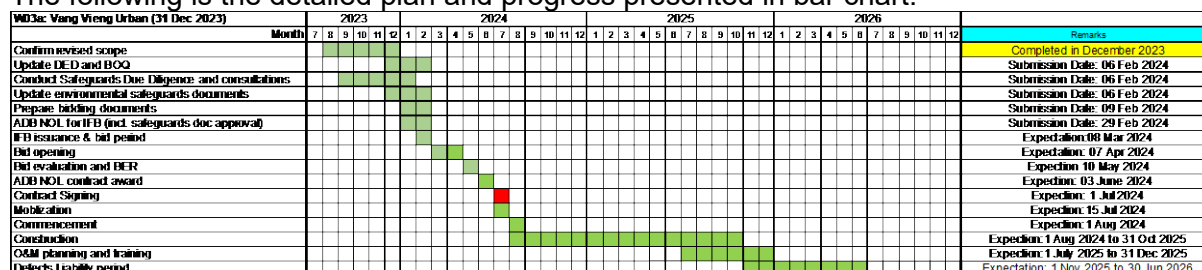
The project was continuously implementing the preventive measures for the COVID -19 in accordance with the Prime Minister’s Office Order No.06/PM regarding COVID-19 regulations. In response, the Contractor was taking safety measures of the COVID-19 Pandemic prevention including detailed specific measures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

TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal

Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a has been on hold pending physical completion of Contracts TIIGP2-LAO-W02 and TIIGP2-LAO-W03 of 50% as recommended by the ADB during the Midterm Review mission in May 2022. This criteria was met in Q2 2023, and rescoping has been taken place in Q3 2023, and DED to reflect revised design, safeguards documents, as well as bidding documents are being prepared aiming for issuance of invitation for bids by Q1 2024, contract award by Q2 2024 and commencement of works by Q3 2024. The expected contract period is 15 months, and so an extension of the project is needed, as the construction period will run beyond the current grant closing date (30 June 2025). The EA is therefore in the processing a request through MOF to ADB to approve a 12-month project extension.

During this quarter, consultations with the local authority have been completed, and rescoping has been reached. The due diligence report for involuntary resettlement, the initial environmental examination, environmental management plan, and the modification of the original DED, which was done in 2020, including the revision of the engineer's estimated price, have been underway.

The following is the detailed plan and progress presented in bar chart:



Status of Stage-2 Works Packages:

Sub-project W02	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements • V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improv	<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 15 August 2019 and 16 September 2019 • Technical Engineering Survey both Topographical and Geotechnical completed on 29 February 2020 • Updated FS cost on 31 March 2020 • DED and BD Submission by PMCES on 28 July 2020 • ADB No Objection to the DED on 14 August 2020 • DED clearance certificates by DPWT/ Vientiane Province on 04 September 2020 • ADB No Objection to the Bidding Document on 16 September 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further update the IEE and EMP based on outcome of design modification by Q1 2024; • Public Consultation regarding DED modification by Q1 2024 • Compensation completion report (CCR) and closure report by Q1 2024 • Second Evaluation of the Contractor's

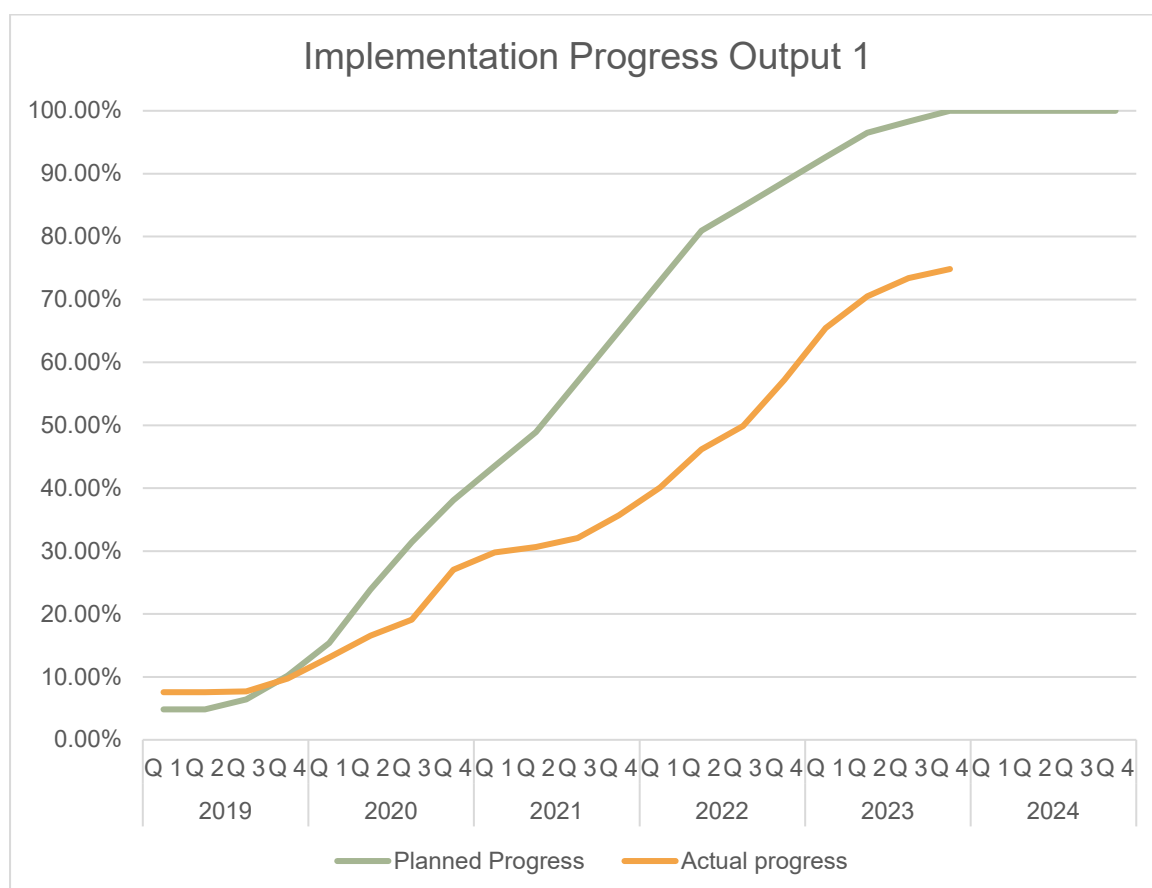
Sub-project W02	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB No Objection subject to condition to the IEE and EMP on 17 September 2020 • IFB issued on 18 September 2020 • ADB No Objection to the RP on 25 September 2020 • Bid opening, on 30 October 2020 • 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 • ADB provided no-objection on 28 June 2023 to the Variation Order No.01 related to the Extension of the Intended Completion Date until 30 June 2024 • ADB No Objection on Contract Variation Order (VO No. 2) on dated 22 December 2023 	<p>performance on 14-priority action plans by Q1 2024</p>

Sub-project W02	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract Variation Order No. 2 (CVO-2) Agreement was signed by the parties on dated 25 December 2023 	

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements, V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary design IEE/EMP drafted RP drafted 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue with approving of Shop-drawings by Q1 2024 Continuation of RC Pipe Culverts installation by Q1 2024 Updated IEE/EMP for ADB endorsement and disclosure on ADB website by Q1 2024 Continuation of DBST by Q1 2024 Continue superstructure of Nam Xong bridge construction by Q1 2024 Compensation completion report (CCR) and closure report by Q1 2024 Second Evaluation of the Contractor's performance on 11-priority action plans by Q1 2024

Sub-project-W03	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site possession was given on 03 September 2021 • 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 Q4 2023 is 74.82% against 100% planned (for Q4 2023). Detailed progress of Output 1 civil works subproject implementation as of 31 December 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 31 December 2023

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	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
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 31 December 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 Q4, 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, the vast majority 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.

An ongoing priority since 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 2024 workplan. 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 attain the DMF targets (refer Annex 3). Progress towards the DMF targets for ASEAN Tourism Standard certification have been updated for Q4 2023 as well as targets re-set for project completion. These are presented in the following tables.

ASEAN Green Hotel Standard Certification Progress Towards DMF Target						
Hotel certifications	DMF Target	Planned				
		Total	LPB	VP	VV	CPS
By project completion	64	74	27	5	14	28
Achieved (incl. Feb 2024 awards)	49	49	22	2	7	18
Remaining	15	25	5	3	7	10

ASEAN Homestay / CBT Standard Certification Progress Towards DMF Target				
Homestay service provider certifications	DFM Target	Planned		
		Total	Homestay	Under CBT
By project completion	90 ⁵	129	45	84
Achieved	43	43	40	3
Remaining	47	86	5	81

ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard Certification Progress Towards DMF Target					
City certifications	DMF Target	Planned			
		Total	LPB	VP	VV

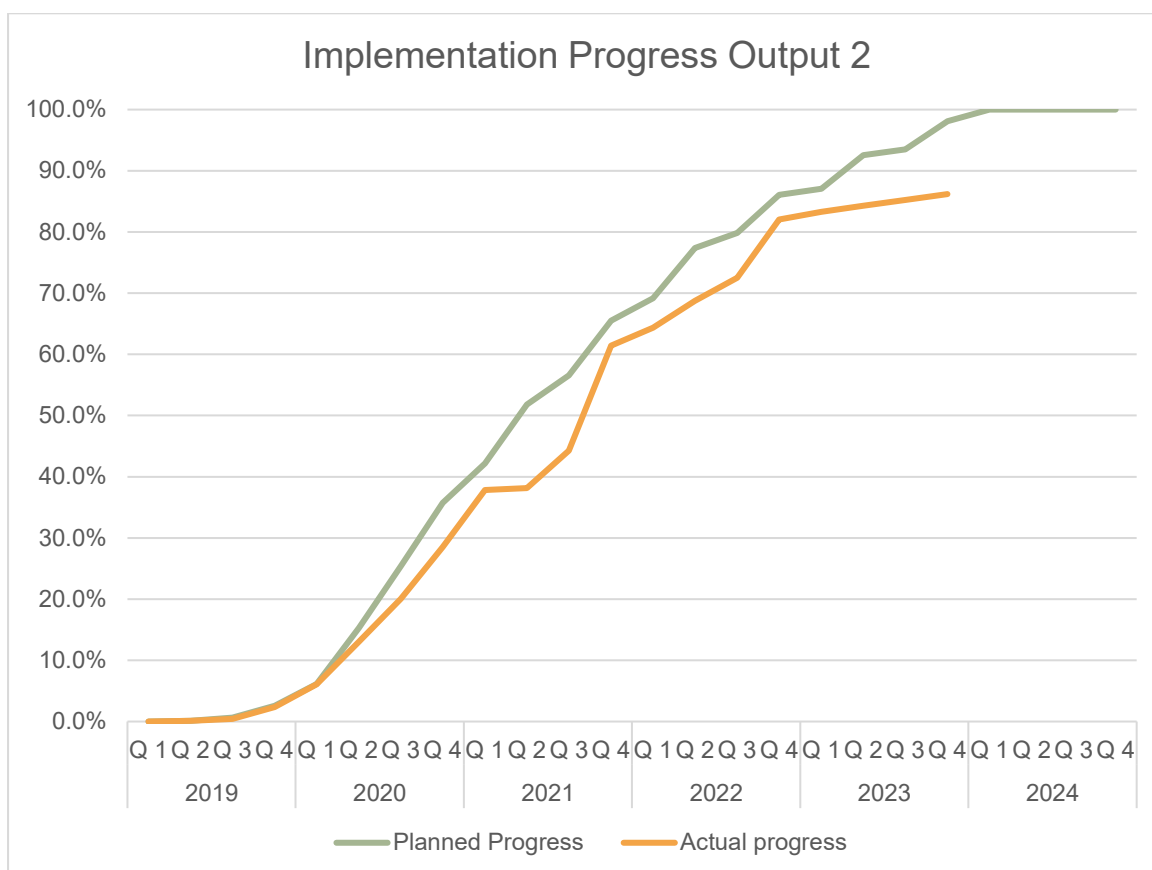
⁵ During a Mission on 22 December 2023, ADB and the EA agreed to revise the Output indicator 2c performance target from 113 to 90 and add footnote to clarify the target includes homestays certified under the ASEAN and adapted National Homestay Standard and ASEAN and adapted National Community Based Tourism Standard.

By project completion	3	6	3	0	1	2
Achieved (incl. Feb 2024 awards)	2	2	1	0	0	1
Remaining	1	4	2	0	1	1

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. Certification of Vang Vieng as a Clean Tourist City is also possible in 2026, provided the preparatory works are undertaken in 2024 and 2025.

Annex 2 includes an overview of certifications for ASEAN Tourism Standards since 2008 (not yet including the Feb 2024 certification, details of which will be added in the next quarterly report). Annex 3 describes eligible project support for ASEAN Tourism Standard implementation.

Overall progress of Output 2 implementation as of Q4 2023 is 86.2% against 98.1% planned. Annex 4 includes a complete overview of Output 2 activities implemented during Q4 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 Q4 of 2023, DMN meetings at National level and project target areas were organized, including in Luang Prabang, Vang Vieng and Champasak province. The purpose was to review 2023 DMN action plan implementation progress and prepare for 2024 action plans. The key topics for discussion were how to use ATF 2024 opportunity to promote Laos tourism and progress of 2024 Visit Laos Year preparation.

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. Since completion of the Vang Vieng tTourism Masterplan update, focus has shifted back to complete the plans for Luang Prabang (integrated with a Tourism Management Plan requested by UNESCO), Nam Ngum and Siphandone. Work is progressing well and is still expected that this work will be completed by end of 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.

During Q4 of 2023, Laos tourism marketing campaign continued to promote Laos on social media platforms to the target markets and promotional videos were produced. Luang Prabang Ultra Trail event was organized, support was provided to businesses at project target areas in preparing to participate ATF TRAVEX 2024. Visit Laos Year 2024 press conferences were organized at national level and project target areas.

Travel Trade Fair Participation Results

No.	Travel Trade Fairs	Number of Businesses from Laos	Name of Businesses from Laos	Number of Meetings
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	40
3	BITE in China, 16 - 18 June 2023	4	1) Laos - China Railway 2) Champamai Travel / Tad Yeuang 3) Green Discovery 4) Namkat & Nam Pien	500
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	200

No.	Travel Trade Fairs	Number of Businesses from Laos	Name of Businesses from Laos	Number of Meetings
			6) Word Wild Travel 7) Land Tour Lao	
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	350
Total		25		1,171

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 Q4 of 2023, Luang Prabang heritage interpretation panel text in English language for 132 panels were completed, and they are being translated into Lao. 44 directional signposts on the 4.000 Islands (Don Det, Don Khone and Don Khong) were installed and English texts for Vientiane province heritage interpretation panels were being prepared.

Heritage Interpretation Key Tasks and Timelines

No.	Project Target Areas	2023	2024			
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1	Luang Prabang Town and Environs					
	Interpretation panels					
	- Develop and finalize contents in English					
	- Translate contents from English to Lao					
	- Produce and install					
2	4.000 Islands (Focus on Don Det, Khone, Khong)					
	Interpretation panels					
	- Develop and finalize contents in English and Lao					
	- Design, produce and install					
	Directional signposts					
	- Don Det, Don Khone and Don Khong					
	- Finalize contents for Cycling Routes					
	- Design, produce and install for Cycling Routes					
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					

No.	Project Target Areas	2023	2024			
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	- 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 Q4 of 2023, SMEs database was developed. To date, 451 entrepreneurs have received support which is 50% more than DMF target (300 entrepreneurs). The database will be completed in Q1 of 2024, number of female entrepreneurs will determined as well as strategies to reach more female entrepreneurs and provide more substantial support to existing entrepreneurs. Trainings were provided for tourism SMEs in the project target areas, including hospitality skills, traditional massage, Chinese food preparation, water-based tourism activity standards, safety, and business ethics.

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 Q4 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 C1: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation and Subproject C2: Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements: The final full version of the O&M manual/plan was delivered to Khong District Administration, and a short version was delivered to Don Det, Khone, Hangkhone and Nakasang village authorities and communities. The dissemination on the O&M manuals were conducted for Khong Authorities and concerned villages and communities. In addition, road O&M training was also conducted for Khong authorities, villages and communities.

