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Inclusive Growth Project**

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## Location map of subprojects

### LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

#### Vientiane Province

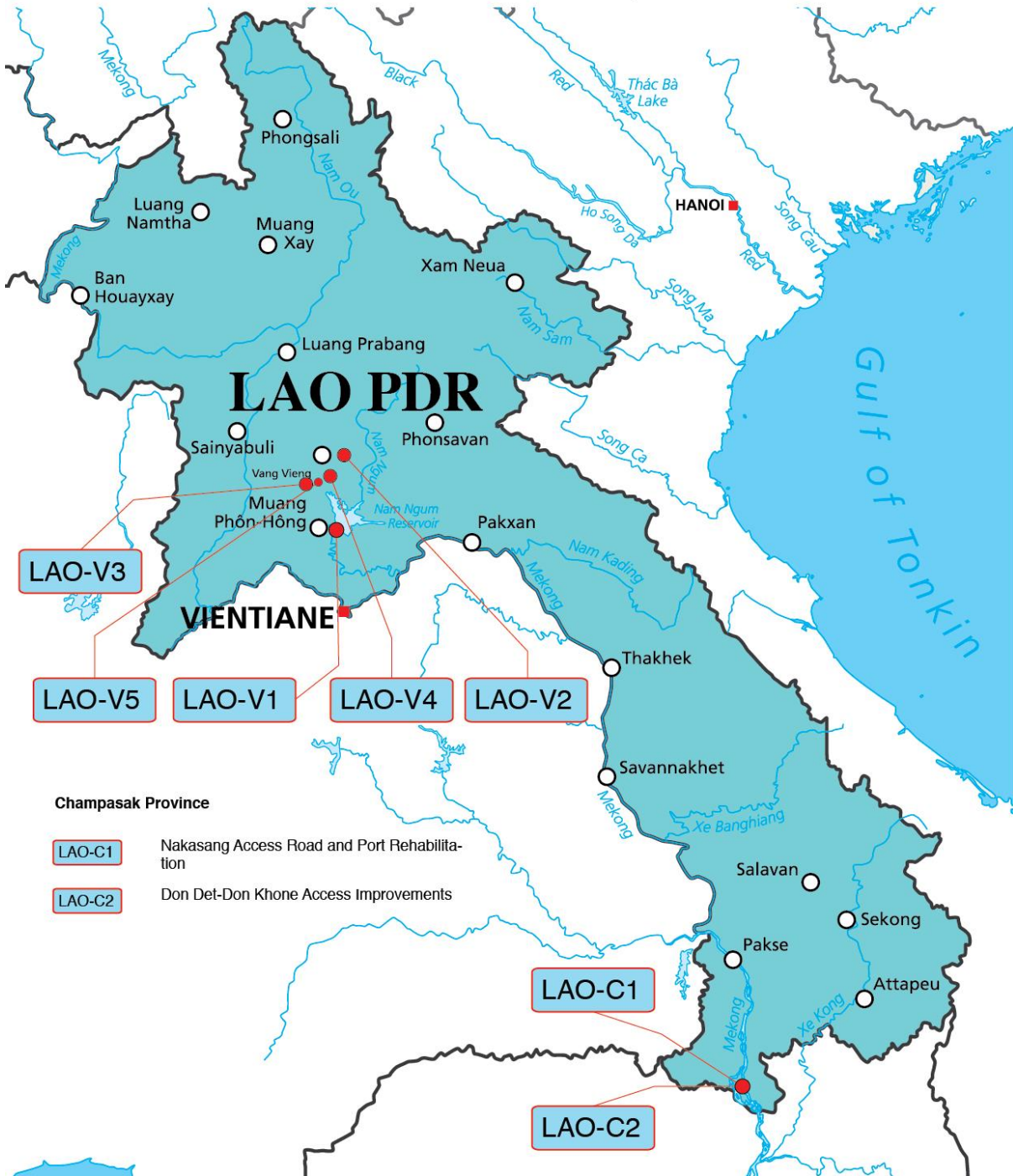
**LAO-V1** Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements

**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:	63 months/78 months (81%) (from Grant Effectiveness to Closing)
Project Overall Progress:	80.76%
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) <sup>a</sup>	Share of Total (%)
ADB Special Funds Resources	47.00	96.5
Government of Lao PDR	1.68	3.5
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>48.68</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>a</sup> 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 March 2024, based on GFIS

	2023 (\$ mln)					2024 (\$ mln)				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
CA Projections	0.380	0.092	0.171	0.451	1.094	5.574	0.920	1.010	1.010	<b>8.514</b>
Cum CA Projections	36.438	36.530	36.700	37.152		42.726	43.646	44.656	45.666	
Actual CA	0.380	0.092	0.171	0.662	<b>1.305</b>	0.964	0.000	0.000	0.000	<b>0.964</b>
Actual Cum CA	36.435	36.527	36.697	37.360		38.324	38.324	38.324	38.324	
Disb Projections	2.046	2.668	1.301	3.020	<b>9.035</b>	4.795	4.410	2.940	2.110	<b>11.830</b>
Cum Disb Projections	23.801	26.469	27.770	30.790		35.585	39.995	42.935	45.045	
Actual Disb	2.046	2.668	1.301	3.020	<b>9.035</b>	1.694	0.000	0.000	0.000	<b>1.694</b>
Actual Cum Disb	23.801	26.469	27.770	30.790		32.484	32.484	32.484	32.484	

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 March 2024

Category	Total ADB financing <sup>b</sup> (\$ mln)	Contract Awards (\$ mln)	Uncommitted (\$ mln)
<b>A. Investment Cost</b>			
1. Civil Works	27.60	21.82	5.78
2. Equipment and Vehicles	2.13	0.58	1.55
2. Consulting Services	8.00	8.18	(0.18)
4. Project Management	0.80	0.75	0.05
5. Capacity Building	4.40	4.40	0.00
6. Land Acquisition and Resettlement	1.30	1.17	0.13
<b>Subtotal (A)</b>	<b>44.23</b>	<b>36.90</b>	<b>7.33</b>
<b>B. Recurrent Cost<sup>a</sup></b>			
1. PCU and PIU Staff Cost	0.70	0.49	0.21
2. PCU and PIU Operations	1.07	0.58	0.49
3. PCU and PIU Vehicles and Office Equipment	0.40	0.36	0.04
<b>Subtotal (B)</b>	<b>2.17</b>	<b>1.42</b>	<b>0.75</b>
<b>Total Base Cost (A+B)</b>	<b>46.40</b>	<b>38.32</b>	<b>8.08</b>

<sup>a</sup> The recurrent costs financed by ADB are in-cash and recurrent costs financed by the Government of Lao PDR are in-kind

<sup>b</sup> 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 March 2024

Expenditures	ADB (\$ mln)	Govt. (\$ mln)	Total (\$ mln)
Actual expenditure for Project Quarter 21 (Q1 2024)	1.573	0.056	<b>1.629</b>
Cumulative expenditure up end of Project Quarter 21 (Q1 2024)	32.812	0.930	<b>33.742</b>

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 <sup>d</sup>				Government of Lao PDR				Total Cost
	Amount	Amount (Taxes & Duties)	Total	% of Cost Category	Amount	Amount (Taxes & Duties)	Total	% of Cost Category	
<b>A. Investment Cost</b>									
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 <sup>c</sup>	1.30	-	1.30	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	1.30
<b>Subtotal (A)</b>	<b>40.33</b>	<b>3.90</b>	<b>44.23</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>44.23</b>
<b>B. Recurrent Cost<sup>a</sup></b>									
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 <sup>b</sup>	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
<b>Subtotal (B)</b>	<b>1.97</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>2.17</b>	<b>62.0%</b>	<b>1.39</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>1.53</b>	<b>38.0%</b>	<b>3.70</b>
<b>Total Base Cost (A+B)</b>	<b>42.30</b>	<b>4.10</b>	<b>46.40</b>	<b>96.8%</b>	<b>1.39</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>1.53</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>47.93</b>
<b>D. Contingencies</b>									
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
<b>Sub-total (D)</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>80.5%</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>0.75</b>
<b>Total Project Cost (A+B+C+D)</b>	<b>42.90</b>	<b>4.10</b>	<b>47.00</b>	<b>96.3%</b>	<b>1.54</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>48.68</b>
<b>% of Total Project Cost</b>			<b>96.6%</b>				<b>3.4%</b>		<b>100.0%</b>

<sup>a</sup> The recurrent costs financed by ADB are in-cash and recurrent costs financed by the Government of Lao PDR are in-kind; <sup>b</sup> Externally hired staff, office supplies, and fuel.

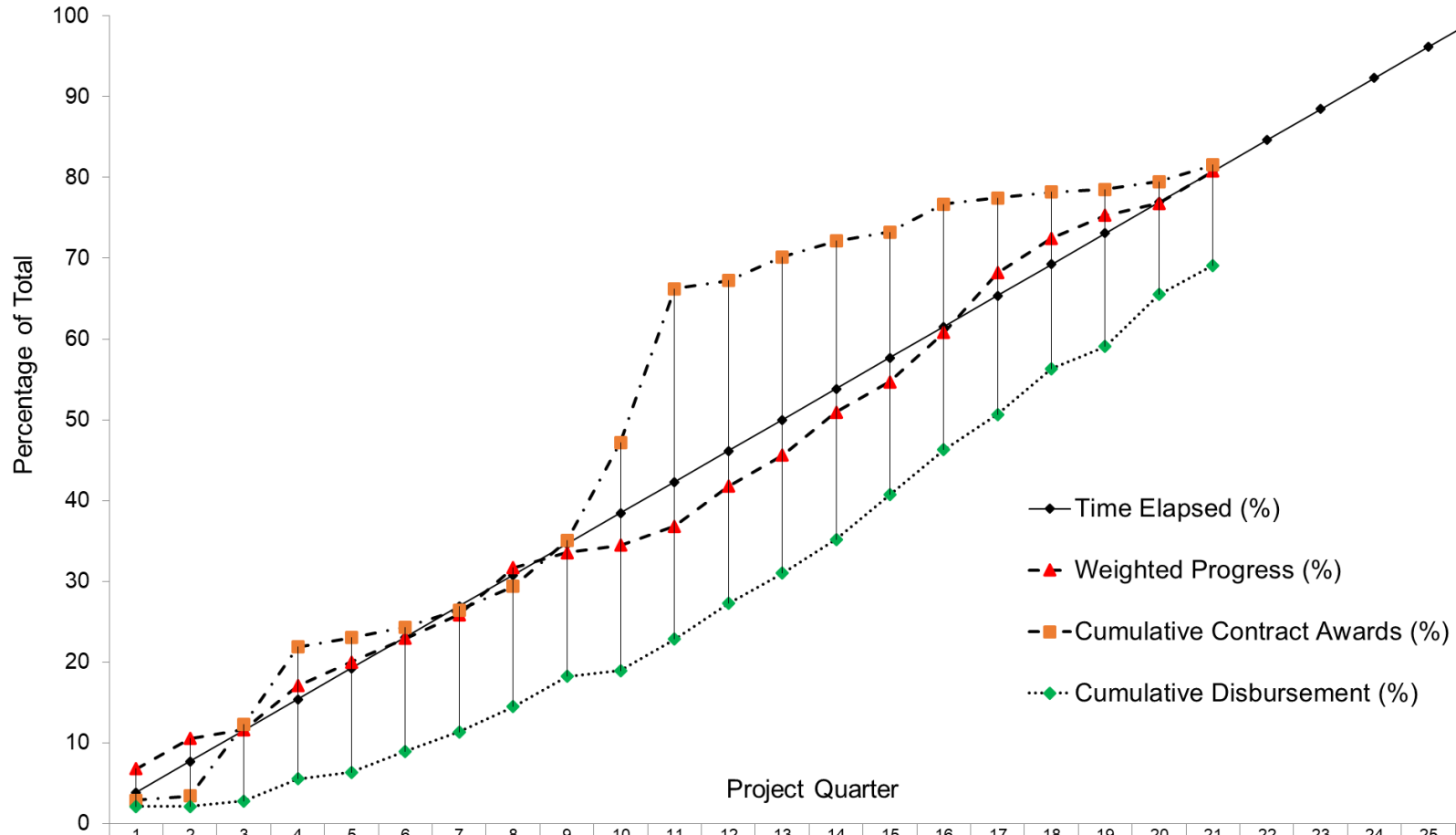
<sup>c</sup> Following a minor change in project's financing plan approved on 27 August 2020, the cost of land acquisition and resettlement, which was originally to be covered the Government of Lao PDR, is now funded by ADB grant.

<sup>d</sup> 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 March 2024



	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	80.76					
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	81.54					
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	69.11					

#### **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 at Vang Vieng UDAA have both an infrastructure technical team to coordinate and support output 1 infrastructure activities, and a tourism technical team to coordinate and support output 2 implementation and manage select output 3 activities. Since there are no infrastructure subprojects in Luang Prabang Province, the PIU there only has a tourism technical team. PIUs have opened and are administering project sub-accounts to facilitate day-to-day project administration. Reporting, financial management, safeguards and knowledge management is led by the PCU in close coordination with all PIUs.

These implementation arrangements differ slightly from how they are described in the initial Project Administration Manual (PAM) (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 2026<sup>1</sup>, 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.<sup>2</sup> Project areas in Lao PDR include Champasak, Luang Prabang and Vientiane provinces, all located along the GMS Central Economic Corridor.

### Progress to date:

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

Progress towards the project's outcome in Lao PDR as of 31 March 2024 can be summarized as follows:

As of 31 March 2024

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:	3.6%
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:	2,118,740
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
			2023:	Data not yet available

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. Arrivals in the project areas bounced back even faster, with 2.1 million arrivals in 2023, a 74% increase compared to the pre-pandemic 2019 arrivals.

#### 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 five<sup>4</sup> 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

<sup>3</sup> Tourism sector survey, conducted by 4 PIUs in December 2023.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

with ADB. These two packages (for subprojects C1, C2 and V5) are referred to as “Stage 1” packages/subprojects.

For Works Packages TIIGP2-LAO-W02 and TIIGP2-LAO-W03/W03a, feasibility studies, preliminary designs, preliminary cost estimates and safeguards documents were prepared during project preparation by 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 March 2024

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>W01: Nakasang and Don Det - Don Khone Access Improvements</b>	<b>W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements</b>	<b>W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements</b>	<b>W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal</b>	<b>W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements</b>
1	Prepare civil works design and bidding documents	✓	✓	✓	→ Updated DED based on revised scope completed – currently under review by ADB	✓
2	Safeguards document approval	✓	✓	✓	→ Social safeguards due diligence report and updated IEE.EMP under review by ADB	✓
3	Complete land acquisition and resettlement Compensation	✓	→	✓	Not yet started	✓
4	Civil works procurement	✓	✓	✓	→ Bidding documents under review by ADB	✓
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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and the handover ceremony was conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The contract is under Defects Liability Period of 12 months until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The detailed of the completed road matrix is as follow:

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

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

ADB provided No Objection on Contract Variation Order (CVO No. 1) on dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 which enable to extend the Contract's intended completion date by 365 days, from 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to 20<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, was 98.20% against the schedule of 99.09% (the revised work programme).

During this reporting period of Jan - Mar 2024, 11.72% of works progress made against target of 12.60% due to there were many concrete and finishing works for building and internal access road works being implemented.

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; (ix) cut slope trimming; and (x) Solar street lighting installation.

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

<b>Challenges &amp; Recommendations:</b>		
<b>Srl.</b>	<b>Challenges</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
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 UDAA 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) 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 Q1 2024 (January – March 2024)**

Item	Description	Unit	Rate (USD)	January to March 2023		
				Quantity	Amount (USD)	Progress
<b>BILL No. 01 GENERAL PROVISIONS</b>					<b>5,400.00</b>	
<b>100</b>	<b>General Provisions</b>					
<b>104</b>	<b>Facilities for the Engineer</b>					
104-1	Provision of Main Office and Facilities including meeting room (IT equipment, Electricity Appliances and Furniture)	Lump Sum	10,000.00	0.40	4,000.00	
104-2	Maintenance of Main Office and Facilities	Month	200.00	2.00	400.00	
107	General Environmental & Social Impact Requirement					
107-5	Capacity Development and Awareness Training on Operation & Maintenance (O&M)	Lump Sum	2,000.00	0.50	1,000.00	
<b>BILL No. B: LANDFILL WITH INFRASTRUCTURE AND MEASURES</b>					<b>-6,491.96</b>	
<b>BILL No. C: CONSTRUCTION OF CELL-1</b>					<b>9,500.00</b>	
C.01.6	400 mm thick drainage layer with sand + gravel- (20 mm size)	Metre Cube	10.00	950.00	9,500.00	
<b>BILL No. D: CONSTRUCTION OF CELL - 5</b>					<b>182,919.06</b>	
D.01.5	Supplying and laying 1.5mm HDPE liner as per design drawings No. RAM-LAO-OEO-W04-G-07-8	Metre Square	6.50	1200.00	7,800.00	
D.01.7	Gravel ( inside stack of old vehicle tyre)	Metre Cube	13.00	50.00	650.00	
C.01.8-1	Box gabions (1.0 x 1.0 x 2.0 m) for gas vent	Set	51.60	10.00	516.00	
<b>D.02</b>	<b>Plumbing</b>					
	<b>Waste waterpipe line</b>				-	
D.02.3	Supplying, laying, fitting and fixing of best quality 150 mm perforated HDPE gas vent pipe incl. fittings etc	Metre	31.50	26.50	834.75	
D.02.9	Submersible sewage pump (2 nos, 1 working and another 1 stand by) auto controlled 0=50 - 400 l/m,head=?O- 1.5 m, Insulation-Class F, Protection class-IP68, Motor casing & base :SS AISI 304, water temperature-40 deg. C, sigle phage 220/240 volt, 50 Hz,Power:0.75kw, HP-1,discharge 50mm,minm. solid passage 50mm. ,float sitch,contineous duty,Impellar: SS AISI 304, motor shaft SS AISI 316,0IN/NEMA/ IEC/BS/VOE/JIS& ISO 9001 standard manufactured by CE certified/UL listed countries. ( water lifting to Line aeration pond by this pump)	set	525.00	2.00	1,050.00	
D.03	Waste Moving and Compaction				-	
D.03.1	Waste moving and compaction to cell-5 from November 2022 to 31 July 2023 which includes all waste from cell-2 to cell-5, daily waste compacted to cell-5 and re-cutting, spreading and compaction of waste to sell-5 itself	Metre Cube	6.00	16620.00	99,720.00	
D.03.2	Extra daily waste moving from outside of cell-5 and compaction to cell-5 itself from 20 April 2023 to 31 August 2023	Month	9,000.00	4.00	36,000.00	
D.03.3	Extra daily waste moving from outside of cell-5 and compaction to cell-5 itself from 1 September 2023 to 31 September 2023	Month	14,000.00	1.00	14,000.00	
D.03.4	Moving of waste composited at cell-3 from October 2023 to November 2023 and compact to cell-5	Day	1,268.46	7.00	8,879.22	
	Capacity Building: Enhance the management of cell No 5, including daily waste movement, compaction, and the addition of intermittent soil layers, throughout the semi-operational stage, extending up to April 20, 2024	LumpSum	26,938.17	0.50	13,469.09	
<b>BILL No. E: CAPPED EXISTING WASTE (OLD WASTE CELL)</b>					<b>26,886.10</b>	
E.01.6	Planting of vegetation	Metre Square	3.00	1078.70	3,236.10	
E.01.7	Gas collection and intermediate layer (sand/soil/gavel) mixture	Metre Cube	11.00	2150.00	23,650.00	



<b>BILL No. F: LEACHATE TREATMENT</b>						<b>11,053.80</b>
F.02	Pipes, fittings and equipment					-
F.02.1	125 and 160 mm pvc bends in central area	Lump Sum	105.00	1.00		105.00
F.02.2	Shutoff valves for wastewater and leachate 160 mm (investment casting)	pcs	299.00	2.00		598.00
F.02.3	Shutoff valves for wastewater and leachate 125 mm (investment casting)	pcs	288.00	3.00		864.00
F.02.4	Shutoff valves for wastewater and leachate 110 mm (investment casting)	pcs	276.50	1.00		276.50
F.02.5	Submersible sewage pump(2 nos, 1 working and another 1 stand by) auto controlled Q=50 - 400 l/m, head=7 - 1.5 m, Insulation-Class F, Protection class IP68, body cover-SS AISI 304, water temperature-40 deg. C, single phase 220/240 volt, 50Hz, Power:0.75kw, HP-1, discharge 50mm, minm. solid passage 50mm, float sitch, contineous duty, DIN/NEMA/IEC/BS/VDE/JIS & ISO 9001 standard manufactured by CE certified/UL listed countries. ( lined etland pond to treated water reused pond)	set	525.00	2.00		1,050.00
F.02.5-1	Supply and Fixing of Additional Water Pump (KUBOTA RT90)	set	1,958.00	1.00		1,958.00
	<b>Leachate tratment constructed wetlands pond and plants</b>					-
F.02.9	Agricultural soil for wetland plants (sand/silt/earth) 45 cm thick	Metre Cube	3.10	100.00		310.00
<b>F.03</b>	<b>Construction of Additional Storm Drain Pond</b>					-
F.03.1	Soil excavation at ponds	Metre Cube	1.60	523.00		836.80
F.03.2	Embankment for dike at ponds	Metre Cube	3.50	63.00		220.50
F.03.3	Compacted gravel for foundation of ponds	Metre Cube	10.00	175.00		1,750.00
F.04	Construction of Additional Fence around Ponds					-
F.04.1	Construction of additional fence around ponds for safety measures	m	12.34	250.00		3,085.00
<b>BILL No. G: ACCESS ROAD</b>						<b>-6,918.53</b>
400	Drainage and culvertwork					
402-1	Pipe culvert, 600 mm diameter incl. fittings etc	Metre	95.00	16.00		1,520.00
404-1	Concrete (Grade 25Mpa) for U-Drain, V-Drain Shapes	Metre Cube	200.00	12.05		2,410.80
404-2	Reinforcing for U-Drain, V-Drain Shapes	Tonne	780.00	0.70		545.22
600	Miscellane works					
605-6	Installation traffic signs and posts (double posts)	Number	220.00	2.00		440.00
606-2	Edge marker (guide) posts	Number	28.00	30.00		840.00
<b>BILL No. H: INTERNAL ROADS</b>						<b>56,038.27</b>
H.01	Concrete paving road					
203-1	Common excavation	Metre Cube	1.50	4986.17		7,479.26
204-2	Embankment from borrow materials	Metre Cube	4.00	3022.51		12,090.04
203-3	Unsuitable excavation and backfilling	Metre Cube	3.00	2009.00		6,027.00
313-1	Sand layer	Metre Cube	8.50	189.03		1,606.71
301-2	Sub-base Type B	Metre Cube	11.00	1047.12		11,518.32
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	699.75		22,392.00
<b>400</b>	<b>Drainage and culvertwork</b>					
404-1	Concrete (Grade 25Mpa) for U-Drain, V-Drain Shapes	Metre Cube	200.00	-4.80		960.80
404-2	Reinforcing for U-Drain, V-Drain Shapes	Tonne	780.00	-3.90		3,043.56
<b>507</b>	<b>STRUCTURAL CONCRETE</b>					
507-1	Concrete Grade 15 Mpa (for minor unreinforced concrete work)	Metre Cube	150.00	-24.90		3,734.70
600	Miscellaneworks					
607-4	Precast Concrete Kerb Class 25Mpa (Drawing No. RAM-LAO-DED-W04-C-14)	Metre	16.00	166.50		2,664.00

<b>BILL No. I: SITE WATER SUPPLY, STORM WATER AND WASTE WATER SYSTEM</b>						<b>16,727.90</b>
<b>I.01.1</b>	<b>Cold waterline pipes &amp; fittings</b>					
I.01.8	63mm dia gate valve	ea	14.00	10.00	140.00	
I.01.9	25mm dia gate valve	ea	10.50	10.00	105.00	
<b>I.02</b>	<b>Elevated water tank &amp; tower</b>					
I.02.1	Excavation and preparation of foundation (concrete slab)	Lump Sum	1,575.00	1.00	1,575.00	
I.02.2	Supply & Installation of elevated water tank(incl. all accessories) stainless steel 5000 litres	Set	5,250.00	1.00	5,250.00	
<b>I.03</b>	<b>Deep well centrifugal pump</b>					
I.03.2	Delivery and install the centrifugal Pump, 1,5 LPS, 2 HP ounolno to elevated tank approx. 10 m hicher in terrain	Set	525.00	2.00	1,050.00	
	<b>Wastewater Pipes &amp; Fittings</b>					
I.04.1	Supplying and laying of 125mm dia PVC. pipe waste water	Metre	10.50	431.00	4,525.50	
	<b>Waste Water Treatment Holes</b>					
I.04.3	Supply and laying of 150 mm uPVC pipe	Metre	13.00	226.80	2,948.40	
I.04.4	RC pipe 600 mm diameter including blinding concrete and gravel filter layer as per drawing	set	6.00	42.00	252.00	
<b>I.05</b>	<b>Septic tank</b>					
I.05.1	Earthwork in excavation of foundation trenches	Metre Cube	1.26	350.00	441.00	
I.05.9	Brick works with good quality bricks with cement sand (F.M. 1.2) mortar 1:4 (as per specification)	Metre Cube	68.25	5.00	341.25	
I.05.10	Water test: Water required for hydraulic testing	Number	99.75	1.00	99.75	
<b>BILL No. J: ELECTRICAL WORK AND POWER TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM</b>						<b>46,556.90</b>
<b>J.04</b>	<b>Electric wiring of street lighting</b>					
J.04.3	Concrete foundation with anchor pole	set	51.00	24.00	1,224.00	
J.04.10	Transportation costs	Lump Sum	204.00	1.00	204.00	
J.04.11	Solar Street Lighting including solar panel, LED 100 W lamp, 100 AH battery, controller, 7 m height pole and other accessories	set	1,190.00	24.00	28,560.00	
	<b>Site electrical works 0.4kV (Low voltage)</b>					
J.05.10	Press Stressed Concrete Pole 8 m	Pole	212.17	23.00	4,880.02	
J.05.11	Type Rack 4 slot	Set	25.72	25.00	642.95	
J.05.12	Sleeves for Aluminum Conductor 16x120	Pcs	10.29	32.00	329.19	
J.05.13	Parallel Groove Clamps for Steel 16x120	Pcs	12.86	8.00	102.87	
J.05.14	Insulation Piercing Connector	Pcs	16.72	8.00	133.73	
J.05.15	Electric line 0.4kv 1x95 aqmm alpvc	Metre	2.57	1000.00	2,571.81	
J.05.16	Electric line 0.4kv 1x70 aqmm alpvc	Metre	2.57	740.00	1,903.14	
J.05.17	Electric line 2x25 aqmm alpvc	Metre	3.86	230.00	887.28	
J.05.18	NYY 1X50 Sqmm	Metre	45.01	32.00	1,440.22	
J.05.19	Cement Portland	Pcs	5.14	15.00	77.15	
J.05.20	Operation and Service	Lump Sum	1,028.73	1.00	1,028.73	
J.05.21	Worker and Installation	Lump Sum	2,571.81	1.00	2,571.81	