Subproject V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements: During Q4 of 2023, public and private sector representatives were invited to visit the Nam Ngum 1 Marina construction site to explore business opportunities and participate in a consultation meeting on site management, operation and maintenance. It was agreed that a Joint Venture company between public and private sector is an optimal option for operating and maintaining the site.

Public and Private Partnership (PPP) facilitation process will start in Q1 of 2024, the Site Management and O&M Plan will be co-written with selected joint venture company, with support from the project's institutional development and tourism specialists.

Subproject V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements. During Q4 of 2023, a second site visit and consultation meeting between public and private sectors were organized to explore business opportunities and discuss O&M options for Kaeng Yui waterfall. It was agreed to have collaboration between community and private sector would be the best approach, and that roles and responsibilities will be defined for a PPP in Q1 of 2024. The Site Management and O&M Plan will be co-written with selected operator with support from the project's institutional development and tourism specialists.

Subproject V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements. Support was provided to the Procurement Advisors regarding the procurement of a bulldozer, including market scoping in Vientiane and supporting the final decision on the preferred supplier. A further meeting was held with GGGI over the potential for a combined approach for organics (composting and biodigester), which is seen favorably by GGGI. A meeting was also held with GGGI's consultants, who are undertaking an assessment of organic waste flows in Vang Vieng. Consultants also attended a workshop run by the WWF, who have received GEF funding to develop a project to reduce plastics and establish plastic smart cities in Laos. Institutional consultants also met with the ADB's advisor, who is looking at how landfills in Laos can be managed. Further work was undertaken on financial analysis of likely operating costs at Vang Vieng landfill, which are estimated to be in the region of \$90,000 based on a BAU scenario. At present, options for cost recovery are limited, although the investment in a biodigester would provide potential revenue streams.

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 V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements: A site visit and meeting were held with local government and the private sector to discuss site management and O&M plan development for Nam Ngum. A number of private sector businesses attended to understand more about the site development and begin the process of identifying options for PPP arrangements, roles and responsibilities. Institutional experts presented the key O&M and management tasks that are required at the site. Facilitation of the PPP process will commence Q1 of 2024, including determination of legal requirement for setting up a joint venture company and cost estimates for maintaining tourist facilities.

Subproject: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements: A site visit and meeting were held with the local government and the private sector to discuss site management and O&M plan development for the whole site. A number of private sector businesses attended to understand more about the site development and begin the process of identifying options for PPP arrangements, roles and responsibilities. Institutional experts presented the key O&M and management tasks that are required at the site. The PPP facilitation process will commence in Q1 of 2024, including preparation of criteria, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and cost estimates for maintaining tourist facilities.

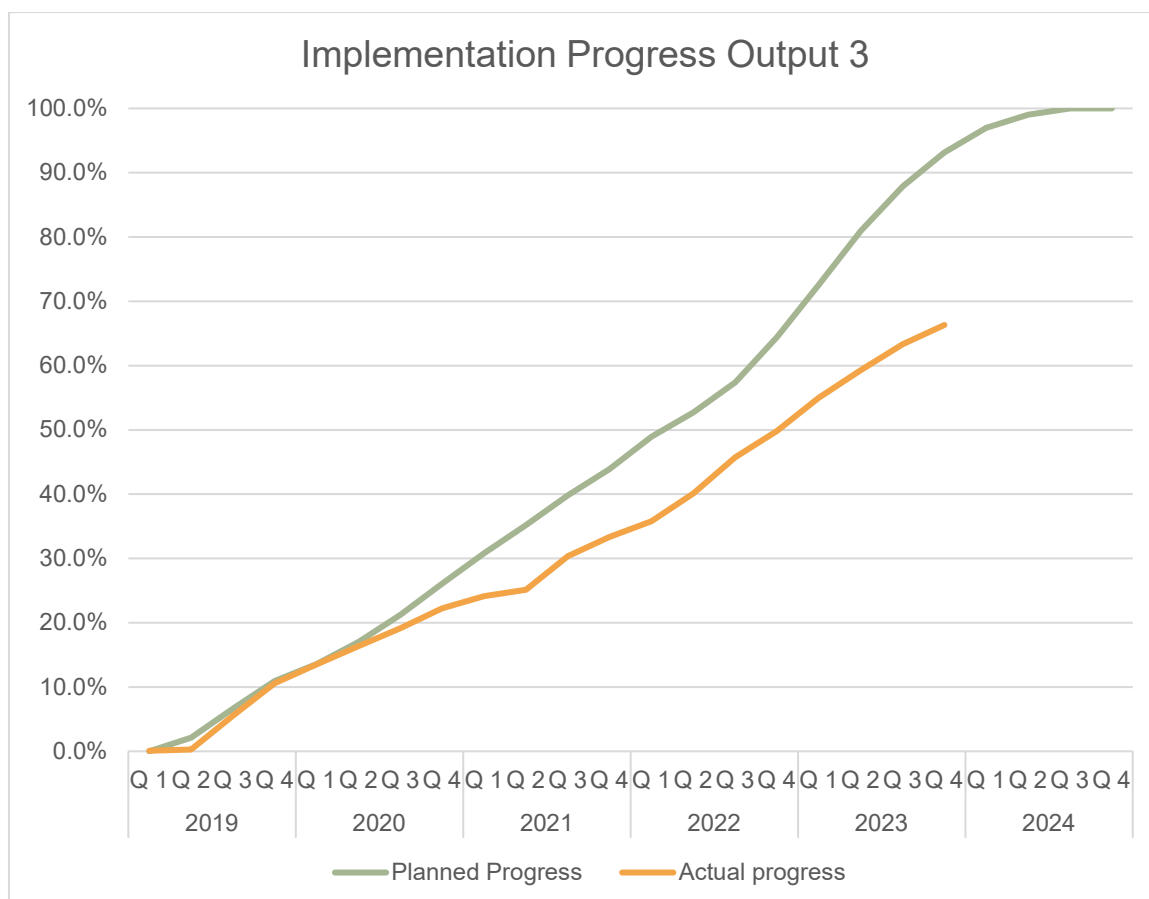
Subproject V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements: The PMCES have been awaiting the outcome of work undertaken by the ADB's PPP consultant before proceeding with arrangements (details have now recently been received). Ongoing meetings have been held with potential private sector providers concerning the potential MRF and biodigester

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: Options for bulldozer training of UDAA staff were explored.

Overall progress of Output 3 implementation as of Q4 2023 is 66.3% against 93.2% planned. Annex 4 includes a complete overview of Output 3 activities implemented during Q4 of 2023. The DMF, in Annex 5, also includes progress updates on Output 3 activities.



Progress towards realizing contributions to ADB Results Framework:

As of 31 December 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.	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. Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements was signed on 26 April 2021

No.	Level 2 Results Framework Indicators (Outputs and Outcomes)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Methods / Comments	Actually planned / realized (Lao PDR)
				<p>in Q2 2021. This package includes 7.3 km of concrete road of which 6.1km 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 5.7 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 Q1 2024. The revised DED based on revised scope includes 3.15km of road improvement (compared to 1.05 in original scope).</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 1.4 km has been fully completed.</p> <p>A total 65.7 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>
	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 flood protection and drainage improvement. The catchment area will be determined and reported in next quarterly report.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal is scheduled to</p>

No.	Level 2 Results Framework Indicators (Outputs and Outcomes)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Methods / Comments	Actually planned / realized (Lao PDR)
				be signed in Q2 2024. The revised DED based on revised scope includes flood protection and drainage improvement. The catchment area will be determined and reported in next quarterly report.
	c) Households with reduced flood risk (number)	5,132		<p>The project will construct flood protection and drainage for a total of 24.5 ha catchment (actual area to be determined)</p> <p>Packages TIIGP2-LAO-W01, TIIGP2-LAO-W03 and TIIGP2-LAO-W03a contain flood management components. Contract TIIGP2-LAO-W01 was awarded on 30 December 2019 and contract TIIGP2-LAO-W03 on 23 July 2021. Contract TIIGP2-LAO-W03a is scheduled to be signed in Q2 2024.</p> <p>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.

Note that at the beginning of project implementation, the DMF from the PAM has been enhanced by separating out the gender output indicators for easy monitoring and reporting and activity timelines updated to reflect the updated implementation plan prepared at that time. This updated implementation plan reflects the latest implementation schedule and revised assigned weights provided by ADB. The plan, with weighted implementation progress as of 31 December is presented in Annex 6.

On 22 December 2023 ADB conducted a mission to discuss and agree with the EA on a minor change to the project's DMF indicators, as follows:

- (i) Timeline for achieving outcome: revise from 2025 to 2026 to reflect the proposed 12-month extension of the grant closing date.
- (ii) Timeline for achieving outputs: revise from 2024 to 2025 to allow time needed to complete the final works package of TIIGP2-W03a This package's procurement will commence in Q1 2024, and construction will be completed in Q4 2025.
- (iii) Output indicator 2b: revise 2017 baseline data from 29 to 24. Therefore, the combined baseline was reduced from 45 to 40.
- (iv) Output indicator 2c: revise the performance target from 113 to 90 and add footnote to clarify definition of homestay providers. Therefore, the combined performance target was reduced from 148 to 125.

ADB is processing the approval of these DMF indicators adjustments. Once approved, the revised DMF will be used to report progress against in the quarterly reports.

Progress as of 31 December 2023 towards DMF targets and activity implementation (using the original DMF with separate gender targets) is presented in Annex 3.

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 31 December 2023, the Project has spent the amount \$12.504 million through the advance account. The amount of \$0.450 million for November-December 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 31 December 2023, the advance account including the PIU subaccounts have a balance of \$1.849 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 (LAR) (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. The draft FS for FY 2023 will be submitted to SAO in January 2024 and due for submission on 30 June 2024

Progress on implementation of the Project Financial Management Action Plan as of 31 December 2023 is presented in Annex 7. Progress on implementing the Time Bound Action Plan on APFS Audit Findings as of 31 December 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-G04	Bulldozer for Vang Vieng Landfill	\$140,000	\$116,630	Shopping	30 October 2023		Inclusive of taxes and duties. Delivery scheduled for Q1 2024.

^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 31 December 2023:

Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services						
Package Number	General Description	Estimated Value ^a	Procurement Method	Advertisement Date	Estimated Contract Award	Comments

^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

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

Recruitment of the following consulting services were ongoing on 31 December 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 Q4 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

	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023
W01	-	-	-
W02	11-Jul	-	21-Dec
W03	26-Oct	5 & 19-Dec	-
W03a	27-Oct	-	19-Sep
W04	18 & 26-Oct	-	20-Dec

Health and Safety Improvements:

During Q4 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	Final compensation batch to be paid Q1 2024
TIIGP2-LAO-W03a	DDR in progress	N/A	Due for submission in Q1 2024.
TIIGP2-LAO-W03	EGDRP Disclosed	Disclosed	Extra compensation due to delay at Kaeng Yui to be paid Q1 2024
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:

The External Monitor mission was carried out early in Q3 and the report was received in Q4. The report indicated that implementation of the CAP has been carried out satisfactorily. There remain two outstanding issues which have an agreed strategy to be resolved. One relates to the allocation of a piece of land for replacement housing which needs some remedial works to reduce flooding. The second is the long-term restoration of businesses in the port area which will require further follow up, but no other urgent issues were highlighted.

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 Q4 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	Completed. The contractor has installed two baffles. One of these shall be removed and it was done. Currently, the discharge wastewater is clearer due to the operation of batching plant is small amount and this wastewater pond is well function.	21 Dec 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	Partly Done The lowest layer has installed as the slope protection by installing big rocks with reshaping toe.	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 21 Dec 2023	The contractor has cleaned up the workshop area	21 Dec 2023
4.	Unmanaged the construction waste onsite "including the old-wooden platform and some sharply waste lay-down on the ground" with unmanaged construction material still observed at Marina site.	-Clean-up the construction waste then disposes to waste disposal area. -To managed the construction in the storage site and ensure the construction material in the shady /cover by roof area.	-	31 Jan 2024
5.	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 already installed	21 Dec 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	Completed in Dec-2022	-

Activity	Progress	Plan
submit these to PMCES for review and approval by 10 October		
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: Consultations have been held in October and December and calculations completed to enable the next phase of compensation. Following these consultations, the unit rates for compensation have been increased due to inflation and this took some time to be approved by the steering committee. This has now been agreed will be paid in Q1 2024

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 ABD 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 Q4 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	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	There is no direction for the stormwater during rainy season and no sediment-laden and turbid stormwater discharge to Nam Lao River, Due to the Earthwork and slope protection at this section is completed	21 Dec 2023
	Traffic safety on Kang Yui Road at km 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	
2	The used-fuel spillage on the ground in the camp where it's made a box convert platform area without any measures onsite.	Ro clean-up with provide the measures as the steel-tray to collected any spillage used-fuel.	-	31 Jan 2024
3	Unsafety working height condition has reduced, due to the bridge construction has completed the main structure and guardrail has been installed. Unsafe working conditions still in concern 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	Working at height has been improved measure by providing the training on how to using the safety belt in Nov 2023	Dec 2023
4	Solid waste dumped and scattered on the ground at the contractor's camp	To regularly clean-up the solid waste and dispose to waste disposal area.	-	5 Feb 2024

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	-
Develop and implement health and safety training on all safety procedures for the personnel and any subcontractors	Completed in Sep-2022	-

Activity	Progress	Plan
Undertake emergency response drill	Completed in Sep-2022 and August 2023	
Update the CEMP	Completed in Dec-2022	-

Social Safeguards: Construction works in Kaeng Yui continue to require the site to be closed to tourists. Village consultations were held to inform then community of plans and to inform them that additional compensation will be paid for loss of income to the community tourism group. This has now been agreed and will be paid in Q1 2024.

On the western loop road, grievances that had been raised due to the additional impacts due to flood relief measures and damage to fencing have been compensated by the contractor and are now resolved.

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

Social Safeguards: This continues to be the main focus for the social safeguards team in this quarter. Extensive consultations have been carried out with the community based on the final scope for the agreed works. The DDR is complete and awaiting formal submission to ADB in order for the bidding process for contract award to start.

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 fifth rounds of environmental quality monitoring (December 2021, July 2022 and March 2023, July 2023 and Dec 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 Dec-2023 sample from the groundwater in PW03 next to cell-2 contained 3.06 mg/L ammonia (decreased from 4.41mg/L on July 2023 and detected 0.07 mg/L on 23/12/2021 and not detected on 30/03/2023). The concentration of faecal coliform was 110 MPN/100 ml (decreased from 170 MPN/100 mL in July 2023 same as in March 2023 and exceeding the standard. The concentration of lead was 0.288 mg/L and decreased from 0.33 mg/L in July 2023 which are 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 Q4 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	Completed 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 04 Dec 2023 showed: Level of BOD of groundwater (PW02,PW03 &BH13) exceeds the 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.	
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	

	Findings	Corrective Actions	Status / Outcome	Due Date
6.	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>The liquid ponded at the southern end of cell-5 shall be pumped to the first leachate treatment pond.</p> <p>The leachate drainage system at the southern part of cell-5 shall be repaired</p>	<p>It's done. There is no stormwater running into cell-no.5 and at the stormwater pond has no stagnant water in the pond.</p>	30 Nov 2023
7.	<p>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</p>	<p>Construct a safe fuel storage facility based on the following design requirements:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Roof over the tank and the loading/unloading apron.</p> <p>No combustible materials (including waste, wood, paper, plastic) shall be present within a distance of 20 m from the border of the facility.</p>	-	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	-
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 <i>(Under preparation; Submitted on [date]; Comments from ADB being addressed; Approved)</i>
Report 1: Jan-Jun 2020	31 July 2020	Submitted on 28 September 2020; approved 18 December 2020
Report 2: Jul-Dec 2020	31 January 2021	Submitted on 16 February 2021; 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	Under preparation
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	7 (8, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 24)	18	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
Resource Person Contract to support PPP for Nam Ngum Marina and Vang Vieng Landfill	\$20,000
Total	\$20,000

Main activities planned for Q1 2024:

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 2023. This contract is under the defect liability period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. The Contractor will be responsible for the maintenance of the road during this period.

The primary focus for Q1 2024 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 by using Geo-cell behind the shophouses and repairing the concrete pavement of road shoulder at Km 1+400 including slope improvement; (v) material testing and approval; (vi) construction of car parking area; (vii) continue the construction of Stairs; (viii) continue the construction of wheelchair ramp No. 2; (ix) continue the construction of water supply treatment plant; (x) update the IEE and EMP based on outcome of design modification and continue with updating CEMP; (xi) update the work program after the VO-02 approval; (xii) 14 priority action plans implementation; and (xiii) reviewing and approval of shop drawings.

For packages of TIIGP2-LAO-W03 focus in Q1 2024 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 and two box culverts construction; (vi) Updated IEE/EMP for ADB endorsement and disclosure on ADB website; (vii) Compensation completion report (CCR) and closure report; (viii) re-bar arrangements and concrete poring for deck slab of Nam Xong bridge; (ix) continue with cast-in-situ U-ditches and installation of U-ditches; (x) construction of DBST for road R1, (xi) construction of base course for road R1, R3&R4 and subbase for roads R3&R4, (xii) Construction of Embankment BR-1 and BR-2; and (xiii) 11-priority action plans implementation

For packages of TIIGP2-LAO-W03a focus in Q1 2024 will be on: (i) preparation of engineering cost estimates; (ii) DED modification; (iii) updating the DDR; (iv) bidding documents revision subject to the rescoping of works; and (v) bidding document approval and processing.

For packages of TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements focus in Q1 2024 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) continue with finishing works of building of MRF, Admin Office Building, Workshop and etc.; (viii) procurement of equipment (Package 1) for landfill improvement; (ix) construction of concrete pavement around the workshop and MRF; and (x) compaction of waste disposal in Cell-5.

Summary of activities planned for Q1 2024 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	Jan – Mar 2024
Updated CEMP	Contractor/KFG	Jan – Mar 2024
Shop Drawings Approval	Contractor/KFG	Jan – Mar 2024
Construction of Landscape Marina	Contractor/KFG	Jan – Mar 2024
Construction of Building Marina	Contractor/KFG	Jan – Mar 2024
Road works	Contractor/KFG	Jan – Mar 2024
Material testing in site LAB	Contractor/KFG	Jan – Mar 2024
Sub-base Construction	Contractor/KFG	Jan – Mar 2024
Concrete Pavement Works	Contractor/KFG	Jan – Mar 2024
14 Priority action plans and updated Work Plan	Contractor/KFG	Jan – Mar 2024
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	Jan – Mar 2024
Compensation payment and closure report	PMCES/PIU/PCU	Jan – Mar 2024
11 Priority action plans and updated Work Programm including Personnel's, Equipment's, Organization and S-curve	Contractor/XCR	Jan – Mar 2024
Continue precasting and prestressing of I-Girders for Nam Xong Bridge	Contractor/XCR	Jan – Mar 2024
Continue Sub-base and Base courses	Contractor/XCR	Jan – Mar 2024

Reinforced concrete pavement for Kaeng Yui Access Road	Contractor/XCR	Jan – Mar 2024
Continuation of RC Pipe Culvert installation	Contractor/XCR	Jan – Mar 2024
Continue construction of building in Kaeng Yui Landscape	Contractor/XCR	Jan – Mar 2024
Shop drawings and approval	Contractor/XCR	Jan – Mar 2024
Continue Base-course pavement	Contractor/XCR	Jan – Mar 2024
DBST Pavement in Western Loop	Contractor/XCR	Jan – Mar 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	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	Jan 2024
Conduct Due Diligence	SS/PMCES/MICT/ADB	Jan 2024
Updated DED and BOQ	PMCES/MICT/ADB	Jan 2024
Prepare IEE/EMP	PMCES/MICT/ADB	Jan 2024
Prepare Bidding Document	/Procurement/PMCES/MICT/ADB	Jan – Feb 2024
ADB NOL IEE/EMP, RP & Bidding Doc	All/MICT/ADB	Feb 2024
IFB	MICT/FMPS	Feb 2024
DED review and modification	PMCES	Q1 2024
Compensation payment and closure report	PMCES/PIU/PCU	TBA
Pre-bid Meeting	MICT/FMPS	TBA
Site Visit	MICT/FMPS	TBA
Bid Opening	MICT/ FMPS	TBA
Bid Evaluation & ADB Approval	MICT/ FMPS	TBA
Contract Award	MICT/ FMPS	Q2 2024
Contract Sign	MICT/ FMPS	Q2 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 development of O&M capacity building program for the Vang Vieng Landfill	PMCES	Jan – Mar 2024
Compensation Completion Report and closure report	PMCES/PIU/PCU	Jan – Mar 2024
Work Program updating and approval	Contractor/CeTeau-PAN JV/PMCES	Jan – Mar 2024
Groundwater Testing & Monitoring	Contractor/CeTeau-PAN JV	Jan – Mar 2024
Waste disposal and compaction in Cell-5	Contractor/CeTeau-PAN JV	Jan – Mar 2024

All Building Facilities	Contractor/CeTeau-PAN JV	Jan – Mar 2024
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 Q1 of 2024 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.

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

In Q1 of 2024, 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 Q1 of 2024 will be on the following:

Subproject C1: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation and Subproject C2: Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements: Ongoing support in O&M delivery, as required.

Subproject V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements. Scope out institutional requirements, including costs of O&M, and develop draft O&M plans. Continue to develop options for PPP arrangements in the management of the site and collaborate with tourism consultant to prepare material for PPP bidding.

Subproject V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements. Progress PPP arrangements for the management of the site, including the utilization of local communities in the workforce and collaborate with tourism consultant to prepare material for PPP bidding.

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. Support the PPP specialist and UDAA in the bidding process for the PPP arrangements. Continue to develop proposals for organic wastes (e.g., composting/biodigester). Conform arrangements for training of UDAA staff, focusing on bulldozer training. Support UDAA in the management of landfill cell 5, following receipt of the new bulldozer. Provide technical training to UDAA staff on landfill management and propose the local authority to revise the waste collecting contract.

Planned disbursements:

For Q1 2024, the following withdrawal applications (WA) are foreseen:

- Replenishment of Advance Account:
 - WA #99 (SOE No/Dec 2023): \$450,783.08
 - WA #xx (SOE Jan/Feb 2024): \$300,000.00 (estimate)
- Direct payments:
 - WA #xx direct payment \$198,000 (estimate) (IPC Package W01, G21291)
 - WA #xx direct payment \$400,000 (estimate) (IPC Package W04 G22778)
 - WA #xx direct payment \$300,000 (estimate) (IPC Package W02 G23079)
 - WA #xx direct payment \$400,000 (estimate) (IPC Package W03 G0001)

12. Issues and Recommendations

- (i) Preparations for a revised Package W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal with reduced scope are being finalized aiming for an issuance of an invitation for bids by Q1 2024.. 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 31 December 2023.

Actions agreed during ADB Review Mission 17 July – 25 August 2023	Due date	Status as of 31 December 2023
1. TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: EA commences the procurement process in Q4 2023	Dec 2023	Delayed – procurement now scheduled to commence Q1 2024 upon completion and approval of revised DED, BoQ, specifications, DDR, IEE/EMP, and Bidding Documents.
2. TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: EA completes verification of DED, IR DDR and updates of IEE/EMP and submit them to ADB	31 Oct 2023	Delayed - IEE/EMP update and DDR based on updated DED will be ready for submission to ADB for review and approval in January 2024, along with updated DED and Bidding Documents.

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	By November 2023 progress was promising. Will be re-assessed by Marh 2024. If the contractor does not start 2nd sealing by then outsourcing of the 2nd layer.
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. Submitted on: 17 October 2023

Approved and Submitted to ADB by:



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 National Project Manager
 Ministry of Culture, Information and
 Tourism

Annex 1: Progress of civil works by subproject as of 31 December 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%) and it is under defects liability period until 3 June 2024. <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 Access Improvements	Keo Oudom District. This subproject will (i) improve the existing public marina at the Nam Ngum Reservoir	TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements: Feasibility studies, preliminary designs, preliminary cost estimates and safeguards documents prepared during project preparation. DED, bill of quantities,

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
	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>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 Variation Order No.1 was time implication to the project due to modification of design and Covid-19 Pandemic. 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 which was Contract Variation Order No. 1.</p> <p>The Variation Order No.2 was cost implication to the project due to modification of design. The total contract amount will increase by \$661,734.14 (14.17% of the original contract amount), from \$4,669,065.14 to \$5,330,799.28. approved by ADB on 22 December 2023.</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 67.63% (Target 68.51%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road Improvement: 95% (6.1 km completed out of 7.3 km) - Landscape Marina works: 60% - Building Marina works: 40% - Roadside drains:80% • Compensation to AHs fully implemented • Work progress is very slow especially marina works and 14 priority action plans are being implemented • Warning letter issued on 17th December 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.	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>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	<p>The contract was awarded on 23rd July 2021 to M/s Xayya Construction and Renovation Sole Company with a contract</p>

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
	<p>across the Song River, with 2.0km feeder road linking the bridge, Western Loop Road and south end of town; and (iii) provide bio-engineered river bank protection and improve the footpath/cycle track between the new bridge and Huay Yae village.</p>	<p>amount of US\$ 8.829,630.77 Inclusive of tax, and contingency of US\$ 802,693.70</p> <p>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 which was the Variation Order No. 1 with internal cost adjustments.</p> <p>The present status of the project is as follows: Physical progress is 64.78% (Target 66.22%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaeng Yui Landscape: 39.62% • NamXong Bridge: 74.29% • Western Loop: 53.84% • Kaeng Yui access road: 95% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaeng Yui Landscape (buildings 66.50% and landscape 39.62% completed) • 80 m RCC Nam Xong Bridge in progress (74.29% completed) • Pre-stressed Concrete I-Girders out of 15 (15 girders/100% completed) • Girder installation 100% completed (3-span out of 3 spans installed) • All Integrity & Sonic tests, Static & Dynamic tests 100% completed • CEMP revision completed • Prepared a health and safety handbook and Emergency contact of project site • Conducted construction toolbox meeting regularly by the 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 were being implemented
Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal		
<p>V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal</p>	<p>Vang Vieng District. The subproject will (i) rehabilitate 4.0 km of footpaths with suitable surfaces, street lighting, seating and soft landscaping; (ii) install traffic calming measures in streets with high concentrations of tourists; (iii) improve traffic management, including one-way traffic flows (1.5 km); and (iv) resurface roads and improve drains in residential areas (1.0 km).</p>	<p>TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal: Feasibility studies, preliminary designs, preliminary cost estimates and safeguards documents prepared during project preparation. Feasibility studies, preliminary designs, preliminary cost estimates and safeguards documents prepared during project preparation. DED, bill of quantities, technical specification, bidding documents, updated safeguards documents were prepared by the PMCES Consultant.</p> <p>The DED was endorsed by ADB in Q3 2020. No activity was carried out in Q4 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</p>

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
		<p>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 Q1 2024 subject to the DED modification and preparation and approval of DDR and updated IEE/EMP.
Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements		
<p>V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements</p>	<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:</p> <p>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>ADB provided No Objection on Contract Variation Order No. 2 (CVO No. 2) on dated 28th December 2023 due to change the quantities of works. The total contract amount increased by</p>

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
		<p>\$109,489.90 (3.47% of the original contract amount), from \$3,156,160.08 to \$3,265,649.98.</p> <p>The present status of the project is as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical progress is 86.49% (Target 97.58%) 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 1.4 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 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\$)	Original Contract Amount (US\$)	Variations (US\$)	Current Contract Amounts incl Variations(US\$)
	(PAM procurement plan, version 0)	(Latest cost estimates for packages not yet awarded)		(Latest cost estimates for packages not yet awarded)
<u>TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements</u>	7,227,529	3,964,308.36	0.00	3,964,308.36
C1. Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation;	3,613,167	(Contracted Cost with Phoukhong Construction Sole Co. Ltd)		
C2. Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements	3,614,362			
<u>TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements</u>	6,142,686	4,669,065.14	661,734.14	5,330,799.28
V1. Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements;	6,142,686	(Contracted Cost with Khamfong Group Sole Company Limited)		
<u>TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements</u>	9,658,377	8,829,630.77	0.00	8,829,630.77
V2. Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements	2,180,747	(Contracted Cost with Xayya Construction and Renovation Sole Co.,Ltd)		
V3. Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements;	7,477,630			
<u>TIIGP2-LAO-W03a Vang Vieng Urban-Renewal</u>	1,015,501	2,200,000	0.00	2,200,000
V4. Vang Vieng Urban Renewal;	1,015,501			
<u>TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements</u>	5,632,000	3,156,160.08	109,489.90	3,265,649.98
V5. Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements	5,632,000	(Contracted cost with CeTeau-Panyathilath Joint Venture)		
Total	29,676,093	22,819,164.35	771,224.04	23,590,388.39

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 4 of 2023 (1 October – 31 December 2023)

Budget Code	Activity	Date	Location	Objective	Implementing Personnel	Participants	Women	Results/ Outcome/ Comments	Budget (Kip/US)
2.8.2.a	Follow up the implementation and prepare assessment workshop on ASEAN Clean Tourist City, ASEAN Sustainable Tourism Awards and Lao PDR Tourist Attractions Classification Standards in Luang Prabang	04 - 07/10/2023	LPB	Follow up the implementation of tourism standards	LPB-PIU	23	9	Completed as plan	9,000,000
2.8.2.a	Build capacity for those who have been awarded ASEAN tourism standards (training on waste separation, composting) for tourism business operators in Luang Prabang, 09 - 11/10/2023	9- 10/10/2023	LPB	To develop, turning the waste into fertilizer and preserve the environment in the LPB City	LPB-PIU	32	16	Tourism business operators upgrade their skills	35,960,000
2.8.2.a	Assess ASEAN Clean Tourist City and ASEAN Sustainable Tourism Awards in Luang Prabang City, 17-20/10/2023	17- 20/10/2023	Pak Ou, Chomphet, LPB	To assess the readiness to propose for awards and identify plan for improvement	LPB-PIU	20	19	Able to assess and identify the support plans/activities	13,240,000
2.8.2.a	Meeting to assess the new targets of CBT and homestay standards in Vang Vieng District	02- 07/10/2023	Ban Nadao, Nathong, Nduang & Nalongkuang	To assess the new targets	National committee & district level	70	25	Completed as plan	17,830,000
2.8.2.a	Awareness workshop on waste disposal for the public sector, business sector, communities and organize cleaning activity to develop Vang Vieng becomes ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard 17/11/2023	17/11/2023	Vang Vieng	To raise awareness on environmental protection	PIU and district authorities	250	138	Completed as plan	17,946,000
2.8.2.a	Final assessment for ASEAN tourism standards in Vientiane province, 03-05/2023	10/05/2023	Keo Oudom, Thoulakhom, VTP	To propose for awards 2024	VTP-PIU	25	12	Completed as plan	17,992,000
2.8.2.a	Follow up the implementation of ASEANCBT and homestay standards for new targets in Vang Vieng, 02-07/10/2023	02- 07/10/2023	Vang Vieng	Follow up the implementation of tourism standards	TDD/PCU	0	0	Completed as plan	17,848,000
2.8.2.a	Assess properties/entities who have been awarded ASEAN tourism standards in Luang Prabang, 04-07/10/2023	04- 07/10/2023	LPB	To propose for awards 2024	TDD/PCU	13	3	Completed as plan	20,626,000
2.8.2.a	Build capacity for those who have been awarded ASEAN tourism standards and new targets in Vientiane province. Keo Oudom and Thoulakhom districts, 13-18/11/2023	18/11/2023	Keo Oudom/ Thoulakhom	To improve their knowledge and services	VTP-PIU	85	42	Completed as plan	35,980,000
3.1.a	Luang Prabang provincial DMN review and planning meeting. LPB City, 20 - 25/10/2023	20 - 25/10/2023	LPB	To report the implementation progress and plan for 2024	LPB-PIU	46	20	Completed as plan	21,599,000