<b>BILL No. K: WEIGHING BRIDGE OFFICE BUILDING</b>					1,717.72
<b>K.01.13</b>	<b>Super structureWorks:</b>				
K.01.14	125mm brick work with good quality bricks in cement mortar (1:4) ( as per specification)	Metre Square	15.75	40.88	643.86
K.01.15	RCC 30MPa, stone chips (SC):	Metre Cube	262.50	0.31	81.37
K.01.16	Minimum 12mm thick cement plaster (1:4) with portland Composite cement	Metre Square	4.20	81.76	343.39
K.01.28	Doors, windows and glass work				
K.01.34	Flush pointing to brick wall with cement mortar (1:2)	Metre Square	5.00	16.00	80.00
K.02	Plumbing				
	<b>Water Lines</b>				
K.02.10	300x300mm pit	pc	10.50	10.00	105.00
K.02.12	Miscellaneous works				
K.02.16	Angle stop cock	pc	10.50	5.00	52.50
K.02.17	Mirror	pc	42.00	3.00	126.00
K.02.18	Glass self	pc	31.50	3.00	94.50
K.02.19	Soap case	pc	12.60	3.00	37.80
K.02.20	Towel rail	pc	18.90	3.00	56.70
K.02.21	coat hanger	pc	16.80	2.00	33.60
K.02.22	Flesible pipe	pc	12.60	5.00	63.00
<b>BILL No. M: GUARD HOUSE AND MAIN ENTRANCE</b>					-2,900.77
	<b>Sanitary Lines</b>				
M.02.6	100mm x 100 mm Floor drain	pc	6.30	1.00	6.30
M.02.7	100 mm Ø P-trap	pc	6.30	1.00	6.30
M.02.8	300x300mm pit	pc	10.50	2.00	21.00
	<b>Miscellaneous works</b>				-
M.02.13	Angle stop cock	pc	10.50	2.00	21.00
M.02.14	Mirror	pc	42.00	1.00	42.00
M.02.15	Glass self	pc	31.50	1.00	31.50
M.02.16	Soap case	pc	12.60	1.00	12.60
M.02.17	Towel rail	pc	18.90	1.00	18.90
M.02.18	coat hanger	pc	16.80	1.00	16.80
M.02.19	Flesible pipe	pc	12.60	2.00	25.20
<b>BILL No. N: MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY (MRF)</b>					58,847.00
	<b>Civil works</b>				
	<b>Substructureworks:</b>				
N.01.16	Reinforced concrete pavement, 180 mm thick including re-bar as per drawing for the area between weighing bridge and the office and the area between workshop and MRF	Metre Square	32.00	930.00	29,760.00
N.02	Doors, windows and glass work				
N.02.3	Accordion door 6.6m x 3.5m	Set	1,155.00	1.00	1,155.00
N.04	Water/sanitary/drainage works				
N.04.18	Drainage grating	kg	2.00	13966.00	27,932.00
<b>BILL No. O: MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY (MRF)</b>					-11,497.73
0.03	Masonry works				
0.03.2	Single standard bricks, 80mmx80mmx170mm	Metre Square	12.60	45.23	569.90
0.06	Moisture and thermal control				
0.06.3	GA #26 GI ridge roll	Metre	16.00	2.60	41.60
	Sanitary lines				
0.09.10	75 mm x 75 mm floor drain	pc	6.30	11.00	69.30

<b>BILL No. P: WORKSHOP / SERVICE BUILDING</b>					<b>2,380.25</b>	
P.03.12	Double standard bricks, 80mmx80mmx170mm	Metre Square	25.00	95.21	2,380.25	
<b>BILL No. O: ADMINISTRATION BUILDING</b>					<b>-8,164.12</b>	
<b>BILL No. S: INCINERATOR ROOM</b>					<b>-3,439.42</b>	
<b>BILL No. T: LANDFILL HAZARDOUS WASTE</b>					<b>-320.34</b>	
<b>BILL No. U: TREATED WATER FOR REUSE</b>					<b>420.00</b>	
<b>U.02</b>	<b>Plumbing</b>					
	<b>Pump</b>					
U.02.3	Submersible sewage pump(2 nos,1 working and another 1 stand by) auto controled Q=50 - 450 l/m,head=31.5 - 21 m, Insulation-Class F, Protection class-IP68, body cover-SS AISI 304, water temperature-40 deg. C, sigle phage 220/240 volt,50 Hz,Power:0.75kw,HP-3,discharge 50mm,minm. solid passage 50mm. ,float sitch,contineous duty, DIN/NEMA/ IEC/BS/VDE/JIS & ISO 9001 standard manufactured by CE certified/UL listed countries	Set	420.00	1.00	420.00	
<b>BILL No. V: VEHICLE WASHING RAMP</b>					<b>-390.58</b>	
<b>BILL No. W: BOUNDARY WALL</b>					<b>6,602.22</b>	
W.01.5	Cement concrete work	Metre Cube	190.00	8.61	1635.90	
W.01.6	RCC 20MPa, stone chips (SC):	Metre Cube	135.00	13.83	1867.32	
W.01.7	Reinforcement Steel	Tonne	800.00	2.18	1744.00	
W.01.12	Flush pointing to brick wall with cement mortar (1 :2)	Metre Square	5.00	271.00	1355.00	
<b>BILL No. X: EMBANKMENT (CELL-5 OUTSIDE AREA)</b>					<b>-5,663.15</b>	
<b>BILL No. Z: LEACHATE WATER STORAGE PIT</b>					<b>2,489.25</b>	
Z.01.5	RCC 20MPa, Stone Chips (SC):	Metre Cube	150.00	8.12	1218.00	
Z.01.6	Minimum 12mmthick cement plaster (1:4) with portland composite cement	Metre Square	4.50	20.00	90.00	
Z.01.7	Providing & laying smooth finish layer with water cement	Metre Square	5.25	150.00	787.50	
Z.01.8	ReinforcementSteel	Tonne	787.50	0.50	393.75	
<b>BILL No. AC: PLANTATION AND TURFING</b>					<b>945.00</b>	
AC.01.6	Plantation of tree	Number	6.30	150.00	945.00	
<b>Total Executed Amonut</b>					<b>382,696.87</b>	<b>11.72%</b>

Status of Stage-1 Works Packages:

Sub-project-W01	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
<p><b>TIIGP2-LAO-W01:</b>  Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C1: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation</li> <li>• C2: Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DED prepared</li> <li>• IEE/EMP prepared</li> <li>• Social DDR prepared</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DED Review submission by PMCES on 28 August 2019</li> <li>• IEE and EMP approved by ADB on 12 September 2019</li> <li>• ADB No Objection to the Bidding Document on 17 September 2019</li> <li>• IFB issued on 18 September 2019</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• DED clearance certificates by DPWT/Champasak on 22 October 2019</li> <li>• Bid opening on 30 October 2019</li> <li>• Bid Evaluation Report, 16 December 2019</li> <li>• ADB No Objection to the Bid Evaluation Committee's recommendation to award the contract on 23 December 2019</li> <li>• ADB No objection to the DDR on 23 December 2019</li> <li>• Contract Award on 26 December 2019</li> <li>• Contract Signing on 30 December 2019</li> <li>• Kick-off meeting on 20 January 2020</li> <li>• Site possession on 7 January 2020</li> <li>• CEMP on 12 May 2020</li> <li>• Revised Work Program on 12 May 2020</li> <li>• UXO clearance on 29 April 2020</li> <li>• Notice to proceed by 12 May 2020</li> <li>• Commencement of Works on 26 May 2020</li> <li>• Water quality tests carried out in September 2020</li> <li>• CAP No Objection for the Safeguards Non-compliance at Nakasang River Port on 25 November 20</li> <li>• CEMP revised based on comments from ADB and resubmitted to ADB on 06 December 2020</li> <li>• CEMP training conducted during 21-23 December 2020</li> <li>• GRM Training with District Authority, Contractor and Supervision Engineer on 18 January 2021</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Approval of Preliminary Design of 3 Bridges in Don Khone in August 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defects Liability Inspection</li> </ul>

Sub-project-W01	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of Detailed Engineering Design (DED) of 3 Bridges in Don Khone including BOQ in February 2022</li> <li>• ADB MTR Mission visited the project site on 17 May 2022</li> <li>• Variation Order No. 01 was approved on 26 May 2022 by ADB</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• ADB provided no-objection for the CV No. 2 on 07 April 2023</li> <li>• Request for the Certificate of Completion on 23 June 2023 by the Contractor</li> <li>• The Employer issued the Completion Certificate on 30 June 2023 to the Contractor</li> <li>• The Civil Works Contract has been taken over and the 365 days of Defects Liability Period has been started from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023.</li> <li>• As –built drawings were submitted on 10 September 2023</li> <li>• O&amp;M training for the infrastructure facilities completed on 10 September 2023</li> </ul>	

Sub-project-W04	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
<b>TIIGP2-LAO-W04:</b> Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DED prepared</li> <li>• IEE/EMP prepared</li> <li>• IP drafted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DED Reviewed in September 2019</li> <li>• ECA completed on 12 March 2020</li> <li>• DED and BD Submission by PMCES on 18 August 2020</li> <li>• ADB No Objection to the DED on 8 September 2020</li> <li>• ADB No Objection to the Bidding Document on 11 September 2020</li> <li>• ADB No Objection to the IEE and EMP on 15 September 2020</li> <li>• ADB No Objection to the EGDRP on 15 September 2020</li> <li>• IFB issued on 15 September 2020</li> <li>• Bid opening on 27 October 2020</li> <li>• DED clearance certificate by DPWT/Vientiane Province on 04 November 2020</li> <li>• GRM training for PIU and the resettlement committee conducted (Vang Vieng District) on 14 December 2020</li> <li>• UXO clearance by the Vang Vieng District Governor/Vientiane Province on 16 Dec 2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compensation Payment to the affected people on dated 17 December 2020</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• ADB No Objection to the BER on 28 December 2020</li> <li>• The Letter of Acceptance was issued on 12 February 2021</li> <li>• The Contract was signed on 19 February 2021</li> <li>• The site possession was given on 24 March 2021</li> <li>• Kick-off meeting was conducted on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021</li> <li>• The CEMP was approved with conditions by PMCES on 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2021</li> <li>• The Notice to Proceed (NTP) was given on 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 with commencement of works from 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2021</li> <li>• CEMP Training for the Contractor dated 18 June 2021</li> <li>• Groundwater monitoring in Sep-Dec 2021</li> <li>• Surface water monitoring in Sep-Dec 2021</li> <li>• ADB MTR Mission visited the project site on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022</li> <li>• Groundwater monitoring in July 2022</li> <li>• Surface water monitoring in July 2022</li> <li>• CCR for Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements has been posted on the web. <a href="https://www.adb.org/projects/documents/lao-49387-002-smr">https://www.adb.org/projects/documents/lao-49387-002-smr</a> dated 12Sep22</li> <li>• ADB approved SMR No. 5 and disclosed on 27 Dec 2022 including accident Report</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• ADB No Objection on Contract Variation Order (VO No. 2) on dated 28 December 2023</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue Leachate samples: pH, BODS, COD, Turb., and heavy metal such as Cd, As, Zn, Cr (VI), Pb, and Cu by every 6months interval.</li> </ul>
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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 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020, with a submission deadline and bid opening on 30<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The site possession was given on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The Notice to Proceed (NTP) was given on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 with commencement of works from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021. The period of performance is 731 calendar days, and the intended completion date is therefore 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The Intended Completion Date was extended from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 as approved by ADB on 28<sup>th</sup> 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 1,200m<sup>2</sup> 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 3,860m<sup>2</sup> 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

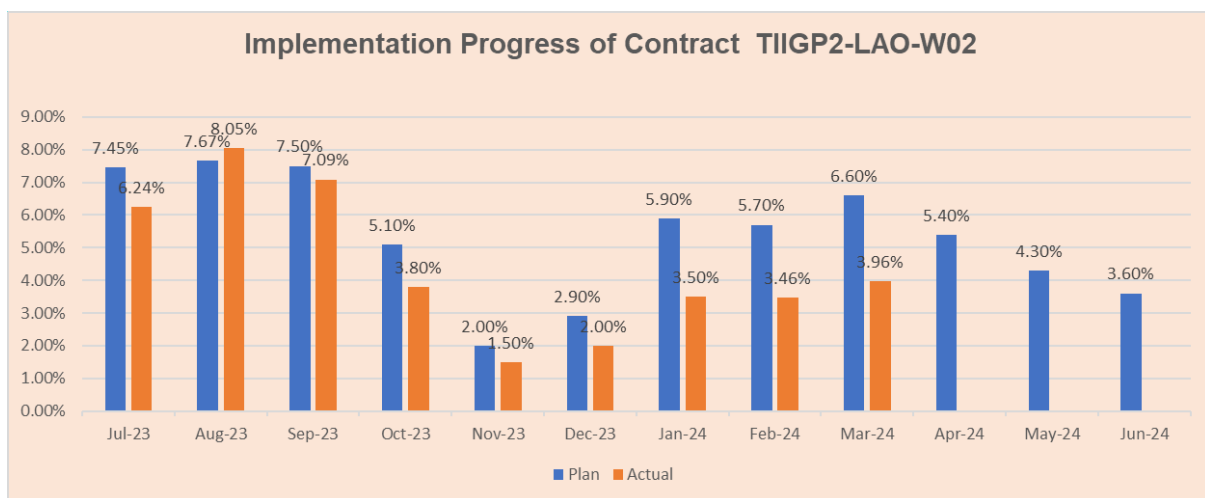
The overall implementation progress, as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 was 78.52% against the schedule of 86.71%. The outstanding works of 21.48% is scheduled to be completed within the extended period of 3 months from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