Budget Code	Activity	Date	Location	Objective	Implementing Personnel	Participants	Women	Results/ Outcome/ Comments	Budget (Kip/US)
3.1.a	PCU and representatives of national DMN participate in Champasak provincial DMN meeting to review the workplan of 2023 and plan for 2024, 1-7/10/2023.	1-7/10/2023	CPS-Khong dist.	Consultation meeting on DMN workplan	CPS-PIU	15	6	Completed as plan	8,956,000
3.1.a	Organize Champasak provincial DMN meeting to review the workplan of 2023 and plan for 2024, 6-7/11/2023.	6-7/11/2023	CPS-CPS dist.	Review and planning meeting	PCU.PIU	53	24	Completed as plan	21,340,000
3.1.a	Organize Van Vieng DMN meeting to review the workplan of 2023 and plan for 2024, 11-12/11/2023	11-12/11/2023	Vang Vieng	Review and planning meeting	VV-PIU	75	25	Completed as plan	13,837,000
3.1.a	PCU and the national DMN participate in Champasak provincial DMN meeting to review the workplan of 2023 and plan for 2024 in Pakse, 1-7/10/2023.	1-7/10/2023.	Pakse, CPS	Review and planning meeting	TDD/PCU	10	4	Completed as plan	26,526,000
3.1.a	Directors of Division and technical staff of Tourism Development Department participate in Luang Prabang provincial DMN meeting. LPB province, 20-25/10/2023	20-25/10/2023	LPB	Review and planning meeting; preparation of ATF and visit Lao Year 2024	TDD/PCU	16	5	Completed as plan	35,484,000
3.1.a	Organize internal DMN consultation meeting at tourism sector's building. VTE, 01-02/11/2023	01-02/11/2023	VTE	Review the progress	TDD/PCU	40	18	Completed as plan	3,400,000
3.1.a	Organize national DMN meeting in Vientiane, 03/11/2023	11/03/2023	VTE	Review and planning meeting; preparation of ATF and visit Lao Year 2024	TDD/PCU	60	19	Completed as plan	25,010,000
3.4.1	Public-private sectors consultation meeting to address issues and identify activities for visit Lao Year 2024 and DMN workplan. LPB, 06 - 07/11/2023	06 - 07/11/2023	LPB	To address issues and plan for ATF and visit Lao Year 2024	LPB-PIU	30	16	Completed as plan	21,600,000
3.4.1	Stakeholders meeting to address issues in tourism sector. Champasak district, CPS province, 09-10/11/2023	9-10/11/2023	CPS	To address issues	CPS-PIU	37	13	The issues identified and propose to agencies concerned	20,349,000
3.4.1	Public-private sectors consultation meeting to address issues and follow up/inspect the impact in the project target areas in Vang Vieng, 02-11/11/2023	02-11/11/2023	Vang Vieng	To address issues	VV-OICT	40	15	Completed as plan	19,330,000
3.4.1	Public-private sectors consultation meeting to address issues on the noise and drugs in tourism sector in Vientiane province. Keo Oudom, 13-15/12/2023	15/12/2023	VTP	To address issues	VTP-PIU	30	13	Completed as plan	15,960,000
3.4.2	Provide hospitality training based on housekeeping services for homestay group at Ban Km 40, Paksong district, Champasak province, 17-19/11/2023	17-19/11/2023	Paksong, CPS	To improve quality of service	CPS-PIU, OICT and subcontract	62	30	knowledge upgraded	35,765,000
3.4.2	Workshop on gender action plan in the project target areas. VTP, 15-17/11/ 2023	17/11/2023	VTP	To follow up the implementation progress	VTP-PIU	35	17	Completed as plan	18,000,000

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3.4.3	Field survey and consultation meeting on tourism management regulations for Phathat Phousi and Tham Ting cave. LPB, 2-6/11/2023	2-6/11/2023	LPB	To draft	LPB-PIU	30	14	Information collected	16,917,000
3.4.3	Workshop to review the draft regulations for tourism management of That Phou Si and Tham Ting cave tourist attractions. Luang Prabang, 28/11/2023	28/11/2023	LPB	Tourism management regulations	LPB-PIU	50	35	Regulations reviewed	19,084,000
3.4.3	Workshop to disseminate tourism regulations for 6 villages (Ban Houay Sangao, Ban Vang Vieng, Ban Savang, Ban Phone Pheng, Ban Viin Vang Vieng town. Vang Vieng, 20-22/11/2023	20-22/11/2023	Vang Vieng	To disseminate on tourism management regulations	VV-PIU, district authorities	391	120	Completed as plan	21,590,000
3.4.3	Organize meeting to draft, approve and disseminate the governor's agreement on the management of water tourism activities 25-27/10/2023	27/10/2023	VTP	To disseminate on governor's agreement	VTP-PIU	63	33	Completed as plan	26,606,000
3.4.4	Workshop to review Vang Vieng town tourism masterplan and environs. Vang Vieng, VTP, 16-19/10/2023	16-19/10/2023	Vang Vieng, VTP	To review the plan	TDD/PCU	26	10	Vang Vieng master plan reviewed	35,448,000
3.5.3.1	Exhibition of cultural tourism week for 8 Northwestern provinces and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Luang Prabang, 25-27/10/2023	25 - 27/10/2023	LPB City	To promote tourism and strengthen cooperation with neighboring countries	LPB-PIU	0	0	Completed as plan	49,905,000
3.5.3.1	Support LPB-DMN: to promote tourism activities - traditional festival fire/light boat parade. Luang Prabang, 30/10/2023	30/10/2023	LPB	To promote traditional festival	LPB-PIU	0	0	Completed as plan	66,850,000
3.5.3.1	Participate the Wax Castle Parade in the Fullmoon Festival at Vat That Temple in Champasak district/province, 26-27/11/2023	26-27/11/2023	Champasak district	To promote cultural tourism in the ancient town of Champasak	DICT,OICT& stakeholders	20	10	Traditional festival promoted	17,489,000
3.5.3.1	Support DMN to participate in the 22nd Lao Handicraft Festival in Lao ITEC. Vientiane Capital, 1-12/11/2023	1-12/11/2023	VTE	To promote Made in Lao' souvenir products related tourism	TDD/PCU	4	2	The Made in Laos promoted	38,960,000
3.5.3.2	LPB-PIU: participate in consultation meeting TIIGP 2 Laos and Cambodia Exchange Visit and discussion on tourism products linkage. Champasak Province, 05-09/12/2023	05-09/12/2023	CPS	To exchange lessons learned	LPB-PIU	23	9	Lessons exchanged	14,773,000
3.5.3.2	Support LPB-DMN: Organize press conference to promote Visit Lao Year 2024. Luang Prabang, 18/12/2023	18/12/2023	LPB	To promote visit lao year 2024	LPB-PIU/DICT, Provincial Authorities	300	180	Press conference completed/org anized	60,000,000
3.5.3.2	Organize consultation meeting TIIGP 2 Laos and Cambodia Exchange Visit and discussion on tourism products linkage. Champasak Province, 3-9/12/2023	3-9/12/2023	CPS	To exchange lessons learned	PCU.PIU ຈຳບາສັກ	93	32	Lessons exchanged	125,972,000

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3.5.3.2	Organize press conference to promote Visit Lao Year 2024. Pakse, CPS, 13-14/12/2023	13-14/12/2023	Pakse, CPS	To promote visit lao year 2024	DICT/PIU	65	21	12 tourism activities identified	16,760,000
3.5.3.2	VV-PIU: participate in consultation meeting TIIGP 2 Laos and Cambodia Exchange Visit and discussion on tourism products linkage. Champasak Province, 05-09/12/2023	05-09/12/2023	CPS	To exchange lessons	PIUs	6	4	Completed as plan	30,760,000
3.5.3.2	PCU and tourism department staff to prepare and participate in the cycling activity at Nakasang, Don Det - Don Khone islands and visit Vat Phou, CPS district, 28/10-3/11/2023	28/10-3/11/2023	CPS	To inspect the cycling routes and heritage trails	TDD/PCU	26	10	Completed as plan	71,062,000
3.7.2.a	Organize meeting to review enterpretation text, information for directional and enterpretation signs/panels in Siphandone areas. Champasak province, 28-30/11/2023	28-30/11/2023	Khong dist. CPS	To review the text	PIU, OICT	21	11	Information reviewed	27,354,000
3.7.2.a	Field visit to collect information for tourism enterpretation signs at the Nam Ngum 1 recreation areas/project target areas. Vientiane province, 12-13/10/2023	13/10/2023	Keo Oudom, VTP	Collect information	VTP-PIU	10	4	Information collected	7,022,000
3.8.a	Provide training on traditional massage for small businesses in Luang Prabang City. LPB, 16 - 18/10/2023	16 - 18/10/2023	Manolak hotel, LPB	To improve knowledge and skills	LPB-PIU	30	23	Skills improved	33,440,000
3.8.a	Conduct training on Chinese food preparation /service for small and mediem businesses in Luang Prabang province, 20-22/11/2023	20-22/11/2023	Manolak hotel, LPB	Upgrade skills	LPB-PIU	40	26	Skills improved	26,990,000
3.8.a	Provide hospitality training for hotel, guesthouse and restaurant providers in Don Det-Don Khone, and boat - tourist car service groups in Nakasang, Don Det - Don Khone. Khong, CPS, 8-12/10/2023.	8-12/10/2023	Khong dist. CPS	To improve service quality	PIU, Technical colledge	100	42	Knowledge and skills improved	44,919,000
3.8.a	Provide hospitality training for hotel, guesthouse and restaurant providers in Provide hospitality training for hotel, guesthouse and restaurant providers in Pakse, Champasak, 01-02/11/2023	1-2/11/2023	Pakse City, CPS	To improve service quality	PIU, DICT, subcontract	39	26	Knowledge and skills improved	26,822,000
3.8.a	Provide training on water activity standards, safety and business ethics for long tail boat, kayak, tubbing groups at food garden view point in Vang Vieng. VTP, 10-13/12/2023	10-13/12/2023	Vang Vieng	To upgrade knowledge	VV-OICT	34	15	Knowledge and skills improved	35,970,000
3.10.1	Participate in cosultation meeting to draft O&M plans for Nam Ngum1 recreation areas and Keang Nyui waterfall site. Vang Vieng, VTP, 24-27/12/2023	24-27/12/2023	Vang Vieng, VTP	To draft O&M plans	VV-PIU,OICT, consultants	69	21	Completed as plan	36,000,000
3.10.1	Workshop to draft O&M plans for Nam Ngum1 recreation areas and Keang Nyui waterfall site. Vang Vieng, VTP, 24-27/12/2023	27/12/2023	Keo Oudom, VTP	To brainstorm ideas	VTP-PIU/PCU	35	18	Completed as plan	35,990,000
3.13.1	Training on O&M plan for W01: Nakasang, Don Det - Don Khone, Khong district, Champasak province, 26-29/12/2023	26-29/12/2023	Khong dist. CPS	To raise awareness on O&M to local people	PIU,PCU, consultants	48	12	Knowledge upgraded	53,235,000

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3.8.a	Field survey on tourism activities and tour programmes at Ban Nathong, Vang Vieng district. VTP, 8-12/10/2023	8-12/10/2023	Vang Vieng, VTP	To inspect service quality	TDD/PCU	7	2	Activities and tour programmes identified	14,676,000
4.6.2	Participate in the bidding meeting of equipment to supply the Vang Vieng landfill management office, Vang Vieng district. 26/10/2023	26/10/2023	VTE	To participate in bidding meeting	PCU, PIU	3	1	Completed as plan	2,397,000
4.12.1	Participate in consultation meeting to exchange lessons learned on O&M at the tourism subproject sites between PIUs of TIIGP1 and TIIGP2. Vang Vieng, 19-22/12/2023	19-22/12/2023	Vang Vieng, VTP	To exchange lessons learned	LPB-PIU	45	18	Best practices exchanged	14,060,000
4.12.1	Consultation meeting to exchange lessons learned on O&M at the tourism subproject sites between PIUs of TIIGP1 and TIIGP2. Vang Vieng, 19-22/12/2023	19-22/12/2023	S-Boutique hotel, VV, VTP	To exchange lessons learned	VV-PIU, PCU	49	21	Best practices exchanged	36,000,000
4.12.1	Organize Vang Vieng DMN meeting to review the workplan for 2023 and planning meeting for 2024. Vang Vieng, 11-12/11/2023	11-12/11/2023	Vang Vieng, VTP	To review the implementation progress	VTP-PIU	13	4	Completed as plan	8,996,000
4.12.1	Meeting to monitor/follow up the civil works progress for contract W03 and W04, between project committee and contractor in Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng districts, VTP, 9-10/10/2023	09-10/10/2023	Vang Vieng, VTP	To follow up the progress	TDD/PCU	14	5	The issues identified	9,676,000
4.12.1	Organize public - private consultation meeting to study policies to attract tourists/visitors and to prepare for visit Lao Year 2024. Champasak, 22-26/10/2023	22-26/10/2023	DICT/PIU	To discuss the tourism policies to attract visitors	TDD/PCU	26	10	The strategies identified	35,922,000
4.13.2	Support the implementation of gender action plan together with the national M&E specialist. Luang Prabang province, 16-20/10/2023	6-20/10/2023	LPB	To support gender action plan	LPB-PIU	12	10	Completed as plan	14,400,000
4.13.2	Collect informatoio/data on tourism workers together with gender and tourism specialists. Vientiane province, 05-30/12/2023	05-30/12/2023	LPB	To collect information on tourism workers	LPB-PIU	3	2	Ongoing	26,966,000
4.13.2	Field mission on gender action plan in Paksong with gender specialist. Champasak province, 11-13/10/2023 .	11-13/10/2023	Paksong, CPS	To implement gender action plan	DICT, Gender specialist	34	15	Completed as plan	17,950,000
4.13.2	Collect informatoio/data on tourism workers together with gender specialist. Champasak province, 18-25/12/2023	18-25/12/2023	CPS	To collect information on tourism workers	DICT, Gender specialist	11	6	Ongoing	26,760,000
4.13.2	Field mission on gender action plan in Vang Vieng with gender specialist. VTP, 20-22/11/2023	20-22/11/2023	Vang Vieng	To implement gender action plan	PIU, district authorities	211	120	Completed as plan	17,990,000
4.13.2	Collect informatoio/data on tourism workers together with gender specialist. Vang Vieng district, 05-30/12/2023.	05-30/12/2023.	Vang Vieng	To collect information on tourism workers	PIU, district authorities	187	99	Completed as plan	26,980,000