During this report period of January – March 2024, 10.90% of works progress made against 17.64% planned. The progress of works was delayed due to (i) lack of resources (Labour and



construction materials) at site for landscape and buildings marina works; (ii) delay in construction of fill slope protection by using Terramesh system, and (iii) 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 shophouses Types A, B, 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 installation of handrail for Stair ST-04 and Wheelchair Ramp No. 01, (xi) construction of the water treatment tank for water supply, (xii) the construction of Step landscape at Marina. 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):**

The progress status is summarized for 14 - priority action plans (agreed in July 2022):

- 9 - actions fully completed (100% completed)
- 1 – actions partially completed (more than 90%)
- 2 - actions partially completed (more than 70%)
- 2 – actions significantly delayed – Not completed (less than 70%)

## Progress Status of 14-Priority Action Plans as of March 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 Mar 2024	Progress as of 31 Mar 2024	Progress Status	
	<b>I</b>	<b>Access Road-1 (Sta. 3+500 to Sta. 6+372)</b>							
1	1.1	Earth Works -Common Excavation: 64,887.47 m <sup>3</sup> -Embankment: 2,963.30 m <sup>3</sup>	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			Done	Total Length= 4,967m
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			Done	Total Length= 2,827m
	<b>II</b>	<b>Access Road-2 (Sta. 0+000 to Sta. 3+500)</b>							
5	2.1	Earth Works -Common Excavation: 84,117.30 m <sup>3</sup> -Embankment: 3,112.00 m <sup>3</sup>	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			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			Done	Total Length= 3,500m
	<b>III</b>	<b>Landscape Marina</b>							
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	100.00%	70.00%	Delay	
11	3.3	Circular Pavilion	Start: 15-June-2022 End: 15-March-2023	75.00%	Start: 1-December-2023 End: 1-March-2024	100.00%	91.00%	Delay	
12	3.4	Public Plaza	Start: 15-June-2022 End: 15-February-2023	38.00%	Start: 1-November-2023 End: 1-March-2024	100.00%	70.00%	Delay	
13	3.5	Shophouse	Start: 1-August-2022 End: 1-May-2023	17.00%	Start: 1-November-2023 End: 1-May-2024	79.28%	65.00%	Delay	
14	3.6	Internal Road	Start: 1-December-2022 End: 30-June-2023	53.00%	Start: 1-March-2024 End: 31-May-2024	68.67%	68.67%	In progress	

## 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	-
<b>Sub-Total (Bill No. 1 to Bill No. 6)</b>	<b>4,244,604.67</b>	<b>5.315.799,28</b>	<b>1.071.194,61</b>
<b>Contingencies 10%</b>	<b>424,460.47</b>	<b>15.000,00</b>	<b>(409.460,47)</b>
<b>Total of Contractor's Bill with Contingency</b>	<b>4,669,065.14</b>	<b>5.330.799,28</b>	<b>661.734,14</b>

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 March 2023
<b>TIIGP2-LAO-W02:</b> 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"> <li>• Refer the following results</li> </ul>
	(i) meet monthly progress target in August and September 2023,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress in Aug 8.1% (Target 7.7%)</li> <li>• Progress in Sep 7.1% (Target 7.5%)</li> <li>• Progress in Oct 3.75% (Target 5.1%)</li> <li>• Progress in Nov 2.30% (Target 4.4%)</li> <li>• Progress in Dec 2.01% (Target 2.89%)</li> <li>• Progress in Dec 2.01% (Target 2.89%)</li> <li>• Progress in Jan 2024, 3.47% (Target 5.60%)</li> <li>• Progress in Feb 2024, 3.47% (Target 5.51%)</li> <li>• Progress in Mar 2024, 3.96% (Target 6.53%)</li> <li>•</li> <li>• <b>Result: Satisfactory for Aug 2023 and un-satisfactory for Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec 2023, Jan 2024, Feb 2024 and Mar 2024</b></li> </ul>
	(ii) meet at least 90% of planned equipment, manpower, materials,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manpower – 63%, Equipment - 69%, Material – 89% in Aug 2023</li> <li>• Manpower – 60%, Equipment - 74%, Material – 96% in Sep 2023</li> <li>• Manpower – 55%, Equipment - 77%, Material – 79% in Oct 2023</li> <li>• Manpower – 60%, Equipment - 77%, Material – 91% in Nov 2023</li> <li>• Manpower – 55%, Equipment - 75%, Material – 52% in Dec 2023</li> <li>• Manpower – 58%, Equipment - 67%, Material – 54% in Jan 2024</li> <li>• Manpower – 58%, Equipment - 67%, Material – 54% in Feb 2024</li> <li>• Manpower – 71%, Equipment - 71%, Material – 87% in Mar 2024</li> <li>• <b>Result: Satisfactory (the contractor selected equipment intensive during the rainy seasons) for Aug &amp; Sep 2023. Unsatisfactory for Oct, Nov, Dec 2023, Jan 2024, Feb 2024 and</b></li> </ul>

		<b>Mar 2024 as Works was labour incentive</b>
	(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"> <li>• 9 Completed.</li> <li>• 1 Partially completed (&gt;90%)</li> <li>• 2 Partially completed (&gt;70%)</li> <li>• 2 Significantly delayed (&lt;70%)</li> <li>• <b>Result: Refer Safeguard Report</b></li> </ul>

The Contractor was heavily behind of progress during this quarter (progress 10.90%, planned 17.64%). 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 from October 2023 to March 2024 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 Q1 2024 (January – March 2024)**

Item	Description	Unit	Rate (USD)	Quantity	Amount (USD)	Progress
<b>Bill No. 1: General Provisions</b>					<b>6,090.00</b>	
<b>102</b>	<b>General Obligation</b>					
102-1	Maintenance of Road, Bridges and Culvert	month	410.00	3.00	1,230.00	
102-3	Maintenance of Traffic	month	200.00	-	-	
<b>103</b>	<b>Contractor's Establishments</b>					
103-2	Maintenance of Contractor's Establishments	month	820.00	3.00	2,460.00	
<b>104</b>	<b>Facilities for the Engineer</b>					
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	
<b>Bill No. 2: Landscape Marina</b>					<b>206,063.14</b>	
<b>200</b>	<b>EARTH WORKS</b>					
601-5	Fill slope protection road to circular pavilion at Marina AL-3	LS	295,768.12	0.28	83,579.74	
601-6	Fill slope protection at Marina & Access Road Connection AL-1, AL-5 (Public Road) & AL-6 (Diversion Road)	LS	54,929.28	0.35	19,027.33	
707	OverFlow Parking	LS	20,073.90	0.15	2,952.78	
<b>204</b>	<b>CONSTRUCTION OF EMBANKMENTS</b>					
<b>405</b>	<b>MINOR DRAINAGE STRUCTURES</b>					
405-7	U-RC Gutter Storm Drainage Size: W0.4xD0.6mx0.10m (Wall Thickness) With RC-Cover 12Cm Thk, Including MH at cover carpark	LS	12,000.00	0.43	5,210.00	
701-2	Stair ST02	LS	5,954.37	0.12	729.80	
701-3	Stair ST03	LS	19,268.96	0.56	10,841.89	
701-4	Stair ST04	LS	34,048.52	0.15	5,077.62	
<b>702</b>	<b>WHEELCHAIR RAMP</b>					
702-2	Wheelchair Ramp 02	LS	13,322.60	0.93	12,402.00	
703	Step Landscape	LS	44,271.68	0.23	10,034.60	
802E2	Septic Tank Cap. 6.4m3/day of Shop house (Total 4 no.)	LS	26,187.84	-	-	
<b>704</b>	<b>WASTE WATER AND WATER SUPPLY</b>					
704-1	Intake Pump House	LS	24,135.86	-	-	
704-2	Water Treatment Tank	LS	45,727.85	0.09	4,070.50	
704-3	Wetland Treatment System	LS	11,659.60	-	-	
709	PARKING IMPROVEMENT ( 27 cars and 4 buses)	LS	52,136.88	1.00	52,136.88	
<b>Bill No. 3: Building Marina</b>					<b>171,292.41</b>	
802B	Shop house type A	LS	195,091.48	0.47	91,643.84	
802B	Shop house type B	LS	166,156.40	0.18	29,635.45	
802B	Shop house type C	LS	134,035.31	0.05	7,275.30	
802B	Shop house type D	LS	63,621.81	0.19	11,797.41	
803	PUBLIC PLAZA	LS	137,604.65	0.21	28,342.42	
804	CIRCULAR PAVILION	LS	107,226.97	0.02	2,598.00	
<b>Bill No. 4: Road Improvement</b>					<b>197,132.95</b>	
<b>200</b>	<b>EARTH WORKS</b>					
<b>300</b>	<b>PAVEMENT WORKS</b>					
313-1	Sand Layer	Metre Cube	4.10	304.50	1,248.45	
	Plastic Sheet	m2	0.50	6,090.00	3,045.00	
314-2	Reinforced Concrete Pavement, 175 mm thick (Class 30Mpa)	Metre Square	29.00	5,930.00	171,970.00	
<b>404</b>	<b>DITCHES, APRON PROTECTION, INLET AND OUTLET STRUCTURES</b>					
404-4	Stone Masonry (Replac construction by reinforceconcte U-ditch)	Metre Cube	36.00	102.00	3,672.00	
	U-ditch + Cover sab total Length= 300 m (Km 2+150 - 2+450 RS)	LS	4,713.38	0.20	956.25	
<b>607</b>	<b>CONCRETE KERBS (BARRIER AND MOUNTABLE) AND GUTTER</b>					
607-4	Precast Concrete Kerb	Metre	3.75	4,331.00	16,241.25	
<b>Bill No. 5: Pipe Culverts</b>					<b>-</b>	
<b>507</b>	<b>STRUCTURAL CONCRETE</b>					
<b>Total Executed Amoun</b>					<b>580,578.50</b>	<b>10.90%</b>

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 24<sup>th</sup> August with commencement of works from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021. The period of performance is 731 calendar days, and the intended completion date is therefore 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

The Intended Completion Date was extended from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 to 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

<b>Key Scopes</b>	<b>V2</b>	<b>V3</b>	<b>Total</b>
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"> <li>- Renovating dining pavilions, kitchen, public toilet</li> <li>- Building changing hut</li> <li>- Renovating suspension bridge</li> <li>- Building 2 arch bridge in reinforced concrete</li> <li>- Improving forest walkway (trekking and stone stairs)</li> <li>- Construction of new view deck near waterfall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remove existing deck and its support</li> <li>- Install new decking and support frame</li> <li>- Install new railing</li> </ul>	

The overall implementation progress, as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, was 73.29% against the revised schedule of 84.02%. During this reporting period of January to March 2024, 8.51% of works progress made against 17.80% 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 & R4; (ix) the 1<sup>st</sup> layer of DBST of Western Loop Rural Access Road-R1 including Prime Coat MC70 and first sealing coat AC80/100; (x) Repairing of existing Bailey bridges on Road R1&R2 including Abutment protection; (xi) the RC pavement of Kaeng Yui Access Road; (xii) the construction of Public Toilet at Kaeng Yui landscape; (xiii) the construction of RC box culverts at Km 3+010 and Km 4+825 on Kaeng Yui Access Road; (xiv) the construction of Causeway at Km 5+994 on Kaeng Yui Access Road; (xv) the construction of RC deck slab of Nam Xong Bridge including handrail installation; (xvi) the construction of embankment for approach road to bridge abutment A1 (Bridge Road R1), (xvii) Installation of U-ditch for Bridge Road R1, (xviii) Construction of Base course from Bridge Road R1 at abutment A2 side; (xix) construction of retaining wall for bridge abutment A1 side; and (xx) Installation of Gabion box for slope protection at abutment A2 side.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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