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4.13.2	Collect informatio/data on tourism workers together with gender specialist. Vientiane province, 05-30/12/2023	30/12/2023	VTP	To collect information on tourism workers	VV-PIU	20	9	Completed as plan	27,000,000
4.13.3	Field mission to follow up the civil works progress with donor in Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng districts, VTP, 04-07/10/2023	04-07/10/2023	Vang Vieng	To follow up the progress	TDD/PCU	4	0	Ongoing	5,800,000
4.13.3	Field mission to follow up the civil works progress with donor in Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng districts, VTP, 04-07/10/2023	04-07/10/2023	Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng districts	To follow up the progress	ທ່ານ ຂັນຕີ ໄຊຖາວອນ	5	2	Ongoing	5,290,000
4.13.4	VTP-PIU participate in consultation meeting and clarify the 3rd compensation payment plan for affected 50 families and resolve outstanding issues for 4 complaint cases and follow up the social safeguards field mission monthly (October) in Keo Oudom district, VTP, 17-18/10/2023	18/10/2023	Keo Oudom, VTP	To compensate AHs and resolve outstanding issues	PIUແຂວງ ວຽງຈັນ	65	35	Completed as plan	3,590,000
4.13.4	PCU/project EA join the consultation meeting and clarify the 3rd compensation payment plan for affected 50 families and resolve outstanding issues for 4 complaint cases and follow up the social safeguards field mission monthly (October) in Keo Oudom district, VTP, 17-18/10/2023	17-18/10/2023	Keo Oudom, VTP	To compensate AHs and resolve outstanding issues	TDD/PCU	6	0	Completed as plan	3,396,000
4.13.4	Consultation meeting on payment of additional impact compensation to the tourism service groups of Na Duang Village, follow up the payment of compensation for the impact during the construction period in Houay Nhae Village, along Western Loop and follow up the social safeguards work at the construction sites. Vang Vieng, 26-27/10/2023	26-27/10/2023	Vang Vieng	Continue the social safeguards work	TDD/PCU	6	0		3,748,000
4.14.1	Mission to Luang Prabang province to audit the implementation of project activities and the financial - accounting system in the last 6 months, 29/10 - 1/11/2023	29/10 -01-11/2023	LPB	To audit the financial - accounting system	PCU, LPB-PIU	21	10	Completed as plan	8,980,000
4.14.1	Mission to Champasak province to audit the implementation of project activities and the financial - accounting system in the last 6 months, 17-20/10/2023	17-20/10/2023	Pakse, CPS	To audit the financial - accounting system	PCU, CPS-PIU	12	7	Completed as plan	8,540,000
4.14.1	Mission to Vang Vieng district to audit the implementation of project activities and the financial - accounting system in the last 6 months, 04-07/10/2023	04-07/10/2023	Vang Vieng	To audit the financial - accounting system	PCU, VV-PIU	28	14	Completed as plan	8,970,000
4.14.1	Mission to Vientiane province to audit the implementation of project activities and the financial - accounting system in the last 6 months, 11-13/10/2023	13/10/2023	VTP	To audit the financial - accounting system	PCU, VTP-PIU	10	6	Completed as plan	8,902,000

Annex 5: Progress towards DMF targets and activity implementation as of 31 December 2023

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline (Lao PDR)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 31 December 2023 (Lao PDR)
Outcome: Tourism competitiveness of secondary towns in Cambodia and the Lao PDR increased	By 2026 ⁶			
	e. Cambodia and the Lao PDR's share of ASEAN international visitor arrivals increased (2016 baseline) ⁷	3.7%	3.8%	2017: 3.1% 2018: 3.1% 2019: 3.3% 2020: 3.4% 2021: 0% 2022: 3.0% 2023: Data not yet available
	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 2023: Data not yet available
	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 2023: Data not yet available
	h. Women comprise at least 55% of tourism workers in project areas (2016 baseline)	50%	55%	As of December 2023, female workers account for 58% of the total workforce in Lao PDR's tourism and hospitality sector. ⁸ Champasak Province: 61.8% Vientiane Province: 67.4% Luang Prabang Province: 49.5% Aggregate for the three target provinces: 58.3%

⁶ Year by which outcome target to be achieved changed from 2025 to 2026 per Aide-Mémoire of ADB Mission on 22 December 2023.

⁷ ASEANStatsDataPortal, <https://data.aseanstats.org/visitors>

⁸ Tourism sector survey, conducted by 4 PIUs in December 2023.

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline (Lao PDR)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Weight (%)	Achievement as of 31 December 2023 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 31 December 2023 (Lao PDR)
Outputs	By 2025 ⁹ :					
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%	35.04 km	<p>1 out of 4 awarded packages completed, 1 are on-track, 2 delayed.</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 67.63%. So far, 6.1km 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 64.78%. So far, 5.7km 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 3.15 km of road improvement. The civil works have not yet commenced.</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 86.49%. So far, 1.53km road is fully completed.</p> <p>A total 65.70 km road will be improved under these 5 Works packages. 35.03 km of Access Road has been completed (approx. 56.0% of target)</p>

⁹ Year by which output targets to be achieved changed from 2024 to 2025 per Aide-Mémoire of ADB Mission on 22 December 2023.

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline (Lao PDR)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Weight (%)	Achievement as of 31 December 2023 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 31 December 2023 (Lao PDR)
	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 67.63%.</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 86.49%.</p> <p>This package includes 20m3/day septage sludge treatment facility.</p>
	1d. Flood protection and drainage constructed for 25-hectare catchment (2017 baseline)	0 ha	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>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 flood protection and drainage improvement. The catchment area will be determined and reported in next quarterly report.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal is scheduled to be signed in Q2 2024. The revised DED based on revised scope includes flood protection and drainage improvement. The catchment area will be determined and reported in next quarterly report.</p> <p>The project will construct flood protection and drainage for a total of XX.X ha catchment. (will be determined and reported in next quarterly report)</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 31 December 2023 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 31 December 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 31 December 2023 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 31 December 2023 (Lao PDR)																																	
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¹¹ Target reduced from 113 to 90 and now includes homestays certified under the ASEAN and adapted National Homestay Standard and ASEAN and adapted National Community Based Tourism Standard, per Aide-Mémoire of ADB Mission on 22 December 2023.

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline (Lao PDR)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Weight (%)	Achievement as of 31 December 2023 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 31 December 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 ongoing civil works contracts (W02, W03, W04) is ongoing for W01 completed. A O&M plan for W03a will also be prepared once this subproject in being 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, 6,096 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 31 December 2023 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 31 December 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 6,096 residents and tourism workers who have participated in destination management training and awareness-raising activities, 2,789 (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: 451 entrepreneurs 2023: TBC	<p>On track</p> <p>SME needs assessments and SME development plan 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 has commenced in Q3 2023.</p> <p>An SME database has been developed and populated with 2019-2022 data on SMEs supported by the project prior to having a formal SME development plan. SMEs that received support in 2023 and who will receive support in 2024-5 are being added. 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%	TBC	<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>
	3e. 2 internet-based tourism knowledge repositories developed (2017 baseline)	0	1	2%	1	<p>On track</p> <p>Internet-based tourism repository developed and the project continues to upload the information. DMN website https://www.laos-dmn.com.</p>

Key Activities with Milestones ¹²	Progress as of 31 December 2023
1. Urban-rural access infrastructure and environmental services improved	
1.1 Prepare civil works design and bidding documents: Q2 2018–Q1 2024	<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. Revised DED based on revised scope for this package and bidding documents will be completed in Q1 2024. • Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements (subproject V5): Detailed design and bidding documents completed in September 2020, DPWT/Vientiane province provided clearance of DED in November 2020.
1.2 Safeguards document approval: Q4 2018–Q1 2024	<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): Updated IEE/EMP and Due Diligence Report based on revised design reflecting revised scope for this package will be completed and submitted in Q1 2024. • 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.

¹² Targeted completion dates adjusted per Aide-Mémoire of ADB Mission on 22 December 2023.

Key Activities with Milestones ¹²	Progress as of 31 December 2023
1.3 Complete land acquisition and resettlement: Q4 2023	<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–Q2 2024	<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.
1.5 Civil works construction, supervision, and supply equipment: Q1 2019–Q4 2025	<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 2023	<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.

Key Activities with Milestones ¹²		Progress as of 31 December 2023
2.3	Train standards assessors (e.g. Green Hotel, Homestay, Clean City, etc.): Q3 2019–Q4 2023	<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–Q2 2025	<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 carried out in Q4 2023 and continuing into 2024. • Launch of the Lao ASEAN Tourism Standards website on 15 September 2023.
2.5.1	Prepare implementation plans for ASEAN Tourism Standards: Q4 2019–Q2 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed, except for Vang Vieng Clean Tourist City where the plan will be improved and finalized in Q1 2024.
2.5.2.1	Standards inspection and certification: Q4 2019–Q2 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessments for (re-)certification 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–Q2 2025	<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 improved in Q1, 2024
3. Institutional capacity for tourism destination management and infrastructure O&M strengthened		
3.1	Establish and strengthen destination management networks: Q2 2019–Q4 2024	<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–Q1 2021	<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–Q4 2024	<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 Q2 2024. Tourism masterplan update for Vang Vieng completed in Q3 2023.

Key Activities with Milestones ¹²	Progress as of 31 December 2023
3.4 Support destination marketing and promotion: Q1 2020-Q1 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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-Q2 2025	<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 and Siphandone has started. Preparation of detailed implementation plans for Vang Vieng and Nam Ngum ongoing.
3.6 Design and implement SME training Q2 2020-Q2 2025	<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 SME development plan has started.
3.7 Establish and maintain Internet-based tourism knowledge repositories: Q1 2020-Q4 2025	<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 2025	<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-Q2 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPP planning ongoing for Vang Vieng landfill operation, nam Ngum Marina operation, and Keng Yui Waterfall operation.
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

Key Activities with Milestones ¹²	Progress as of 31 December 2023
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.

Annex 6: Weighted implementation table with progress as of 31 December 2023

		<i>incompleted activities</i>																<i>completed activities (all in past)</i>																			
		1 future, orig. plan				2 past, orig. plan (not done)				3 past, actual, orig. plan				4 past, actual, unplanned				5 future, latest plan				6 past, actual, orig. plan				7 past, actual, unplanned											
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 1: Last-mile tourism access infrastructure improved																																				
	TIIGP2-LAO-W01 Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements																																			11.48%	11.48%
	1.1 Prepare civil works design and bidding documents																													100.0%	2.00%	2.00%					
	1.2 Safeguards document approval																													100.0%	0.40%	0.40%					
	1.3 Complete land acquisition and resettlement																													100.0%	0.00%	0.00%					
	1.4 Civil works procurement																													100.0%	1.20%	1.20%					
	1.5 Implement civil works construction, supervision, and supply equipment																													100.0%	7.88%	7.88%					
	TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements																																			16.88%	12.78%
	1.1 Prepare civil works design and bidding documents																													100.0%	2.00%	2.00%					
	1.2 Safeguards document approval																													100.0%	0.40%	0.40%					
	1.3 Complete land acquisition and resettlement																													90.0%	1.00%	0.90%					
	1.4 Civil works procurement																													100.0%	1.20%	1.20%					
	1.5 Implement civil works construction, supervision, and supply equipment																													67.5%	12.28%	8.28%					
	TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements																																			22.67%	15.54%
	1.1 Prepare civil works design and bidding documents																													100.0%	2.00%	2.00%					
	1.2 Safeguards document approval																													100.0%	0.40%	0.40%					
	1.3 Complete land acquisition and resettlement																													100.0%	1.20%	1.20%					
	1.4 Civil works procurement																													100.0%	1.50%	1.50%					
	1.5 Implement civil works construction, supervision, and supply equipment																													59.4%	17.57%	10.44%					
	TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal																																			8.08%	1.80%
	1.1 Prepare civil works design and bidding documents																													80.0%	2.00%	1.60%					
	1.2 Safeguards document approval																													50.0%	0.40%	0.20%					
	1.3 Complete land acquisition and resettlement																													0.0%	0.50%	0.00%					
	1.4 Civil works procurement																													0.0%	1.20%	0.00%					
	1.5 Implement civil works construction, supervision, and supply equipment																													0.0%	3.98%	0.00%					
	TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements																																			10.89%	9.77%
	1.1 Prepare civil works design and bidding documents																													100.0%	2.00%	2.00%					
	1.2 Safeguards document approval																													100.0%	0.40%	0.40%					
	1.3 Complete land acquisition and resettlement																													100.0%	1.00%	1.00%					
	1.4 Civil works procurement																													100.0%	1.20%	1.20%					
	1.5 Implement civil works construction, supervision, and supply equipment																													82.3%	6.29%	5.17%					
	Subtotal Output 1:																																			70.00%	51.38%

No.	Activities	incompleted activities																completed activities (all in past)								(a) Progress (%)	(b) Assigned Weight (%)	(a) x (b) Weighted Progress (%)				
		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																														
		2018				2019				2020				2021				2022				2023				2024						
		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																															8.62%
	2.1 National ASEAN Tourism Standards adaptation																													97.9%	1.00%	0.98%
	2.2 Establishment of certification bodies and processes																													96.0%	1.00%	0.96%
	2.3 Assessor training																													95.2%	1.00%	0.95%
	2.4 ASEAN Tourism Standards promotion																													78.5%	1.00%	0.79%
	2.5 Implement ASEAN Tourism Standards and the ASEAN Sustainable Tourism																													82.4%	6.00%	4.94%
	Subtotal Output 2:																														10.00%	8.62%
	Output 3: Output 3: Institutional Arrangements for Tourism Destination Management and Infrastructure O&M Strengthened																															
	Capacity building for tourism destination management																														7.00%	5.47%
	3.1 Destination management network institutional strengthening																													100.0%	1.00%	1.00%
	3.2 Destination management plan preparation																													100.0%	1.00%	1.00%
	3.3 Policy, Regulation and Master Planning Support																													91.3%	1.00%	0.91%
	3.4 Destination Marketing and Promotion Support																													82.4%	1.00%	0.82%
	3.5 Heritage Interpretation Support																													64.1%	1.00%	0.64%
	3.6 Tourism-related SME development																													34.8%	1.00%	0.35%
	3.7 Establish and maintain internet-based tourism knowledge repositories																													74.0%	1.00%	0.74%
	Capacity building for infrastructure O&M																														3.00%	1.17%
	3.8 Develop infrastructure O&M plans with sustainable finance mechanisms																													57.0%	1.00%	0.57%
	3.9 Facilitate Public-Private Partnerships for operations and maintenance																													46.8%	1.00%	0.47%
	3.10 Infrastructure O&M training																													12.8%	1.00%	0.13%
	Subtotal Output 3:																														10.00%	6.63%
B.	Management Activities																															
	Establish project supervision and management structure																													100.0%	1.00%	1.00%
	Mobilize consultants and procure equipment																													100.0%	1.00%	1.00%
	Establish financial management arrangements																													100.0%	1.00%	1.00%
	Financial management and procurement training																													100.0%	1.00%	1.00%
	Finalize monitoring arrangements and establish the project website																													100.0%	1.00%	1.00%
	Conduct project planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting																													84.0%	1.00%	0.84%
	Implementation of environmental, social safeguards and the gender action plan																													82.1%	4.00%	3.29%
	Subtotal Management Activities:																														10.00%	9.13%
	Total																														100.00%	76.76%

Annex 7: Project Financial Management Action Plan progress as of 31 December 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. The 2023 APFS is due for submission on 30 June 2024</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 Previous and Fiscal Year 2022 APFS Audit Findings as of 31 December 2023

Year / Number	Priority	Observations and implications	Progress as of December 2023
1. There are seven issues which are fully improved against the previous year recommendations of audit team			
1.1 Preparation of Financial Statements			
<i>FY2021</i>	<i>H</i>	The manual on accounting and financial management of the project was not endorsed. There is no manual on management of equipment and vehicles and no monitoring sheet on payment for consultants by showing contract amount, previous payments and remaining amount.	Resolved The manual on accounting and financial management and manual on managing and utilizing of vehicle and equipment of the project was endorsed by project manager on 04 Jan 2022 and prepared monitoring sheet on payment for consultants showing contract details
1.2 Summary and Preparation of Financial Statements			
<i>FY2021</i>	<i>H</i>	Implementation of sub-project in Keo Oudom district, Vientiane province and Luangprabang province were summarized sub-project account and cash account in monthly and yearly basis, but there is no summary on monitoring of expenditures by categories in monthly, quarterly and yearly basis.	Resolved. Summarized by by category each month
1.3 Account Records			
<i>FY2021</i>	<i>H</i>	PCU has recorded disbursements for capacity buildings (A.5) amount of 2.000 US\$ equivalent to 21.562.000 LAK into salary expense (B.1), which was not correct to the allocated expenditures in Project Administration Manual	Resolved The project adjusted recording account from category B.1 to A.5 in 23 Sept 2021.
1.4 Consulting Services			
<i>FY2021</i>	<i>H</i>	In 2021, sub-project in Keo Oudom district, Vientiane province signed a contract on hiring a project financier and a cashier in amount of 90.000.000 LAK (contract duration are 10 months), noted that the contract has not been registered in Court	Resolved. The 02 hired contracts were registered in Court.
1.5 Training			
<i>FY 2021</i>	<i>H</i>	Sub-project in Vangvieng, Vientiane province disbursed per diem for participants of meeting and training for capacity building activities organized in the city (categories A5) total amount 6.620.000 LAK.	Resolved. Have stopped disbursing per diem for participants of meeting and training for capacity building activities organized in the city since July 2022.
1.6 Disbursement of Allowance for contract staff			
<i>FY 2021</i>	<i>H</i>	In 2021, the Project disbursed fuel and telephone allowance to staff in contract, however, the allowance were not included in salary to subject to income tax:of LAK130,808,000.	Resolved. In 2022, PCU and PIUs (Champasack province, Vientiane province (Vangvieng district and Keo Oudom district) and Luang prabang)

Year / Number	Priority	Observations and implications	Progress as of December 2023
			have stopped disbursing fuel and telephone for staff in contract since June 2022
1.7 Consulting Expenses			
FY2021	H	In 2022, PCU paid for van hiring and air ticket amounting to 3.458,47 US\$, equivalent to 34.067.621 LAK but were recorded to consulting services, category A3, noted that the said expenses had no supporting documents such as invoices from services providers for each item of expense.	Resolved. In 2022, PCU hired van in amount of 520 US\$, equivalent to 8.840.000 LAK and air ticket in amount of 410,84 US\$, equivalent to 6.946.674 LAK but were now supported by invoices from service providers.
2 There are Five issues which are partially improved against the previous year recommendations of audit team			
2.1 Budget Plan Execution			
FY 2021	H	- In 2021, sub-project paid for activities not comply with the budget plan, details as followings: - Keo Oudom district, Vientiane province prepared annual budget plan and activity plan totally 167.917,00 US\$, actual executed 90.935,00 US\$, less than annual plan 76.982,00 US\$ - Luangprabang province prepared annual budget plan totally 219.417,00 US\$, actual executed 72.021.00 US\$, less than annual plan 147.395,00 US\$,	Partly Resolved. - Luangprabang province prepared annual budget plan totally 284.067,00 US\$, executed 206.445.00 US\$, equivalent to 73,67%; - Keo Oudom district, Vientiane province still continue to implement activities out of annual plan and some activities were implemented over initial plan, - PCU has reminded PIUs and ensure to implement activities based on approved workplan
2.2 Civil works			
FY 2021	H	- Repair of public in Nuanta Gas Station at Saensoum Vilage, Phonehong District, Vientiane – there was no agreement with owner on sustainability such as maintenance and continuous repairs - TIIGP2-LAO-W02, TIIGP2-LAO-W01, TIIGP2-LAO-W03, TIIGP2-LAO-W04 – low progress vs implementation schedule	Partly Resolved. - SAO has not seen any evidence on maintenance by Nuanta Gas Station. - Civil works are ongoing and contractor through the assistance of the PMCES will catch up with delay.
2.3 Project Management			
FY 2021	H	In 2021, PCU and PIUs disbursed fuel and telephone for project staff each month based on minute of meeting number 003/TIIGP2, dated 22 Feb 2019. It was over rate prescribed in decision on payment procedure of state budget, accumulated to 248.100.000 LAK.	Partly Resolved. Starting October 2023, PIUs have not paid while PCU has continued to pay the fuel and telephone allowance to project staff.

Year / Number	Priority	Observations and implications	Progress as of December 2023
2.4 PCU and PIUs Operations (category B.2)			
<i>FY2021</i>	<i>H</i>	PIU in Luangprabang disbursed insurance over for car number AA7563 amounting to 1.484.000 LAK and disbursed for repairing car number AA7560 of PCU amounting to 1.231,93 US\$, equivalent to 18.944.600 LAK, but noted the cars are not assets of the project	Resolved based on official document No.014/ PIULPB - TIIGP2 dated 12/01/2021 and No. 0569/TIIGP2 dated 15/05/2023 confirming that the vehicles are from TIIGP1 and used by Project for monitoring visits
2.5 Assets			
<i>FY 2021</i>		-In 2021, PIU in Luangprabang prepared monitoring sheet for project assets and appointed a team to conduct physical counting at year ended, but noted that there was not tag for a chair and a meeting room table. -4 external hard disks of sub-project in Keo Oudom district, Vientiane province were broken with cost of 2.516.400 LAK without supporting documents to indicate reasons for breakage and no physical counting conducted.	Resolved - PIU in Luangprabang tagged code number for a chair and a meeting room table as audit recommendation. - n 2022, sub-project in Keo Oudom district, Vientiane province appointed a team to conduct physical counting at the end of year and prepared counting memorandum for evidence. Disposal of 4 broken external hard disks reported but still does not indicate reason.
3. There are 2 issues which are not improved at all against the previous year recommendations of audit team			
3.1 Court registration			
<i>FY 2021</i>	<i>H</i>	In PCU, 17 contracts on hiring project staff and consultants were not registered from court totally 2.066.443 US\$. In 2022, the project signed 26 contracts on capacity building (category A5) amounting to 1.195.034.190 LAK but still not registered.	Not resolved In 2023, the contracts on hiring project staff and individual consultants were registered in Department of Assets, Ministry of Finance. However, contracts of 26 short-term consultants were not registered since already expired.
3.2 Preparing annual budget			
<i>FY 2021</i>	<i>H</i>	- In 2021, annual budget plan of project was not aggregated to overall of budget plan of Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism.	Not Resolved. Project will coordinate with related Ministry
3.3 Internal Control System			

Year / Number	Priority	Observations and implications	Progress as of December 2023
FY 2021	H	<p>-Decision on mandate of the TIIGP2 was endorsed by project manager, number 0011/ICT.TIIGP2, dated 04 Jan 2022 without approval by leader of ministry (Project Steering Committee) and the letter of appointment of project management to implement project activities also were approved by project manager;</p> <p>-Sub-project in Keo Oudom district, Vientiane province did not report on monthly and yearly implementation to leader of Vientiane province as prescribed in decision on appointment of PIU staff in Vientiane province number 169/VTP.GON, dated 16 Feb 2022.</p>	<p>Not Resolved.</p> <p>- The agreement on the organization and implementation of the project has been reviewed twice by the Vice Minister who oversees project implementation. ADB has agreed that the project manager will sign this agreement.</p> <p>-For the issuance of the agreement, Minister or Vice Minister who oversees the project implementation will sign, for the issuance of the letter of appointment will be approved by project manager, In the future, for project monitoring of the project management committee, the agreement will be issued and signed by the Vice Minister..</p>
2 Budget Plan Execution			
FY 2022		<p>Project re-allocated budget plan for activities and approved by ADB mission meeting on 16 May 2022, but noted that project did not propose to related ministry and ADB for approval of revised budget plan in accordance with manual on management and administration of official development assistance.</p>	<p>Not resolved.</p> <p>Project management should propose any changes of activities as well as budget plan based on Midterm Review Mission to Ministry of Planning and Investment or Ministry of Finance for consideration and submit to ADB for approval</p>
3. Budget Plan execution 2022			
FY 2022		<p>-PCUs implemented 06 activities out of plan totally 100.304 UD\$ and disbursed for 23 activities over annual budget plan totally 228.155 US\$;</p> <p>-Sub-project in Vangvieng district, Vientiane province implemented 05 activities out of plan totally 7.022 US\$ and disbursed over annual budget plan totally 35.494 US\$ and disbursed for 05 activities over annual budget plan totally 35.494 US\$;</p> <p>-Sub-project in Champasack province disbursed for procurement of vehicles and tourism activities (category A2) over budget plan amount of 8.048 US\$, capacities building (category A5) over budget plan amount of 1.654 US\$ and implemented activities out of annual budget plan amount of 1.907 US\$.</p>	<p>Activities paid over the plan and out of annual the plan 2022 were account payable for activities 2021</p>
4. Replenishment to imprest account and sub-account			
FY 2022		<p>Ending balance of imprest account and sub-account of PCU was short by less than 1/3 of ceiling as specified in PAM such:</p>	<p>Resolved.</p>

Year / Number	Priority	Observations and implications	Progress as of December 2023
		-Ceiling of imprest account 2.300.000 US\$, ending balance in April 2022 was 318.907,16 US\$ and ending balance in June 2022 was 386.789 US\$ then proposed to replenishment; - Ceiling of sub-account 500.000 US\$, ending balance in Dec 2021, May 2022 and Sept 2022 were 8.872,51 US\$, 28.296,88 US\$ and 30.980,08 US\$ respectively then proposed documents for replenishment and did not prepare to reconciliation attached to replenishing documents	Reason of outstanding balance of imprest account was short because the project disbursed for consulting services imprest account instead of direct payment. Project will expedite submission of liquidation/replenishment as soon as possible.
5. Accounting Records			
FY 2022		Sub-project in Keo Oudom district, Vientiane province and Champasack province recorded expenditure for construction of public toilet (A1) totally 774.269.980 LAK to category (A2) vehicles and equipment; - Sub-project in Keo Oudom district, Vientiane province recorded 01 transaction for capacity building category (A5) to project management category (A4) amount of 463,72 US\$, equivalent to 6.965.000 LAK and sub-project in Vangvieng, Vientiane province recorded 02 transactions for capacity building category (A5) to project management category (A4) amount of 1.592,09 US\$, equivalent to 21.080.000 LAK.	Resolved. PCU has adjusted the transaction in 2023.
6. Procurement			
FY 2022		-PIU in Champasack improve facilities as required by ASEAN tourism standard (construction of public toilet) at Salao mountain temple in Phonethong district, tourism standard by population participation (advertisement sign, coffee show house and souvenirs made by villagers) at Nongluang village, Parksong district and set advertisement, provided printing procedure on tourism information in project target (Home stay) at Donedeng, Outhoumphone district and Donekho, Sanasomboun district totally 44.000 US\$, equivalent to 757.768.000 LAK conducted shopping. -Sub-project in Keo Oudom, Vientiane province implemented public network member DMN by organizing training in english and chinese for tourism sector in Vientiane province amount of 47.460.000 LAK, invited only one trainer.	Will improve in next procurement
7. Civil Works			
FY 2022		Payment for construction of public toilets in 03 sub-project such: Keo Oudom district, Vangvieng district, Vientiane province and Champasack province totally 774.269.980 Kip have not deducted retention money 10% of contract value 77.426.998 LAK.	Resolved. No retention deducted but based on 1 year guarantee certificate.
8. Project Management			
FY2022		- PIU in Champasack province disbursed allowance, accommodation and fuel for 08 persons project staff in monitoring progress of project activities in terms of improvement of tourism infrastructure in Khong district, Champasack province amount of 39.655.000 LAK, but there was no decision on appointment of project staff used as reference for the payment.	Resolved in 2023.
9. Capacity building			
FY 2022		- PCU implemented activities of capacity building (training) 17 times totally 58.630,39 US\$, equivalent to 1.891.827.250 LAK;	Resolved in 2023

Year / Number	Priority	Observations and implications	Progress as of December 2023
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sub-project in Vangvieng district, Vientiane province organized training English language for public sector and business firms totally 69.975,00 US\$ and training on organizing and management of meeting in efficiency way amount of 23.800.000 LAK, after completion, there was no outcome assessment. - Project paid for gathering information and consideration of tourism development plan in Feung district amount of 129.290.000 LAK totally 142.073.000 LAK, the said activities were out of project scope or project target. 	
10. Civil Works			
FY 2022		<p>Through site visiting of civil works of audit team, project team and consultants, noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Toilet improvement project for tourism site in Poukham cave, Vangvieng district, Vientiane province was completed 100%, noted that contractor did not set walkway steel case for disable people as specified in bill of quantity amount of 165,00 US\$. - Improvement of garbage storage field in Vangvieng district contract number TIIGP2-LAO-W04, noted that wall of building used for maintenance and repair vehicles was cracked and welded steel of roof structure were not good, so it should be redone and painted of color resistant.. 	Resolved in 2023

Annex 9: Goods, works and non-consulting service procurement monitoring tables as of 31 December 2023

Package No.	Description	Mode	Contract					Supplier	
			Signed	Received	PCSS No.	Amount	\$ Equiv		
TIIGP2-LAO-G01a	PCU & PIU vehicles	NCB						223,513.78	
TIIGP2-LAO-G01a	PCU & PIU vehicles (3 units)	NCB	25/Apr/19	10/May/19	G20440	LAK	1,136,220,000	130,633.78	ISUZU LAO SERVICES SOLE CO.,LTD
TIIGP2-LAO-G01b	PIU vehicles (2 units)	NCB	4/Nov/20	3/May/21	G23062	USD	92,880	92,880.00	Toyota Champa Co. Ltd.
TIIGP2-LAO-G02	PCU office furniture and equipment	Shopping						37,452.77	
TIIGP2-LAO-G02	Office Furnitures for PCU	Shopping	19/Feb/19		G20443	LAK	31,955,000	3,720.02	Panuvat Furniture
TIIGP2-LAO-G02-02	Office Equipment	Shopping	14/Feb/19		G20860	LAK	17,200,000	1,994.20	Me shop
TIIGP2-LAO-G02-03	Office Renovate	Shopping	18/Mar/19		G20861	USD	3,500	3,500.00	Thavisouk Construction Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G02-05	Office Equipment	Shopping	9/Apr/19		G20865	LAK	49,170,000	5,724.00	XP Computer Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G02-06	Office Furniture	Shopping	11/Apr/19		G20866	LAK	7,458,000	867.01	Panuvat Furniture
TIIGP2-LAO-G02-07	Office Equipment	Shopping	11/Apr/19		G20867	LAK	33,000,000	3,836.32	Sing-Lao Engineering Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G02-08	Office Equipment	Shopping	28/Oct/20		G22643	LAK	5,197,500	560.08	LT Sole Co Ltd
TIIGP-LAO-002-09	Office Equipment	Shopping	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						65,370.96	
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VV01	Office Furniture for VV	Shopping	25/Mar/19		G20868	LAK	45,782,000	5,300.68	Sangchieng Furniture
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VV02	Office Equipment of VV	Shopping	26/Mar/19		G20869	LAK	56,760,000	3,358.85	XP Computer
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VV03	Office Equipment of VV	Shopping	28/Mar/19		G20870	LAK	23,953,900	1,396.20	SOA Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VV04	Office Repair of VV	Shopping	30/Mar/19		G20871	LAK	39,864,000	4,616.56	Thavisouk Construction Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-LPB01	Office Renovate of LPB	Shopping	14/Jun/19		G20876	LAK	67,947,000	7,858.78	Than Van Binh Binh
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-LPB02	Office Furniture & office Equipment (LPB)	Shopping	27/Jun/19		G20877	LAK	97,746,000	11,290.98	Advice Shop LPB
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-CPS01	Office Equipment of CPS	Shopping	24/Jun/19		G20878	LAK	63,294,000	7,295.30	Advice Pakse Pakse
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VP01	Office Furniture for VP	Shopping	26/Mar/19		G20879	LAK	43,211,300	4,997.84	Somphan Shop
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VP02	Office Equipment of VP	Shopping	26/Mar/19		G20881	LAK	60,099,600	6,951.15	Vilayvanh Shop
TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VP03	Office Repair of VP	Shopping	20/Jun/19		G20883	LAK	62,421,348	7,210.51	Thavisouk Construction Co., Ltd