## Progress status of 11-priority action plans, as of 31 March 2024

11 Priority Action List agreed in the Management Meeting No. 08 dated 5th May 2022				Target as of 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Actual Progress as of 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	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"> <li>Kaeng Yui: 100%</li> <li>Western Loop: 99.12%</li> </ul>	Completed (99%)
2	Bored pile load test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Static load test – 2 Nos</li> <li>High strength Dynamic Test – 2 Nos</li> <li>PIT Test – 28 Nos</li> <li>Sonic Test – 28 Nos</li> </ul>	Contractor	Start: 19 May 2022 to 11 June 2022	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Static load: 100%</li> <li>High strength Dynamic Test: 100%</li> <li>PIT Test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abutment A1 – 8 Nos: 100%</li> <li>Abutment A2 – 8 Nos: 100%</li> <li>Pier P1 – 6 Nos: 100%</li> <li>Pier P2 – 6 Nos: 100%</li> </ul> </li> <li>Sonic Test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abutment A1 – 8 Nos: 100%</li> <li>Abutment A2 – 8 Nos: 100%</li> <li>Pier P1 – 6 Nos: 100%</li> <li>Pier P2 – 6 Nos: 100%</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Completed
3	Pile cap construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Group (A1+P1)</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> Group (P2+A2)</li> </ul>	Contractor	Start: 25 May 2022 to 17 June 2022	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abutment A1: 100%</li> <li>Abutment A2: 100%</li> <li>Pier P1: 100%</li> <li>Pier P2: 100%</li> </ul>	Completed
4	Exposed unfinished U-Drain or Cover Drain Construction	Contractor	Continue: 6 May 2022 to 1 <sup>st</sup> week of June 2022	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kaeng Yui: 100.0%</li> <li>Western Loop: 100.0% (Km 17+940 ~ 18+820 L/S, R/S)</li> </ul>	Completed
5	Pipe Culvert Construction both subprojects	Contractor	Continue: 5 May 2022 to 31 July 2022	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kaeng Yui: 94.12% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total 17 locations</li> <li>Completed 16 locations</li> </ul> </li> <li>Western Loop: 96.10% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total 77 locations</li> <li>Completed 74 locations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	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"> <li>Kaeng Yui: 100% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total 6.0 km</li> <li>Completed 6.0 km</li> </ul> </li> <li>Western Loop: 96.0% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total 26.0 km</li> <li>Completed 25.0 km</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Completed (98.0%)
7	Base Course Construction - WL	Contractor	Start: 15 May 2022 to 10 April 2023	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Western Loop: 94.03% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total 26 km</li> <li>Completed 24.45 km of 1<sup>st</sup> layer, 100 mm THK &amp; 24.45 km of 2<sup>nd</sup> layer, 100 mm THK.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Uncompleted (5.97%)
8	Pavement Concrete - KY	Contractor	Start: 25 May 2022 to 31 December 2022	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kaeng Yui: 95.0% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total 6.0 km = 36,000 m2</li> <li>Completed 5.7 km full width W=6.0 m</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	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"> <li>Landscape Work: 39.70%</li> <li>Building Work: 74.65%</li> </ul>	Uncompleted (42.82%)
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 (Jan – Mar 2024)**

Item	Description	Unit	Rate (USD)	January to March 2024		
				Quantity	Amount (USD)	Progress
<b>BILL No. 01 GENERAL PROVISIONS</b>					<b>1,650.00</b>	
100	General Provisions					
104	Facilities for the Engineer					
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	Testing and Control					
105-2	Maintenance of Main / Field Laboratory	Month	200.00	3.00	600.00	
<b>BILL No. 1: LANDSCAPE FOR KAENG YUI</b>					<b>60,661.94</b>	
200	EARTH WORKS					
203	ROADWAY EXCAVATION					
203-1	Common Excavation	Metre Cube	1.15	1,936.00	2,221.56	
204	CONSTRUCTION OF EMBANKMENTS					
204-2	Embankment from Borrow Materials	Metre Cube	2.68	3,292.97	8,816.93	
621-1	WATER TREATMENT TANK					
	Dynamic Roughing Filter (Size: W1.xL1.xD1.4m)					
621-1-3	Reinforced Concrete For Structure (25Mpa)	Metre Cube	179.78	2.50	449.44	
621-1-7	Make MH (Size:0.8x0.8m) to access Including Cover with Key lock	Set	535.50	1.00	535.50	
621-1-8	A6a PVC Waterstop For Construction Joint (Size:6", 5mm Thk)	Metre	15.30	6.50	99.45	
621-1-9	Other accessories	Ls	382.50	1.00	382.50	
	Up-flow Roughing Filter (Size: W1.5xL1.5xD1.4m)					
621-1-10	Reinforced Concrete For Structure (25Mpa)	Metre Cube	179.78	4.00	719.10	
621-1-14	Make MH (Size:0.8x0.8m) to access Including Cover with Key lock	Set	535.50	1.00	535.50	
621-1-15	A6a PVC Waterstop For Construction Joint (Size:6", 5mm Thk)	Metre	15.30	7.80	119.34	
621-1-16	Other accessories	Ls	382.50	1.00	382.50	
	Up-flow Roughing Filter (Size: W2.5xL2.5xD1.4m)					
621-1-17	Excavation work	Metre Cube	1.15	7.70	8.84	
621-1-18	Back fill land	Metre Cube	1.91	2.30	4.40	
621-1-19	Reinforced Concrete For Structure (25Mpa)	Metre Cube	179.78	6.00	1,078.65	
621-1-24	A6a PVC Waterstop For Construction Joint (Size:6", 5mm Thk)	Metre	15.30	12.80	195.84	
621-1-25	Other accessories	Ls	382.50	1.00	382.50	
	Clean Water Storage Tank (Size: W4xL4xD2.5m)					

621-1-26	Excavation work	Metre Cube	1.15	36.30	41.65	
621-1-27	Back fill land	Metre Cube	1.91	12.00	22.95	
621-1-28	Reinforced Concrete For Structure (25Mpa)	Metre Cube	179.78	22.00	3,955.05	
621-1-29	Make MH (Size:0.8x0.8m) to access Including Cover with Key lock	Ls	535.50	1.00	535.50	
621-1-30	A6a PVC Waterstop For Construction Joint (Size:6", 5mm Thk)	Metre	15.30	18.00	275.40	
621-1-31	Aluminium Ladder Dia.20mm	Metre	15.30	2.30	35.19	
621-1-32	Other accessories	Ls	382.50	1.00	382.50	
	<b>Pipe Fitting And Gate Valve For System</b>					
621-1-33	GSP Sch.40 DN.100mm	Metre	72.68	46.00	3,343.05	
621-1-34	Flang Gate Valve DN.100mm	Set	49.73	16.00	795.60	
621-1-35	Support & Other Neccessaries	Ls	267.75	1.00	267.75	
	<b>GUTTER (Storm Drainage Channel) Including MH</b>					
621-1-36	U-RC Guter Storm Drainage Size: W0.25 xD0.3-0.5mx0.10m (With RC-Cover)	Metre	16.83	50.00	841.50	
621-2	MAIN PIPES OF COLD WATER SYSTEM					
621-2-1	HDPE PN12.5 OD DN.90mm	Metre	218.03	150.00	32,703.75	
621-4	SEPTIC TANK NO.1					
621-4-7	Absorb RC-pipe Dia.100 cm (Size: Dia.80CmxL50Cm)	Pipe	191.25	8.00	1,530.00	
<b>BILL No. 2: BUILDING FOR KAENG YUI</b>					<b>17,015.54</b>	
<b>702</b>	<b>DINING PAVILION TYPE B (3 UNIT)</b>					
701-A.2	FLOOR FINISHING (SPECIFICATION DIVISION 9)					
702-A.2.1	Wood imitation ceramic tile	Square Metre	16.83	30.72	517.02	
<b>703</b>	<b>KITCHEN</b>					
703-A.2	DOORS AND WINDOWS (SPECIFICATION DIVISION 8)					
703-A.2.1	Metal sheet rolling shutter door (2500x3500mm)	Set	650.25	4.00	2,601.00	
<b>705</b>	<b>PUBLIC TOILET</b>					
<b>705-A</b>	<b>ARCHITECTURE</b>					
<b>705-A.1</b>	<b>MASONRY WALL AND PLASTERING (SPECIFICATION DIVISION 4)</b>					
705-A.1.2	Ventilation brick wall	Square Metre	7.27	14.12	102.62	
<b>705-A.2</b>	<b>DOORS AND WINDOWS (SPECIFICATION DIVISION 8)</b>					
705-A.2.1	Wooden + Louver door frame (2000x700mm)	Set	218.03	9.00	1,962.23	
705-A.2.2	Sliding door with wooden frame (2000x1000mm)	Set	497.25	1.00	497.25	
<b>705-A.2.3</b>	<b>FLOOR FINISHING</b>					
705-A.2.4	Anti-slip ceramic tile size 300x300mm	Square Metre	13.01	108.00	1,404.54	
<b>705-A.3</b>	<b>WALL FINISHING (SPECIFICATION DIVISION 9)</b>					
705-A.3.1	Ceramic wall tile size 300x300mm	Square Metre	13.01	144.00	1,872.72	

<b>705-A.5</b>	<b>MISCELLANEOUS WORK (SPECIFICATION DIVISION 10)</b>					
705-A.5.1	Counter for hand washing installation	Metre	91.80	4.20	385.56	
<b>705-P</b>	<b>PLUMBING</b>					
<b>705-P.1</b>	<b>COLD WATER PIPE SYSTEM (SPECIFICATION DIVISION 22)</b>					
705-P.1.1	PVC PN13.5 DN.40MM	Metre	6.12	24.00	146.88	
705-P.1.2	PVC PN13.5 DN.25MM	Metre	4.97	30.00	149.18	
705-P.1.3	PVC PN13.5 DN.20MM	Metre	4.97	18.00	89.51	
705-P.1.4	PVC PN13.5 DN.18MM	Metre	4.97	20.00	99.45	
705-P.1.5	Gate valve DN.40MM	Set	650.25	1.00	650.25	
705-P.1.6	Pipe Fitting And Other Accessories	LS	382.50	1.00	382.50	
705-P.1.7	Testing And Adjustment	LS	382.50	1.00	382.50	
<b>705-P.2</b>	<b>WASTE WATER PIPE SYSTEM (SPECIFICATION DIVISION 22)</b>					
705-P.2.1	PVC PN85 DN100MM (Soil Pipe)	Metre	6.50	36.00	234.09	
705-P.2.2	PVC PN85 DN55MM (Soil Pipe)	Metre	2.68	48.00	128.52	
705-P.2.3	PVC PN8.5 DN80MM (Waste Pipe)	Metre	3.83	30.00	114.75	
705-P.2.4	PVC PN8.5 DN55MM (Waste Pipe)	Metre	2.68	42.00	112.46	
705-P.2.5	PVC PN8.5 DN55MM (Vent for soil)	Metre	2.68	36.00	96.39	
705-P.2.6	PVC PN8.5 DN55MM (Vent for waste)	Metre	2.68	49.00	131.20	
705-P.2.7	FLOOR DRAIN DN.55MM (COTTO- CT-640Z2 HM)	Set	6.12	4.00	24.48	
705-P.2.8	FLOOR CLEAN OUT DN.100MM , (FCO)	Set	11.48	3.00	34.43	
705-P.2.9	FLOOR CLEAN OUT DN.80MM , (FCO)	Set	11.48	1.00	11.48	
705-P.2.10	Pipe Fitting And Other Accessories	LS	382.50	1.00	382.50	
705-P.2.11	Testing and adjustment	LS	382.50	1.00	382.50	
<b>705-P.3</b>	<b>Supply and installation of fixtures including full necessities equipment such as: valves, joint, faucets, flexible pipe and all parts according to the detail installation of fiture in the drawing (SPECIFICATION DIVISION 22)</b>					
705-P.3.1	WATER CLOSETt, WC (Flush tank)	Set	218.03	10.00	2,180.25	
705-P.3.2	LAVATORY, (LAV)	Set	218.03	4.00	872.10	
705-P.3.3	Urinal, (URI) Including Flush valve (Ame Size: 6401WT-O+T-3000)	Set	118.58	9.00	1,067.18	
<b>BILL No. 3: ROAD IMPROVEMENT FOR KAENG YUI</b>					<b>16,065.00</b>	
<b>606</b>	<b>KILOMETRE AND EDGE MARKER (GUIDE) POSTS</b>					
606-2	Edge Marker (Guide) Posts	Number	32.13	500.00	16,065.00	
<b>BILL No. 4: ALL CULVERTS FOR KAENG YUI</b>					<b>52,357.60</b>	
<b>CAUSEWAY CULVERT CH 5+994</b>						
<b>402</b>	<b>PIPE CULVERTS</b>					