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TIIGP2-LAO-G03-CPS02	Office furniture for Champasak PIU Office	Shopping	28/Aug/20		G22469	LAK	46,387,000	5,094.11	Silisomboun Shop
TIIGP2-LAO-G04	Vang Vieng landfill management equipment	NCB						213,716.00	
TIIGP2-LAO-G04-01	Pick-up truck for Vang Vieng UDAA for administrative and management purposes at Vang Vieng Landfill	Shopping	18/Nov/22		0043	USD	40,300	40,300.00	Lao Ford City Co.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G04-02	Weighbridge equipment including installation and training for Vang Vieng staff	Shopping	20/Jun/23		0060	USD	37,386	37,386.00	MPC Sole Co.,LTD
TIIGP2-LAO-G04-03	Personal protective equipment for Vangvieng landfill	Shopping	20/Jun/23		0061	USD	19,400	19,400.00	Sonesavanh Khounthikoummane Customer Supply Individual Enterprise
TIIGP2-LAO-G04-04	Bulldozer for Vang Vieng Landfill	Shopping	9/Dec/23		0062	USD	116,630	116,630.00	VK Trading Import Export Sole Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G05	Equipment for ASEAN Standards certification bodies	Shopping						43,451.80	
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	Shopping	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	Shopping	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	Shopping	11/Feb/20		G22218	LAK	12,952,500	1,429.00	LaoCom Computer Service Center
TIIGP2-LAO-G05-04	Procurement of computer for the secretariat of ASEAN Standard Implementation	Shopping	10/Jul/20		G22220	LAK	58,740,000	6,472.01	BP IT Sole.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G05-05	Provision of IT equipment for ASEAN standard certification body	Shopping	15/Aug/21		0013	LAK	75,141,000	6,547.09	Micro Info Import-Export Sole Co Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G06	Equipment for ASEAN Tourism Standards Implementation (public sector)	Shopping						173,207.82	
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-VV01	Garbage Collection Trucks		10/Nov/19		G21441	LAK	356,000,000	40,248.72	Lao-Jinchun Vehicle Trade Sole Co.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-LPB03	Medical Equipment and Supplies for Destination Management Network Task Force	Shopping	2/Jun/20		G22185	LAK	82,621,000	12,912.62	Pharmacy Bouaphan
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-VV02	CCTV and Fittings	Shopping	15/Jun/20		G22335	LAK	117,040,000	9,130.40	MP SOLUTION INDIVIDUAL ENTERPRISE
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-LPB05	Beddings for Tourism Destination (Nayang Village)	Shopping	17/Jul/20		G22336	LAK	23,047,200	2,542.70	Nang Thongphout Shop
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-LPB06	Tourism Destination Direction Signs, Ban Nayang, Nambak District, Luangprabang Province	Shopping	20/Aug/20		G22468	LAK	35,590,500	2,106.12	Luangprabang Tianyi Advertising
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-LPB09	Procurement of Public Amenities for Luangprabang Urban Area	Shopping	1/Sep/20		G22644	LAK	49,500,000	2,929.23	Sisana Construction and Renovation Co.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-VP08	Procurement of Tourism Destination Direction Signs	Shopping	7/Oct/20		G22645	LAK	41,442,500	2,452.42	Ms. Sakhone Sign Enterprise
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-VV09	Procurement of Beddings and Homestay Accommodation Name Sign, Nathong Village, Vangvieng District	Shopping	11/Nov/20		G22646	LAK	41,490,000	2,455.28	Thongta and Khamla Hotel Supplies

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TIIGP2-LAO-W06-VP06	Renovation of Facilities of Homestay Accommodation at Lingxan Village, Thoulakhom District	Shopping	16/Oct/20		G22653	LAK	41,481,000	2,454.70	Khambang-Sompanh Trading Sole Co.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-10	Procurement and installation of equipment for ASEAN standards implementation in Luang Prabang	Shopping	19/Oct/21		0014	LAK	66,418,000	5,786.04	Sisana Construction and Renovation Co.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-VV07	Procurement of Bedroom amenities for Amari Hotel (Support for Green Hotel)	Shopping	22-Oct-20		G22647	LAK	24,882,000	1,472.43	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	13-Oct-20		G22648	LAK	41,479,900	2,454.63	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	30-Oct-20		G22649	LAK	41,446,000	2,452.63	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	28-Oct-20		G22651	LAK	41,475,000	2,454.34	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	24-Sep-21		0021	LAK	47,960,000	3,195.84	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	15-Jan-22		0022	LAK	57,695,000	3,844.54	ManichokChareun Construction Co.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-VV14	Procurement of tourism destination, direction, prohibited signs and rubbish bins at Vangvieng District	Shopping	15-Jan-22		0023	LAK	65,780,000	4,383.29	F-Design Individual
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-CPS15	Procurement of tourism destination, direction, prohibited signs including installation of rubbish bin at Champasak Province	Shopping	13-Jan-22		0024	LAK	128,480,000	8,553.93	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	17-Jan-22		0025	LAK	38,003,179	2,525.96	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	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/Oct/22		0045	USD	31,967	31,967.00	Sokmueangluang Servey-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	29/Aug/22		0046	USD	6,970	6,970.00	Singthavixub Construction Co.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G07	Equipment for DMO secretariats	Shopping						54,230.17	
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	USD	4,300	4,300.00	Thavisouk Construction Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G07-04	Office Repair for DMO Secretariat	Shopping	22/Apr/19		G20887	LAK	41,997,300	4,882.27	Manichanh Phanvadvongsouk

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TIIGP2-LAO-G07-05	Renovation of Toilets for Consultants and DMN Secretariat	Shopping	19/Nov/19		G21782	LAK	39,660,500	4,468.79	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	6,212.83	VV 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						39,309.05	
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-VC01	Procurement of Signs of Direction and Information Tourism Destination.	Shopping	2/Mar/20		G22249	LAK	33,440,000	3,695.44	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	4,563.12	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	11,050.49	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-G09	Equipment for SMEs to Implement Private Sector-Led Actions in the DMPs	Shopping						26,032.27	
TIIGP2-LAO-G09-01	Equipment for printing tour guide badges	Shopping	3-Mar-20		G21584	LAK	70,400,000	7,806.61	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	11,169.08	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	7,056.58	Noumnim Shop
TIIGP2-LAO-G10	Accounting Software	Shopping	25/Feb/20		G21571	USD	22,990	22,990.00	LAOSINGAPOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION PROMOTION CO.,LTD
TIIGP2-LAO-G11	Laptop computers for data collection for 18 provincial statistical units	Shopping	6/Jun/22		0042	USD	18,000	18,000.00	NSV Computer
Total								917,274.62	

Package No.	Description	Mode	CA	Adv	Estimate	Draft Bid Docs		Bids	Bid	Bid Evaluation			Contract						
			Target Date	Date	(\$)	Received	Approved	Issuance	Closing	Approved	Amount	Signed	Received	PCSS No.	Amount	\$ Equiv			
TIIGP2-LAO-W01	Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements	ICB	01/Dec/19	18/Sep/19	5,930,000	13/Sep/19	18/Sep/19	18/Sep/19	30/Oct/19	23/Dec/19	USD	3,964,308	30/Dec/19	30/Dec/19	G21291	USD	3,964,308	3,964,308	
TIIGP2-LAO-W02	Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements	ICB	Q3/2020	18/Sep/20	8,000,000	05/Sep/20	16 Sp 20	18/Sep/20	30/Oct/20	20/Apr/21	USD	4,669,065	26/Apr/21	11/May/21	G23079	USD	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	USD	8,829,708	23/Jul/21	08/Aug/21	0001	USD	8,829,631	8,829,631	
TIIGP2-LAO-W03a	Vang Vieng Urban Renewal	NCB	Q1/2024		2,200,000														
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	USD	3,156,160	19/Feb/21	25/Feb/21	G22778	USD	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											04/Sep/20		G22466	LAK	265,224,000	28,584.64	
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-CPS04	Renovation of Wat Phou Toilets	Shopping											07/Sep/20		G22462	LAK	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	LAK	281,609,202	30,343.25	
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-LPB07	Renovation of Public Toilets at Mekong River Recreational Area, Phonheuang Village, Luangprabang Capital	Shopping											03/Oct/20		G22453	LAK	330,941,516	35,678.79	
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-VV07	Procurement of Vang Vieng Urban Landscape Improvements	Shopping											20/Oct/20		G22652	LAK	66,330,000	7,140.39	
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-VP05	Renovation of Toilets of Nuanta Fuel Station, Sensoum Village, Phonhong District, Vientiane Province	Shopping											02/Sep/20		G22808	LAK	195,381,780	20,899.64	
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-CPS05	Renovation of Public Toilets at Tadfan Waterfall, Parksong District, Champasak Province	Shopping											24/Sep/21			LAK	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			LAK	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			LAK	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			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			USD	76,965		
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			USD	33,958		
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			USD	41,877		
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			USD	44,000		
Total					33,685,000													44,000.00	21,057,915

Contract Number (PCSS)	Nature of Contract	Description	Supplier Name	Contract Amount USD	Contract Date
0028	NON-CONSULTING SERVICES	Support services for updating of Vang Vieng and Environs Tourism Masterplan and peer review of development proposal(s)	Archineer Associates Survey Design and Consulting Sole Co.,Ltd	96,770.80	13/Jun/22
0036	NON-CONSULTING SERVICES	ASEAN Tourism Standards Promotional Video Production	Smart Class Co.,Ltd	26,685.80	27/Sep/22
0054	NON-CONSULTING SERVICES	Preparation and Implementation of Lao Tourism Marketing Campaign	RDK Group Sole Co.,Ltd	50,000.00	01/Jun/23

Annex 10: Consultant recruitment monitoring table as of 31 December 2023

Package No.	Description	Mode	Adv Date	No. of Contracts	Estimate (\$ million)	Submission 1		RFP	RFP	Submission 2		Submission 3		Submission 4		Submission 5					
						Received	Approved	Issuance	Closing Date	Received	Approved	Received	Approved	Received	Approved	Signed	Received	PCSS No.	Amount	\$ Equiv	
TIIGP2-LAO-C01	Project Management and Civil Engineering Support	QCBS	28/08/2018	1	3,109,134.00	23-Oct-18	07-Nov-18	08-Nov-18	17-Jan-19	12-Feb-19	03-Apr-19	22-Apr-19	03-May-19		20-Jun-19	01-Jul-19	19-Jul-19	G20711	\$	2,602,460	2,602,460
																		G20712	EUR	805,926	870,000
TIIGP2-LAO-C02	International Tourism Specialist/Co-Team Leader	ICS	15/11/2018	1	862,223.00	31-Jan-19	14-Feb-19			21-Feb-19	05-Mar-19					19-Feb-19	21-Feb-19	G20083	\$	930,000	930,000
TIIGP2-LAO-C03	International Tourism Standards Specialist	ICS	06/06/2019	1	100,876.00	24-Jul-19	13-Aug-19			21-Aug-19	22-Aug-19					19-Aug-19	21-Aug-19	G20821	\$	121,000	121,000
TIIGP2-LAO-C04	National Tourism Specialist/Deputy Team Leader	ICS	15/11/2018	1	239,663.00	31-Jan-19	14-Feb-19			21-Feb-19	05-Mar-19					19-Feb-19	21-Feb-19	G20084	\$	242,000	242,000
TIIGP2-LAO-C05	International Gender Specialist	ICS	06/06/2019	1	34,500.00	24-Jul-19	13-Aug-19			21-Aug-19	22-Aug-19					19-Aug-19	21-Aug-19	G20823	\$	34,500	34,500
TIIGP2-LAO-C06	National Gender Specialist	ICS	06/06/2019	1	49,500.00	24-Jul-19	13-Aug-19			21-Aug-19	22-Aug-19					19-Aug-19	21-Aug-19	G20822	\$	49,500	49,500
TIIGP2-LAO-C07	International Financial Management & Procurement Specialist	ICS	15/11/2018	1	71,369.00	31-Jan-19	14-Feb-19			21-Feb-19	05-Mar-19					20-Feb-19	21-Feb-19	G20085	\$	75,000	75,000
TIIGP2-LAO-C08	National Financial Management & Procurement Specialist	ICS	15/11/2018	1	23,510.00	31-Jan-19	14-Feb-19			21-Feb-19	05-Mar-19					19-Feb-19	21-Feb-19	G20086	\$	25,000	25,000
TIIGP2-LAO-C09	International Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist	ICS	06/06/2019	1	45,500.00	24-Jul-19	28-Aug-19			30-Aug-19	25-Sep-19					29-Aug-19	30-Aug-19	G20994	\$	45,500	45,500
TIIGP2-LAO-C10	National Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist	ICS	06/06/2019	1	53,500.00	10-Oct-19	22-Oct-19			20-Nov-19	03-Dec-19					13-Nov-19	20-Nov-19	G21187		53,500	53,500
TIIGP2-LAO-C11	National Internal Auditor	ICS	15/11/2018	1	103,394.00	31-Jan-19	14-Feb-19			21-Feb-19	05-Mar-19					18-Feb-19	21-Feb-19	G20087	\$	102,904	102,904
TIIGP2-LAO-C12	Tourism Experts-Variou Resource Persons	SSS	Q2/2019	40	200,000.00																
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-001	SSS		1												23-May-19	26-Sep-19		\$	3,150	3,150
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-002	SSS		1												23-Jul-19	26-Sep-19		\$	2,500	2,500
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-003	SSS		1												30-Jul-19	26-Sep-19		\$	3,150	3,150
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-004	SSS		1												17-Sep-19	26-Sep-19		\$	2,100	2,100
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-005	SSS		1												22-Oct-19	04-Nov-19		\$	2,400	2,400
	TIIGP2-LAO-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	Natuonal Tourism Destination Development and Mangement Specialist	ICS	Q3 2020	1	128,057.00	28-Aug-20	03-Sep-20			28-Aug-20	03-Sep-20					10-Sep-20	08-Oct-20	G22209	\$	128,000	128,000
TIIGP2-LAO-C18	International Social Safeguards Specialist	ICS	Q4 2020	1	70,000.00	30-Nov-20	03-Dec-20			07-Dec-20	23-Dec-20					07-Dec-20	07-Dec-20	G22604	\$	75,000	75,000
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 31 December 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 31-Dec-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	52.77	1.23	
2 International Environmental Specialist	Mr. Peter Gammelgaard Jensen	6	12/Aug/19	6	13	31/Dec/24	10.48	2.52	Replacement
3 International Social Safeguards Specialist (Resettlement & Indigenous People)	Mr. Nils Gardek	6	05/Aug/19	6	6	31/Dec/24	4.74	1.26	Position discontinued
4 International Institutional Development Specialist	Mr. Steven Long	4	05/Aug/19	4	7	31/Dec/24	7.00	0.00	Replacement
Subtotal		70		57	80		74.99	5.01	
<i>National</i>									
1 National Lead Civil Engineer	Mr. Phomma CHANTHIRATH	54	07/Sep/19	41	59	31/Dec/24	50.52	8.48	Replacement
2 National Environmental Specialist	Ms. Phaylin BOUNMANYVONE	12	05/Aug/19	12	25	31/Dec/24	24.59	0.41	Replacement
3 National Social Safeguards Specialist (Resettlement & Indigenous People)	Mr. Misa PHOUTHILATH	12	05/Aug/19	12	12	31/Dec/24	9.00	3.00	Position discontinued
4 National Institutional Development Specialist	Mrs. Baythone Lovanxay	12	22/Jun/20	12	12	31/Dec/24	33.31	-21.31	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	47.66	-16.16	Replacement
6 Resident Engineer 2 (W02 Nam Ngum)	Mr. Xayavath Chanthavongsa		11/Sep/19	24	54	31/Dec/24	7.50	46.50	Replacement
7 Resident Engineer 3 (W04 VV Landfill + W03 Vang Vieng)	Mr. Lueyang SISOMBONG		15/Jun/21	22	39	31/Dec/24	25.14	13.86	Replacement
8 Construction Supervisor 1 (W03 - V3 Western Loop)	Mr. Vilath KHAMVONGSA			24	29	31/Dec/24	28.63	0.37	Replacement
9 Construction Supervisor 2 (W04 Landfill)	Mr. Anikone THAMMAVONG		01/Jun/21	24	30	31/Dec/24	25.82	4.18	Replacement
10 Construction Supervisor 3 (W03 Kang Yui)	Mr. Bounxom VONGSOUTCHAY		13/Sep/21	20	30	31/Dec/24	18.03	11.97	Replacement
11 Construction Supervisor 4 (W01-C2 Don Det-Don Khone)	Mr. Phoumano Khodpanya		15-Jun-20	20	20	31/Dec/24	30.50	-10.50	Replacement
Subtotal		90		235	341.5		300.70	40.80	