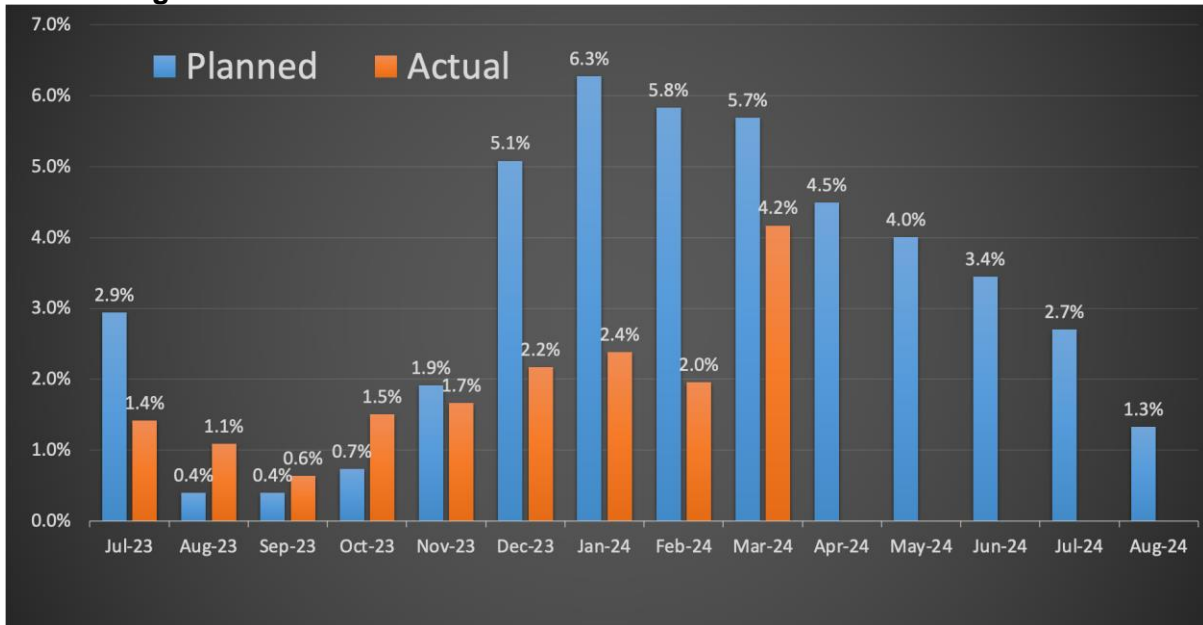
402-1	Pipe Culvert, 600 mm diameter	Metre	55.25	196.00	10,829.00	
402-8	Reinforcing Steel in Headwalls, Wing-walls and Aprons	Tonne	726.75	5.20	3,779.10	
<b>507</b>	<b>STRUCTURAL CONCRETE</b>					
507-1	Concrete Grade 15 (for minor unreinforced concrete works)	Metre Cube	95.00	7.00	665.00	
507-4	Concrete Grade 30 (for Headwall, Apron, Encasing etc.)	Metre Cube	150.00	229.23	34,384.50	
<b>602</b>	<b>SLOPE PROTECTION and MASONRY STRUCTURES</b>					
602-1	Loose Rip-rap Slope Protection	Metre Cube	27.00	100.00	2,700.00	
<b>BILL No. 5: BRIDGE REPAIR FOR KAENG YUI</b>					<b>84,485.88</b>	
<b>6m Long 3 Vent RCC Box Culvert 4m (wide) X 3m (high) Km 3+010</b>						
<b>203</b>	<b>ROADWAY EXCAVATION</b>					
203-4	Backfilling with rock (supply and compaction of stone (size 40mmx60mm) mix with sand for bedding and aprons)	Metre Cube	33.15	20.00	662.99	
<b>204</b>	<b>CONSTRUCTION OF EMBANKMENTS</b>					
204-2	Filling embankment for the approach road of the culvert by selected soil. Each layer of the filling shall not be greater than 15cm including compaction. The approach shall be constructed about 10 m each side of the culvert	Metre Cube	4.62	450.00	2,081.09	
<b>207</b>	<b>STRUCTURAL EXCAVATION</b>					
207-1	Structural Excavation (Common)	Metre Cube	2.91	160.00	465.12	
207-5	Back filling of foundation and side walls by sand gravel including compaction	Metre Cube	9.67	60.00	580.25	
<b>314</b>	<b>RIGID PAVEMENTS / CONCRETE PAVEMENTS</b>					
314-3	Plastic sheeting	Metre Square	0.88	84.00	73.92	
<b>401</b>	<b>BOX CULVERTS</b>					
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	86.11	19,335.69	
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	1,154.81	6.90	7,968.21	
<b>507</b>	<b>STRUCTURAL CONCRETE</b>					
507-1	Concrete Grade 15 (for minor unreinforced concrete works)	Metre Cube	95.00	9.60	912.00	
<b>602</b>	<b>SLOPE PROTECTION and MASONRY STRUCTURES</b>					
601-1	Box Gabions (1 x 1 x 2 m)	Metre Cube	63.40	112.00	7,101.02	
602-1	Loose Rip-rap Slope Protection for Inlet & Outlet	Metre Cube	33.99	55.00	1,869.48	
<b>6m Long 3 Vent RCC Box Culvert 4m (wide) X 3m (high) Km 4+825</b>						
<b>202</b>	<b>DEMOLITION WORK</b>					
<b>203</b>	<b>ROADWAY EXCAVATION</b>					
203-4	Backfilling with rock (supply and compaction of stone (size 40mmx60mm) mix with sand for bedding and aprons)	Metre Cube	33.15	93.00	3,082.92	
<b>204</b>	<b>CONSTRUCTION OF EMBANKMENTS</b>					

204-2	Filling embankment for the approach road of the culvert by selected soil. Each layer of the filling shall not be greater than 15cm including compaction. The approach shall be constructed about 10 m each side of the culvert	Metre Cube	4.62	600.00	2,774.79	
<b>207</b>	<b>STRUCTURAL EXCAVATION</b>					
207-1	Structural Excavation (Common)	Metre Cube	2.91	230.00	668.61	
207-5	Back filling of foundation and side walls by sand gravel including compaction	Metre Cube	9.67	85.00	822.01	
<b>314</b>	<b>RIGID PAVEMENTS / CONCRETE PAVEMENTS</b>					
314-3	Plastic sheeting	Metre Square	0.88	88.44	77.83	
<b>401</b>	<b>BOX CULVERTS</b>					
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	86.11	19,335.69	
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	1,154.81	6.90	7,968.21	
<b>507</b>	<b>STRUCTURAL CONCRETE</b>				-	
507-1	Concrete Grade 15 (for minor unreinforced concrete works)	Metre Cube	95.00	9.60	912.00	
<b>602</b>	<b>SLOPE PROTECTION and MASONRY STRUCTURES</b>				-	
601-1	Box Gabions (1 x 1 x 2 m)	Metre Cube	63.40	72.00	4,564.94	
602-1	Loose Rip-rap Slope Protection for Inlet & Outlet	Metre Cube	33.99	95.00	3,229.11	
<b>BILL No. 2: BRIDGE REPAIR FOR WESTERN LOOP</b>					<b>16,479.33</b>	
<b>BRIDGE REPAIR-1: CH 9+350, Road 1</b>						
<b>506</b>	<b>STEEL REINFORCEMENT</b>					
506-1	Steel Reinforcement	Tonne	726.75	1.98	1,438.97	
<b>507</b>	<b>STRUCTURAL CONCRETE</b>					
507-1	Concrete Grade 15 (for minor unreinforced concrete work)	Metre Cube	85.50	6.73	575.42	
507-4	Concrete Grade 30 (for foundation and approach slab)	Metre Cube	135.00	19.87	2,682.45	
<b>BRIDGE REPAIR-2 CH 16+355, Road 1</b>						
<b>506</b>	<b>STEEL REINFORCEMENT</b>					
506-1	Steel Reinforcement	Tonne	726.75	3.17	2,300.16	
<b>507</b>	<b>STRUCTURAL CONCRETE</b>					
507-1	Concrete Grade 15 (for minor unreinforced concrete work)	Metre Cube	85.50	6.73	575.42	
507-4	Concrete Grade 30 (for foundation and approach slab)	Metre Cube	135.00	19.87	2,682.45	
<b>BRIDGE REPAIR-3, CH: 0+160, Road 2</b>						
<b>506</b>	<b>STEEL REINFORCEMENT</b>					
506-1	Steel Reinforcement	Tonne	726.75	2.16	1,569.05	
<b>507</b>	<b>STRUCTURAL CONCRETE</b>					
507-1	Concrete Grade 15 (for minor unreinforced concrete work)	Metre Cube	85.50	6.73	575.42	

507-4	Concrete Grade 30 (for foundation and approach slab)	Metre Cube	135.00	19.89	2,685.15	
<b>601</b>	<b>BOX GABIONS / GABION MATTRESSES / GEOTEXTILE SHEETINGS</b>					
601-1	Box Gabions (1 x 1 x 2 m)	Metre Cube	63.40	22.00	1,394.84	
<b>BILL No. 3: ROAD IMPROVEMENT FOR WESTERN LOOP</b>					<b>310,728.87</b>	
<b>200</b>	<b>EARTH WORKS</b>					
203-1	Common Excavation	Metre Cube	1.03	2,582.47	2,667.04	
203-3	Unsuitable Excavation and Backfilling	Metre Cube	4.05	543.00	2,197.93	
204-2	Embankment from Borrow Materials	Metre Cube	3.02	2,830.45	8,533.81	
<b>300</b>	<b>PAVEMENT WORKS</b>					
301-2	Sub-base Type B	Metre Cube	5.01	1,095.56	5,492.04	
302-1	Base Course Type A	Metre Cube	12.60	5,360.11	67,537.34	
303-1	Prime Coat (MC-70)	Lit	1.08	37,057.76	40,022.38	
304-1	First Seal Coat (AC-80/100)	Lit	1.08	75,967.54	82,044.95	
304-2	Cover Material (19mm nominal size)	Metre Cube	14.40	1,130.82	16,283.78	
<b>314</b>	<b>RIGID PAVEMENTS / CONCRETE PAVEMENTS</b>					
314-3	Plastic sheeting	Metre Square	0.88	3,504.00	3,082.64	
<b>404</b>	<b>DITCHES, APRON PROTECTION, INLET AND OUTLET STRUCTURES</b>					
404-2	Reinforcement Steel (RCU Drains+Manholes+Cross-pipe RCC work)	Tonne	750.00	7.10	5,325.36	
<b>507</b>	<b>STRUCTURAL CONCRETE</b>					
507-1	Concrete Grade Class 15Mpa (for minor unreinforced concrete work)	Metre Cube	70.00	127.75	8,942.50	
507-4	Concrete Grade 30 (Manhole and RCC Drain)	Metre Cube	110.00	606.17	66,679.10	
<b>520</b>	<b>STEEL STRUCTURES</b>					
520-1	Furnish Structural Steel (DI Manhole Covers and Foot Rest)	Tonne	750.00	2.56	1,920.00	
<b>BILL No. 4: ALL CULVERTS FOR WESTERN LOOP</b>					<b>68,779.06</b>	
<b>402</b>	<b>PIPE CULVERTS</b>					
402-1	Pipe Culvert, 600 mm diameter	Metre	49.73	51.00	2,535.98	
402-7	Concrete (Concrete Class C 25Mpa) for Headwalls, Wing-walls and Aprons	Metre Cube	108.00	433.69	46,838.52	
402-8	Reinforcing Steel in Headwalls, Wing-walls and Aprons	Tonne	726.75	17.85	12,974.46	
<b>507</b>	<b>STRUCTURAL CONCRETE</b>					
507-1	Concrete Grade 15 (for minor unreinforced concrete works)	Metre Cube	95.00	3.58	340.10	
<b>CAUSEWAY CULVERT-2 CH: 2+578</b>						
<b>602</b>	<b>SLOPE PROTECTION and MASONRY STRUCTURES</b>					
602-2	Grouted Rip-rap Slope Protection	Metre Cube	30.00	203.00	6,090.00	
<b>BILL No. 5: BRIDGE FOR WESTERN LOOP</b>					<b>76,284.32</b>	
<b>406</b>	<b>BRIDGE DRAINAGE</b>					

406-1	Gully (Drainage spout)	Number	150.00	24.00	3,600.00	
406-2	Grating (Sizes and Types shall be stated)	Number	15.00	24.00	360.00	
<b>506</b>	<b>STEEL REINFORCEMENT</b>					
506-1	Steel Reinforcement	Tonne	726.75	34.24	24,880.29	
<b>507</b>	<b>STRUCTURAL CONCRETE</b>					
507-1	Concrete Grade 15 (for minor unreinforced concrete work)	Metre Cube	95.00	3.50	332.03	
507-6	Concrete Grade 40 (for diaphragms and decks, wearing coat, filling over footpath, edge beam)	Metre Cube	200.00	97.31	19,462.00	
507-8	Concrete Grade 35 (for pile caps, piers, pier cap, abutments, return wall, dirt wall, retaining walls and approach slabs, pedestal, stopper etc.)	Metre Cube	200.00	15.82	3,164.00	
<b>510</b>	<b>BRIDGE RAILINGS</b>					
510-1	Bridge Railing (Pedestrian railing, crash barrier)	Metre	47.00	112.00	5,264.00	
<b>513</b>	<b>EXPANSION JOINT SYSTEM</b>					
513-1	Compression Seals	Metre	6.50	44.00	286.00	
513-3	Strip Seal Joints	Metre	6.50	44.00	286.00	
<b>514</b>	<b>BRIDGE LOADING TESTS</b>					
514-1	Bridge Loading Tests	Number	3,500.00	1.00	3,500.00	
507-6	Concrete Grade 40 (for diaphragms and decks, wearing coat, filling over footpath, edge beam)	Metre Cube	200.00	75.75	15,150.00	
<b>Total Executed Amount</b>					<b>704,507.54</b>	<b>8.51%</b>

### Actual Progress VS Planned





The Contractor also provided additional undertaking that if we could not complete the works with the extended completion date of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 March 2024
<b>TIIGP2-LAO-W03:</b> 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"> <li>• 4.0Km of 1<sup>st</sup> Seal coat of DBST completed before rainy season of 2023</li> <li>• 6.0Km of 1<sup>st</sup> Seal coat of DBST completed in October 2023 (R1+R2)</li> <li>• 4.0Km of 1<sup>st</sup> Seal coat of DBST is completed in Nov 2023</li> <li>• 3.0Km of 1<sup>st</sup> Seal coat of DBST is completed in Dec 2023</li> <li>• 4.0Km of 1<sup>st</sup> Seal coat of DBST is completed in Dec 2023</li> <li>• 1.3Km of 1<sup>st</sup> Seal coat of DBST is completed in Jan 2024</li> <li>• 0.0Km of 1<sup>st</sup> Seal coat of DBST is completed in February 2024</li> <li>• 4.60Km of 1<sup>st</sup> Seal coat of DBST is completed in March 2024</li> </ul>
	PMCES will closely monitor the progress and report to the EA on a bi-weekly basis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bi-weekly report is presented in Table-8</li> </ul>
	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"> <li>• <b>Result: Refer Safeguard Report</b></li> </ul>

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.



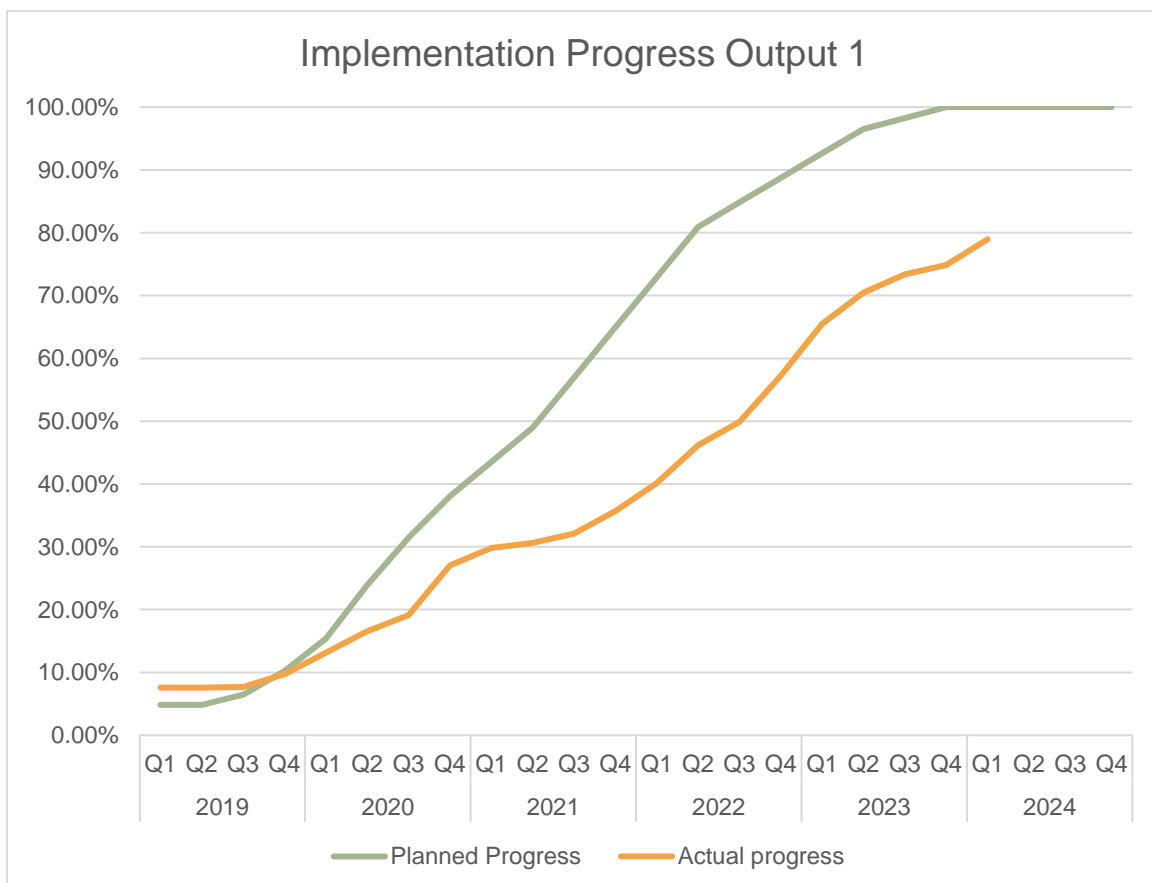
Sub-project W02	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improv</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated FS cost on 31 March 2020</li> <li>• DED and BD Submission by PMCES on 28 July 2020</li> <li>• ADB No Objection to the DED on 14 August 2020</li> <li>• DED clearance certificates by DPWT/ Vientiane Province on 04 September 2020</li> <li>• ADB No Objection to the Bidding Document on 16 September 2020</li> <li>• ADB No Objection subject to condition to the IEE and EMP on 17 September 2020</li> <li>• IFB issued on 18 September 2020</li> <li>• ADB No Objection to the RP on 25 September 2020</li> <li>• Bid opening, on 30 October 2020</li> <li>• DED clearance certificates by DPWT/Vientiane Province on 04 September 2020</li> <li>• Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) on (IEE/EMP) by PONRE/Vientiane Province on 07September for the period of 01 September 2020 to 31 August 2021</li> <li>• GRM training for PIU and the resettlement committee conducted on 07 December 2020</li> <li>• Public consultations conducted at the village level with project beneficiaries and affected households on dated 08 Dec 2020;</li> <li>• Obtain the government's approval on the use of the protected forest areas on 11 Dec 20</li> <li>• Further updated the IEE and EMP based on outcome of these consultations to the ADB on 29 December 2020</li> <li>• ADB No objection to updated IEE/EMP dated on 26 January 2021</li> <li>• ADB Disclosed updated IEE/EMP on the Website dated on 26 February 2021</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• ADB No Objection to the BER on 20 April 2021</li> <li>• The Letter of Acceptance was issued on 20 April 2021</li> <li>• The Contract was signed on 26 April 2021</li> <li>• The site possession was given on 4 June 2021</li> <li>• Kick-off meeting was conducted on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021</li> <li>• The Notice to Proceed (NTP) was given on 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2021 with commencement of works from 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2021</li> <li>• CEMP Training for the Contractor was conducted on 26 August 2021</li> <li>• CEMP monitoring training was conducted during 25-26 November 2021 by the PMCES Environment Specialists.</li> <li>• ADB No Objection to the Revised RP on 29 March 2022</li> <li>• Compensation to AHs in Marina was fully implemented in April 2022</li> <li>• Soil disposal area was confirmed/approved in April 2022 by DONRE</li> <li>• Site possession to the Marina was given on 22 April 2022 with commencement of marina works from 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022</li> <li>• CEMP was approved in May 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Consultation regarding DED modification by Q1 2024</li> <li>• Compensation completion report (CCR) and closure report by Q1 2024</li> <li>• Second Evaluation of the Contractor's performance on 14-priority action plans by Q1 2024</li> </ul>

Sub-project W02	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADB MTR Mission visited the project site on 19th May 2022</li> <li>• ADB approved SMR No. 5 and disclosed on 27 Dec 2022 including accident Report</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• ADB No Objection on Contract Variation Order (VO No. 2) on dated 22 December 2023</li> <li>• Contract Variation Order No. 2 (CVO-2) Agreement was signed by the parties on dated 25 December 2023</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	

Sub-project-W03	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
<b>TIIGP2-LAO-W03:</b> Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements,</li> <li>• V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preliminary design</li> <li>• IEE/EMP drafted</li> <li>• RP drafted</li> <li>• IP drafted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conceptual design prepared and confirmed following consultation with stakeholders on 16 August 2019 and 17 September 2019</li> <li>• Technical Engineering Survey both Topographical and Geotechnical completed on 29 February 2020</li> <li>• Updated FS cost on 31 March 2020</li> <li>• DED and BD Submission by PMCES on 07 August 2020</li> <li>• ADB No Objection to the DED on 24 September 2020</li> <li>• ADB No Objection to the EGDRP on 28 September 2020</li> <li>• ADB No Objection subject to conditions to the IEE and EMP on 29 September 2020</li> <li>• ADB No Objection to the Bidding Document 29 September 2020</li> <li>• IFB issued on 01 October 2020</li> <li>• Bid opening on 12 November 2020</li> <li>• DED clearance certificate by DPWT/Vientiane Province on 04 November 2020</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• GRM training for PIU and the resettlement committee conducted (Vang Vieng District) on 14 December 2020</li> <li>• Public consultations with affected people conducted on 15 and 16 December 2020</li> <li>• Compensation Payment to the affected people on dated 16 December 2020</li> <li>• IEE/EMP Safeguard is updated and submitted by PMCES on 12-Feb-2021 based on outcome of additional consultations and pending approval from ADB</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) on (IEE/EMP) by PONRE/Vientiane Province on 07April for the period of 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022</li> <li>• Government assurances regarding /CB Works Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue with approving of Shop-drawings by Q1 2024</li> <li>• Continuation of RC Pipe Culverts installation by Q1 2024</li> <li>• Updated IEE/EMP for ADB endorsement and disclosure on ADB website by Q1 2024</li> <li>• Continuation of DBST by Q1 2024</li> <li>• Continue superstructure of Nam Xong bridge construction by Q1 2024</li> <li>• Compensation completion report (CCR) and closure report by Q1 2024</li> <li>• Second Evaluation of the Contractor's performance on 11-priority action plans by Q1 2024</li> <li>•</li> </ul>

Sub-project-W03	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
		<p>Access Road and Bridge Improvements on 7 July 2021 ADB No Objection to the BER on 15 July 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Letter of Acceptance was issued on 20 July 2021</li> <li>• The Contract was signed on 23 July 2021</li> <li>• The Notice to Proceed (NTP) was given on 24<sup>th</sup> August with commencement of works from 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2021</li> <li>• The site possession was given on 03 September 2021</li> <li>• Kick-off meeting was conducted on 03 September 2021</li> <li>• CEMP monitoring training was conducted on 29 November 2021 by the PMCES Environment Specialists.</li> <li>• The 28 Nos of Bored Pile Construction completed by 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2022</li> <li>• ADB MTR Mission visited the project site on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022</li> <li>• ADB approved SMR No. 5 and disclosed on 27 Dec 2022 including accident Report</li> <li>• ADB No Objection on Contract Variation Order (VO No. 1) on dated 01 September 2023</li> <li>• Extend the contract's completion date by 365 days, from 2 September 2023 to 1st September 2024, to enable completion of the remaining Works</li> </ul>	

Overall progress of Output 1 implementation as of Q1 2024 is 78.96% against 100% planned (for Q4 2023). Detailed progress of Output 1 civil works subproject implementation as of 31 March 2024 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:

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

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 March 2024, 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 at the end of Q1, 2024 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. 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). Getting Vang Vieng City ready for certification to ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard in 2026 is also a priority for the 2024 workplan. In Q1, 2024 a Draft Action Plan was prepared to assist Vang Vieng stakeholders prioritize actions required to achieve the ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard. Progress towards the DMF targets for ASEAN Tourism Standard certification have been updated for Q1 2024 as well as targets re-set for project completion. These are presented in the following tables.

Hotel certifications	DMF Target	Planned				
		Total	LPB	VP	VV	CPS
By project completion	64	74	27	5	14	28
Achieved (incl. Feb 2024 awards)	44	44	20	2	6	16
Remaining	20	30	7	3	8	12

Homestay service provider certifications	DMF Target	Planned		
		Total	Homestay	Under CBT
By project completion	90 <sup>5</sup>	129	45	84
Achieved	43	43	40	3
Remaining	47	86	5	81

<sup>5</sup> 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.



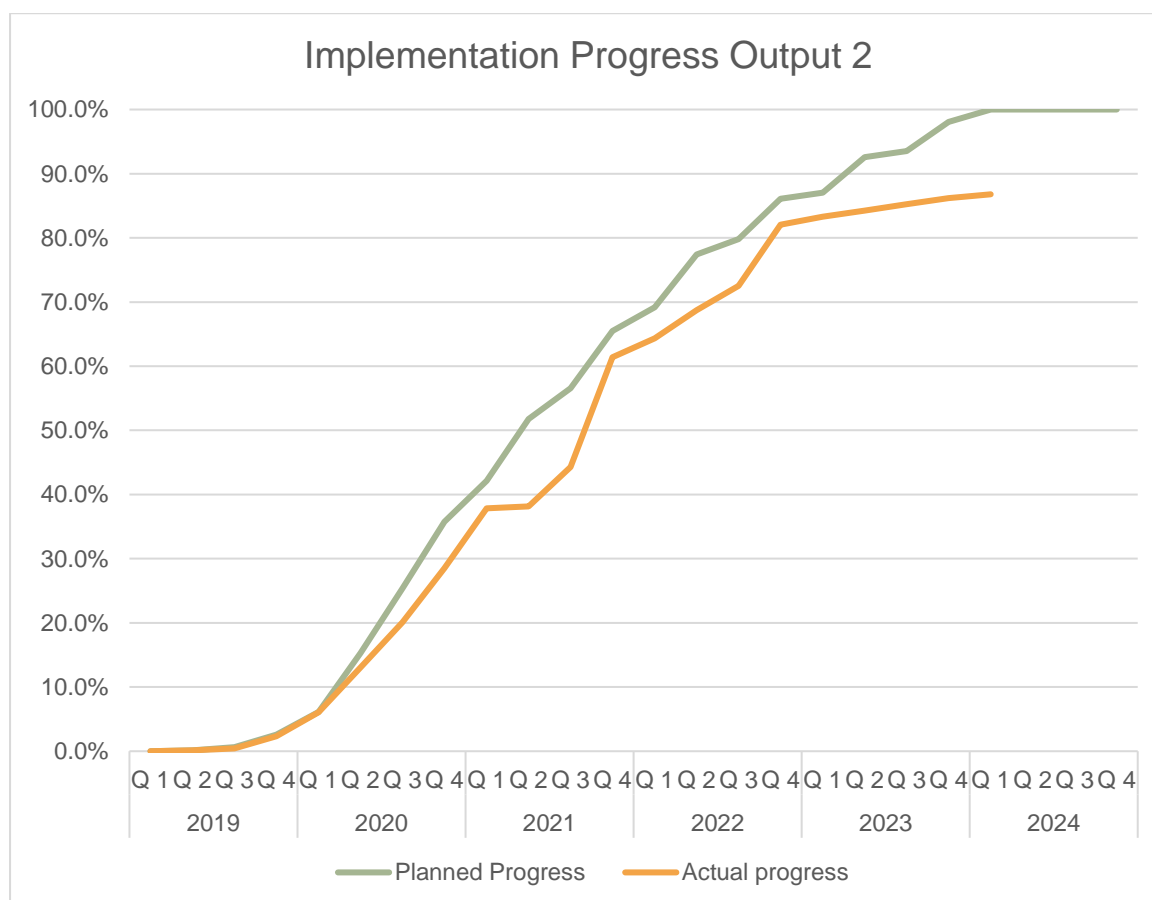
### ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard Certification Progress Towards DMF Target

City certifications	DMF Target	Planned				
		Total	LPB	VP	VV	CPS
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 Q1 2024 is 86.8% against 100% planned. Annex 4 includes a complete overview of Output 2 activities implemented during Q1 of 2024. 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 Q1 of 2024, DMN action plans were being implemented at national level and project target areas, such as continuing implementation of Laos tourism marketing campaign, arranging sport and tourism events to promote tourism and participating travel trade fairs. DMN meetings will be organized in Q2 and Q3 of 2024 to review and update the action plans.