Package/Positions	Expert name	Person-Months (pm) as per PAM	Contract signing date	Original contract (total pm)	Current contract incl. variations (total pm)	Current contract closing date	Cumulative person-months utilized as of 31-Dec-23	Balance (pm)	Notes
Summary									
<i>Total International</i>		70		57	80		74.99	5.01	
<i>Total National</i>		90		235	341.5		300.70	40.80	
Grand Total TIIGP2-LAO-C01: PMCES Consultant		160		292	421.5		375.69	45.81	
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	44.71	9.29
2	TIIG2P-LAO-C03: International Tourism Standards Specialist	Mr Ross Alexander Corbett	8	19/Aug/19	7	15	31/Dec/24	11.00	4.00
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	15.66	1.84
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 <i>Replacement</i>
6	TIIGP2-LAO-C13: International Urban Planning and Design Specialist	Mr Craig Czarny	-	8/Nov/19	<i>lump-sum</i>	<i>lump-sum</i>	30/Jun/24	<i>lump-sum</i>	-
7	TIIGP2-LAO-C15: International Tourism Management and Development Specialist	Mr Paul Rogers	-	21/Nov/19	<i>lump-sum</i>	<i>lump-sum</i>	31/Dec/22	<i>lump-sum</i>	- <i>Closed</i>
8	TIIGP2-LAO-C16: International Natural and Cultural Heritage Specialist	Ms Ester van Steekelenburg	-	8/Nov/19	<i>lump-sum</i>	<i>lump-sum</i>	31/Dec/22	<i>lump-sum</i>	- <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>New position (moved from PMCES) - to be closed</i>
Subtotal		72		74.5	113.5		98.63	14.87	
National									
1	TIIGP2-LAO-C04: National Tourism Specialist - Deputy Team Leader	Ms Phongisth DAVADING	54	19/Feb/19	54	54	31/Dec/24	48.34	5.66
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>
4	TIIGP2-LAO-C08a: National Financial Management & Procurement Specialist	Mr Somphone Siriphanh	-	19/Apr/21	3	9	31/Dec/24	7.00	2.00 <i>Replacement for TIIGP2-LAO-C08</i>
5	TIIGP2-LAO-C10: National Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist	Dr Vivath Sauvaly	12	13/Nov/19	11	32	31/Dec/24	27.16	4.84

Package/Positions	Expert name	Person-Months (pm) as per PAM	Contract signing date	Original contract (total pm)	Current contract incl. variations (total pm)	Current contract closing date	Cumulative person-months utilized as of 31-Dec-23	Balance (pm)	Notes
6 TIIGP2-LAO-C11: National Internal Auditor	Mr Lomphet PHONGSVANH	-	18/Feb/19	30	33	31/Dec/24	28.00	5.00	
7 TIIGP2-LAO-C12: Tourism experts - various resource persons	Various								12 contracts included in procurement plan, 10 awarded
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	37.32	10.18	New position
10 TIIGP2-LAO-C19: National Social Safeguards Specialist 1	Mr Misa Phouthilath	-	16/Jun/21	10	31	31/Dec/24	28.89	2.11	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>
12 TIIGP2-LAO-C21: National External Monitor (Social Safeguards)	Ms Vongchanh INDAVONG	-	29/Aug/22	3.64	3.64	31/Dec/24	0.48	3.16	New position
Subtotal		84		166.64	238.14		205.13	33.01	
Summary CBS Individual Consultants									
<i>Total International</i>		<i>72</i>		<i>74.5</i>	<i>113.5</i>		<i>98.63</i>	<i>14.87</i>	
<i>Total National</i>		<i>84</i>		<i>166.64</i>	<i>238.14</i>		<i>205.13</i>	<i>33.01</i>	
Total CBS Individual Consultants		156		241.14	351.64		303.76	47.88	
Project Summary									
Total International		142		131.5	193.5		173.62	19.88	
Total National		174		401.64	579.64		505.83	73.81	
Project Grand Total		316		533.14	773.14		679.45	93.69	

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

As of 31 December 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 31 December 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	

Item	Timing	Activities	Responsible Implementor	Progress as of 31 December 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>	<p>Health and Safety training and working at Height training W02: will conduct in Q1 & Q2 2024.</p> <p>Health and Safety training W03: will conduct in Q1 & Q2 2024.</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	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023
W01	x	15-17 Feb	x	24-25 April	15-16 May	Project completion	Project completion	Project completion	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	11-Oct	x	21-Dec
W03	24 Jan	10 Feb	24 Mar 28 Mar	10-11 April	5 May	29 June	3 Jul & 9 Jul	11 Aug	10 Sep	26-Oct	x	x5 & 19-Dec
W04	24 Jan	x	24 Mar 28 Mar	10-11 April	5 May	30 June	3 Jul & 9 Jul	12 Aug	10 Sep	18 & 26-Oct	x	20-Dec

Annex 13: GAP implementation progress as of 31 December 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	7 (8, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 24)	18	0

Gender Action Plan (GAP) ¹³	Progress to date (up to August 2023)	Issues and Challenges ¹⁴								
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 As of December 2023, female workers account for 58% of the total workforce in Lao PDR's tourism and hospitality sector.¹⁵</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Champasak Province:</td> <td>61.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vientiane Province:</td> <td>67.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vang Vieng District</td> <td>49.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Luang Prabang Province:</td> <td>56.3%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Aggregate for the four target sub-project areas : 58.3%</p> <p>Remark: A tourism worker is defined as a person employed in tourism and hospitality industry, including hotels, resorts, guesthouses, restaurants, tourist</p>	Champasak Province:	61.8%	Vientiane Province:	67.4%	Vang Vieng District	49.5%	Luang Prabang Province:	56.3%	<p>National Gender Specialist and National Tourism Specialist will discuss with DICT to:</p> <p>(i) discuss with tourism businesses units to enhance employment opportunities for women;</p> <p>(ii) In DMN meeting, the consultants will raise this</p>
Champasak Province:	61.8%									
Vientiane Province:	67.4%									
Vang Vieng District	49.5%									
Luang Prabang Province:	56.3%									

¹³ GAP Activities, Indicators and Targets, Timeframe and Responsibility

¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ Tourism Sector Survey, conducted by Project 4 PIUs in December 2023.

Gender Action Plan (GAP) ¹³	Progress to date (up to August 2023)	Issues and Challenges ¹⁴
	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.	issue to encourage the tourism businesses to hire more women. By Q4, 2023
Output 1: Urban-rural access infrastructure and urban environmental services improved.		
Objective 1: Strengthen women's voice in project design.		
<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 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 (iv) Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Sub-project V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal (v) Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Sub-project V5: Vangvieng Solid Waste Management Improvements <p>Details of consultation listed below:</p>	<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. By Q4, 2023</p>

Gender Action Plan (GAP) ¹³	Progress to date (up to August 2023)	Issues and Challenges ¹⁴
	<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 collect the visitors’ fees at the entrance of the fall, sell food at the stalls and they are members of community-based tourism group. • 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. 	

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	<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. 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>Target 3: At least 50% of people consulted are women.</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</p>

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(DMF output indicator 1f)		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.
Objective 2. Promote women's economic employment and safety.		
<p>Target 4: At least 300¹⁶entrepreneurs (60% women) receive SME support services (2017 baseline: 0)</p>	<p>On-track 2019-2022 data is being updated and 2023-2025 targets set, and data being recorded. The gender target of 60% of entrepreneurs being women is being considered in selecting and supporting SMEs.</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 DMF 3d-g</p>	<p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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>The project gender specialist/ M&E specialist will work with the consultant deputy leader and SME specialists to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Re-collect data of number of SMEs (male and female entrepreneurs) who received SME support services from the project since 2019 (by type of support services defined in the SME Development Plan 2023-2025); (ii) Set up the quota for female and male

¹⁶ 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>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 December 2023, the total unskilled workers hired for across all 3 sub-projects is 11 (25%) out of total 44 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sub-project V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements, 5 (23.8%) out of 22 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 (45%) out of 11 local unskilled workers were women; • TIIGP2-LAO-W04: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sub-project V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvement, 1 (9%) out of 11 local unskilled workers were women. 	<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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<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 the sub-project V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal TIIGP2-LAO-W03a once the construction commences.</p>
<p>Objective 3. Improve gender design features of tourism facilities to support economic empowerment.</p>		

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<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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

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		<p>least 80% (80 women) of newly constructed shop owners/operators are women of each sub project areas.</p> <p>After construction completed</p>
<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>
<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. 	<p>The project gender specialist will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Continue coordinating with PIU and social safeguard team to follow up and accomplish this target; Coordinate with PMCES Consultant institutional specialists to conduct consultations with users on user charges and ensure

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>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>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 Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvement on 23-25 December 2021 - 46 (43%) out of 106 were women. <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 	<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>(iii) Vientiane Province: subproject V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvement and</p> <p>(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> <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>		
<p>Objective 5. Promote women's leadership.</p>		
<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</p> <p>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. 	<p>By Q4, 2023</p> <p>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</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>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 - 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); 	<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> <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</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p>Provinces: 31 (43%) of 105 were women:</p> <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 	ASEAN tourism standards trainers are women)
<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>	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).
Objective 6. Promote equal access to ASEAN tourism standards training and information		
<p>Activity 6: ASEAN tourism standards manuals translated to Lao language.</p>	<p>Achieved Translation of all seven ASEAN Tourism Standards were completed. All seven final standards were published in Lao language.</p>	
<p>Target 13. At least 40 % of women participants in ASEAN tourism standards training for businesses are women.</p>	<p>On-track As of September 2022, 1,046 (40%) out of 2,618 are women participated in ASEAN tourism standards training for businesses.</p>	<p>Comment Please add more information (i)Topics of the trainings (ii) no. of participants (men/omen) for each training.</p>

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		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.		
<p>Target 14: At least 3,000¹⁷ residents and tourism workers (50% women) participated in destination management training and awareness-raising activities. (2017 baseline: 0)</p> <p>(DMF output indicator 3c)</p>	<p>On-track As of December 2023, of the 6,096 residents and tourism workers who have participated in destination management training and awareness-raising activities, 2,789 (46%) were women.</p>	<p>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</p> <p>The training and awareness-raising activity proposal will be 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>

¹⁷ The previous figure listed is 500 based on the total count of Cambodia and Laos. This is now disaggregated to 300 only for Lao PDR (PAM, Annex G, para 21)

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<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 ▪ 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 	<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 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</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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>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 membership (2017 baseline: ~30%).</p>	<p>Achieved 28 (51%) out of 55 National & Provincial DMN membership were female. Details: (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>	

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<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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This indicator corresponds to DMF 3a-g</p>	<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 managers (plan VS actual) of each sub-project areas. - At least 30% of 90 public works and tourism site managers are women.</p>

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<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, Vang Vieng, Vientiane Province: 401 (61.97%) out of 647 are women.</p> <p><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><u>Vang Vieng District</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Nadoung Village: Tourism Development Group, Homestay Group, Handicraft Group, Tour Guide Group, Basi Ceremony Group: 19 (53%) out of 36 members are women. 2) Nathong Village: Ticket sale group, Handicraft group, Retail shop on market group, safety jacket sale group, flowers and candles sale for cave tour group, restaurant group, toilet cleaner group, car parking group, fishing group, sling group, rice growing group, animal raising group, tree planting group: 128 (77%) out of 167 are women. <p><u>Vientiane Province</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ling xan Village: Guest Welcome Group, Tour Guide Group, Cooking Group, Basi ceremony group, Dance Performance Group, Security Group, Village Development Fund Group, Homestay Group: 17 (36%) out of 47 are women. <p>Phon Village: Guest Welcome Group, Tour Guide Group, Cooking Group, Basi ceremony group, Dance Performance Group, Security Group, Village Development Fund Group, Homestay Group: 19 (40%) out of 47 are women.</p>	<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).

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<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 - 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. <p>Training on tour guides in LPB LPB, 2-24 May 2023 total: 70 (37 women)</p>	<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. (The activity proposal should define 60% of the expected female participants.)</p>
<p>Objective 9. Improve gender mainstreaming capacity to implement and monitor the GAP and report gender impacts.</p>		
<p>Target 24: 50% of 10 gender focal persons appointed to PCU, and PIUs are men.¹⁸</p>	<p>Achieved Of the total 10 gender focal persons, 5 (50%) were female and 5 (50%) were men.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Four (4) male and 4 female focal persons at the PIU and - One female and one male focal person at the national level. 	<p>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.</p>
<p>Activity 7: Gender specialists and social development consultants provide gender equality training and GAP implementation training to all project supervision, management, and coordination entities.</p>	<p>Achieved The International Gender Specialist (IGS) was recruited 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.</p> <p>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</p>	

¹⁸ The project established one PCU and 4 PIUs

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	<p>Specialist who has gender experience. The MICT Gender Focal person is also tapped to support provincial gender training.</p> <p>They consulted with the PCU officers, the PMCES Consultant and M&E consultants.</p> <p>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 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. 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, 2022 and 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</p>	<p>Achieved.</p>	

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<p>progress, implementation, and project benefits.</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, and improved economic opportunities are documented for publication.</p>	<p>On-track The project gender specialist consulted with PCU and PIU gender focal persons on the draft template of gender impact stories.</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>The project gender specialist will coordinate with project consultants to</p> <p>(i) Identify three human impact stories by Q4 – 2023 (ii) All 3 human impact stories completed Q2-2024</p>

Annex 14: Status of compliance with Grant Covenants as of 31 December 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.	Compliant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first audited APFS (25 December 2018 to 31 December 2019) and auditor's opinion were disclosed, with delay, on the ADB website on 18 November 2020. • The 2020 APFS was disclosed on the ADB website, with delay, on 29 September 2021. • The 2021 APFS was disclosed on the ADB website in June 2022. • The 2021 APFS was disclosed on the ADB

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		website, with delay, in October 2023.
4	Section 4.02. (c) The Recipient shall enable ADB, upon ADB's request, to discuss the financial statements for the Project and the Recipient's financial affairs where they relate to the Project with the auditors appointed pursuant to subsection (a)(iii) hereinabove, and shall authorize and require any representative of such auditors to participate in any such discussions requested by ADB. This is provided that such discussions shall be conducted only in the presence of an authorized officer of the Recipient, unless the Recipient shall otherwise agree.	Compliant
5	Section 4.03. The Recipient shall enable ADB's representatives to inspect the Project, the Goods and Works, and any relevant records and documents.	Compliant
	Grant Agreement Schedule 4	
6	<u>Implementation Arrangements</u> The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the detailed arrangements set forth in the PAM. Any subsequent change to the PAM shall become effective only after approval of such change by the Recipient and ADB. In the event of any discrepancy between the PAM and this Grant Agreement, the provisions of this Grant Agreement shall prevail.	Compliant
7	<u>Environment</u> The Recipient shall ensure that the preparation, design, construction, implementation, operation and decommissioning of the Project and all Project facilities comply with (a) all applicable laws and regulations of the Recipient relating to environment, health and safety; (b) the Environmental Safeguards; and (c) all measures and requirements set forth in the IEE, the EMPs, and any corrective or preventative actions set forth in a Safeguards Monitoring Report.	Compliant
8	<u>Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement</u> The Recipient shall ensure that all land and all rights- of-way required for the Project are made available to the Works contractor in accordance with the schedule agreed under the related Works contract and all land acquisition and resettlement activities are implemented in compliance with (a) all applicable laws and regulations of the Recipient relating to land acquisition and involuntary resettlement; (b) the Involuntary Resettlement Safeguards; and (c) all measures and requirements set forth in the RP, and any corrective or preventative actions set forth in the Safeguards Monitoring Report. Without limiting the application of the Involuntary Resettlement Safeguards or the RP, the Recipient shall ensure that no physical or economic displacement takes place in connection with the Project until: (a) compensation and other entitlements have been provided to affected people in accordance with the RP; and (b) a comprehensive income and livelihood restoration program has been established in accordance with the RP.	Compliant All subprojects have up to date safeguards instruments in place including RP and CCRs.
9	<u>Indigenous Peoples</u> The Recipient shall ensure that the preparation, design, construction, implementation and operation of the Project and all Project facilities comply with (a) all applicable laws and regulations of the Recipient relating to indigenous peoples; (b) the Indigenous Peoples Safeguards; and (c) all measures and	Compliant

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	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 applicable labor law and regulations and incorporate applicable workplace occupational safety norms; (b) do not use child	Compliant

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	<p>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> <p>On 27 August 2020, ADB approved a minor change in</p>

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		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	<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.	Compliant
18	<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.	Compliant