### 3.3 Policy, Regulation and Master Planning Support

This activity supports the work on tourism policy in the framework of the DMNs, the development of subregional, national and provincial/local-level tourism regulations and national-level tourism standards not covered by the ASEAN tourism standards, and the preparation and implementation of tourism master plans for project supported destinations.

DMN Policy Taskforces meet regularly to identify and discuss policy issues affecting tourism sector in project target destinations. Recent focus has been on plans for post-COVID-19 recovery, easing visa requirements for target markets etc.

Tourism masterplanning work for the project target areas of Siphandone, Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir and Luang Prabang City commenced in Q4 2019 but was delayed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the country re-opening post-COVID-19 in May 2022, work continued. However, in response to an urgent request from the Government the project agreed to also support – as a priority- updating of the Vang Vieng tourism masterplan. Contracts with the tourism masterplanning consultants were amended to include this task. As a result, the focus of tourism masterplanning work during the second half of 2022 and the first half of 2023 was on completing the Vang Vieng masterplan update. Since completion of the Vang Vieng Tourism Masterplan update in June 2023, focus has shifted back to complete the plans for Luang Prabang (now referred to as a Tourism Management Plan in response to a request from the UNESCO World Heritage Committee), Nam Ngum and Siphandone. Work is progressing well. The Luang Prabang plan and Nam Ngum plan are in draft final form and have already been presented to stakeholders. The Siphandone plan is progressing into a solid draft ready for presentation to stakeholders in June 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, 2023 and 2024.

During Q1 of 2024, Laos tourism marketing campaign was continued to promote through social media, supports were given to V-Trail, Vang Vieng Half Plus Marathon and Village Market Fair in Luang Prabang. Private sector at the project target areas received support to participate ASEAN Tourism Forum (ATF) TRAVEX 2024, a set of tourism promotional materials were developed, including Laos tourism promotional video, Laos tourism slideshow and branding kit.

#### **Travel Trade Fair Participation Results**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Travel Trade Fairs</b>	<b>Number of Businesses from Laos</b>	<b>Name of Businesses from Laos</b>	<b>Number of Meetings with Buyers</b>
<b>1</b>	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
<b>2</b>	ATF in Indonesia, 02 - 05 Feb 2023	4	1) Lao Boutique Travel 2) Crowne Plaza Hotel 3) Landmark Hotel 4) Laotel Hotel	40

No.	Travel Trade Fairs	Number of Businesses from Laos	Name of Businesses from Laos	Number of Meetings with Buyers
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 6) Word Wild Travel 7) Land Tour Lao	200
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
6	ATF TRAVEX, 22 - 27 Jan 2024	4	1) Tad Gneuung Waterfall 2) Angsana Maison Souvannaphoum Hotel 3) Green Paradise Tour and Travel Sole Co., Ltd 4) Luang Prabang Hotel Association	158
<b>Total</b>		<b>29</b>		<b>1,329</b>

### 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 Q1 of 2024, contracts with a graphic designer and heritage interpretation specialist for Luang Prabang interpretation panel design and layout were established, mock-up designs for each type of panel will be completed in Q2 of 2024, draft designs in Q3, final design, printing and installation will be completed in Q4 of 2024. Draft interpretation panel texts for Vientiane province were drafted, Lao translation will be completed in Q2. A contract with a professional writer for the 4,000 islands interpretation panel text was established, draft panel texts will be completed in Q2 and final texts in Q3.

### **Heritage Interpretation Key Tasks and Timelines**

No.	Project Target Areas	2023	2024			
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1	Luang Prabang Town and Environs					
	<b>Interpretation panels</b>					
	- 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)					

No.	Project Target Areas	2023	2024			
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	<b>Interpretation panels</b>					
	- Develop and finalize contents in English and Lao					
	- Design, produce and install					
	<b>Directional signposts</b>					
	- Don Det, Don Khone and Don Khong					
	- Finalize contents for Cycling Routes					
	- Design, produce and install for Cycling Routes					
3	<b>Vientiane Province (selected attractions)</b>					
	<b>Interpretation panels</b>					
	- Develop and finalize contents in English and Lao					
	- Design, produce and install					
	<b>Directional signposts</b>					
	- Finalize contents					
	- Produce and install					
4	<b>Vang Vieng Town and Environs</b>					
	<b>Directional signposts</b>					
	- 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). 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.

During Q1 of 2024, SMEs database was being updated by PIUs which will be completed in Q2 of 2024. Number of female entrepreneurs will be determined as well as strategies to reach more female entrepreneurs and provide more substantial support to existing entrepreneurs. A consultation meeting with affected households SMEs in Nam Ngum will be organized in Q2 of 2024 in order to develop a tailor-made support for each SME.

### 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](http://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](http://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: Institutional experts have been liaising with local authorities over initial progress in implementing the O&M plan, which was completed last year. At present, there is one private operator that is now operating in the main car park in Nakasang, and the old tourist building is currently being renovated. The Boat Association has generated a small fund to cover the costs of riverbank maintenance. The Village Authority has also given authorization for villages to manage the beach area in the dry season, where a local market and events can be held. On Don Det and Don Kon there are currently limited private sector companies operating in the new facilities, apart from the Five Row Truck Association that is managing the Don Det viewpoint. In other facilities, the villagers have been tasked with keep the areas clean.

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. But, since then, our legal, O&M and tourism specialist team have assessed in more detail the capabilities of local stakeholders to participate in a JV company and found (i) they don't have the necessary management and governance skills/backgrounds and (ii) making it work will be complicated in terms of the shareholding structure and likelihood of the lead company not being comfortable with having to share power with those local stakeholders. At this point, the preferred option is a 100% privately owned company with suitable expertise to act as the infrastructure management company. They would be subject to a Service Contract with clear KPIs and report to a governance group made up of local government, industry and community representatives - and that would be written into their contract.

Subproject V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements. Institutional experts have been working with tourism consultants concerning the preferred private sector involvement and resulting O&M requirements. Institutional experts are also working with engineers over facilities engineering details (e.g., the structure of buildings) and costs so that it will be possible to determine depreciation costs and likely maintenance schedules.

Subproject V3: Western Loop: A draft O&M plan has been developed for the roads, bridges and other facilities on the Western Loop.

Subproject V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements. Subproject V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements. Support has been provided to procurement specialists in the procurement of the bulldozer, as well as the development of specifications for the next batch (e.g., excavator, tipper). Institutional experts have also been preparing training material to train UDAA staff who will be managing the landfill, with modules that include waste acceptance, landfill cell management, health and safety, and monitoring and reporting. Arrangement have been made for the training of UDAA staff in operating the bulldozer.

### 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 commenced in Q1 of 2024, including determination of legal requirement for setting up an infrastructure management company and cost estimates for maintaining tourist facilities.

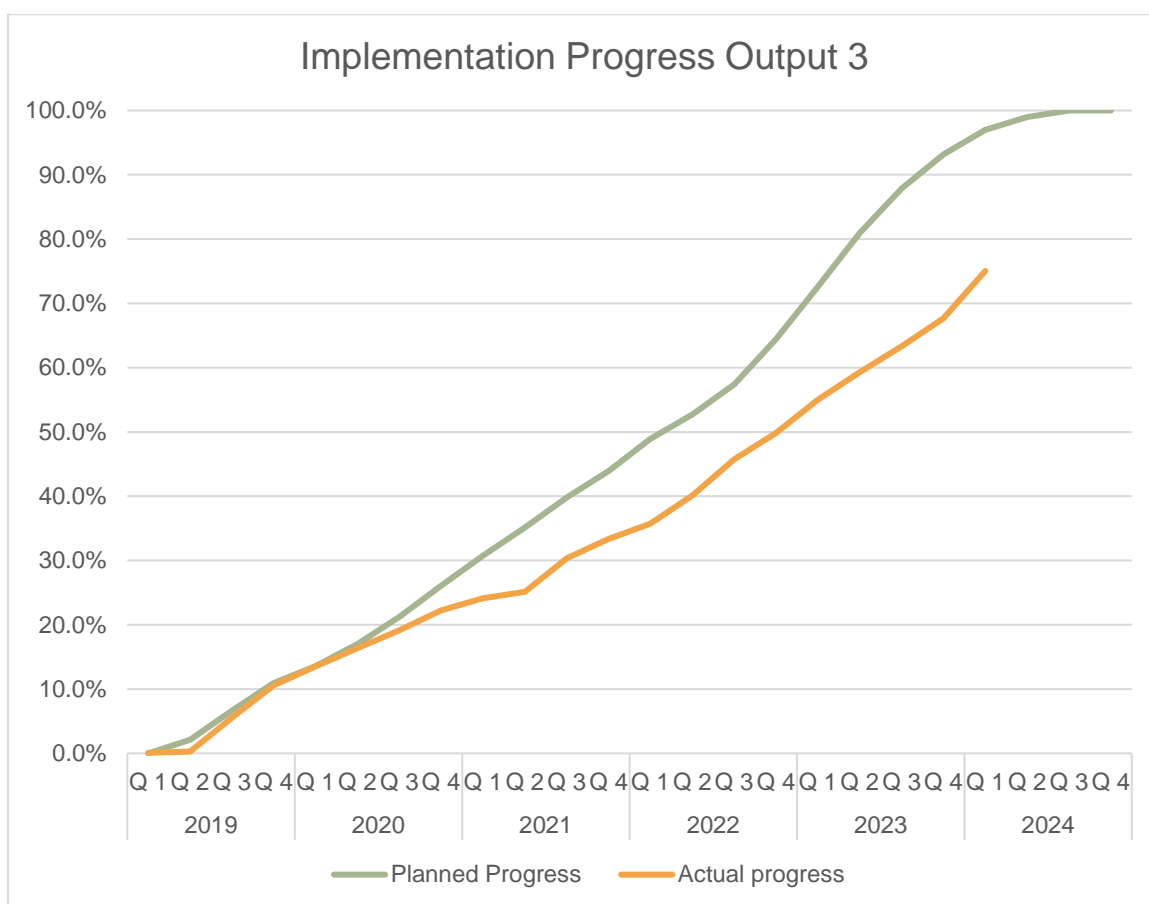
Subproject: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements: During Q1 of 2024, a consultation meeting with Vang Vieng local authorities on Kaeng Nyui Public Private Partnership (PPP) was organized, the meeting agreed on an O&M option, selection criteria, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), process, timeline, short proposal structure and proposed bidding evaluation and selection committee. Request for short proposal from private sector will be announced in Q2 of 2024.

Subproject V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements: Institutional experts consolidated, streamlined and simplified the PPP process (EOI) for the materials recovery facility (MRF), hazardous waste facility and planted drying bed to make it applicable in the Laos context. The EOI is ready to be released for the MRF. Although the district authorities have agreed to the process through a meeting held by institutional experts, permission is being sought from the provincial level. Experts have been working with a new legal advisor in the development of this process. The local authorities have also sought help to improve the contractual arrangements with the existing waste collection company since the existing concession does not allow for the charging of a per tonne gate fee. A new management contract, which includes KPIs, is being developed. Furthermore, draft local bylaws for the landfill, along with the prohibition of dumping and burning, are being developed by institutional experts in conjunction with the legal advisor. Lastly, experts have held a further meeting with GGGI over the potential development of a joint compost and biodigester facility at the landfill.

### 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 Q1 2024 is 75.0% against 97.0% planned. Annex 4 includes a complete overview of Output 3 activities implemented during Q1 of 2024. The DMF, in Annex 5, also includes progress updates on Output 3 activities.



**Progress towards realizing contributions to ADB Results Framework:**

As of 31 March 2024

No.	Level 2 Results Framework Indicators (Outputs and Outcomes)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Methods / Comments	Actually planned / realized (Lao PDR)
1	<b>Transport</b>			
	a) Roads built or upgraded - provincial, district, and rural roads (kilometers)	62.6 km	Built or upgraded to concrete paving or double bituminous surface treatment.	<p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements was signed on 30 December 2019. This package includes 21.11 km of improvement of access roads to tourist sites of which 21.11 km has been fully completed.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements was signed on 26 April 2021 in Q2 2021. This package includes 7.3 km of concrete road of which 6.5km 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 5.9 km of Kaeng Yui Access Road</p>



No.	Level 2 Results Framework Indicators (Outputs and Outcomes)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Methods / Comments	Actually planned / realized (Lao PDR)
				<p>Concrete Pavement and 23km of 1<sup>st</sup> layer of DBST have been fully completed.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal is scheduled to be signed in Q3 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 &amp; internal roads of which 1.55 km has been fully completed.</p> <p><b>A total 65.7 km road will be improved under these 5 Civil Works packages of which 58.2km completed.</b></p>
2	<b>Water</b>			
	a) Wastewater treatment capacity added or improved (cubic meters per day)	15.0 m <sup>3</sup>	Septage treatment facility	<p>TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements was signed on 19 February 2021.</p> <p><b>This package includes 20m<sup>3</sup>/day septage sludge treatment facility.</b></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 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><b>The project will construct flood protection and drainage for a total of 24.5 ha catchment (actual area to be determined)</b></p>

No.	Level 2 Results Framework Indicators (Outputs and Outcomes)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Methods / Comments	Actually planned / realized (Lao PDR)
	c) Households with reduced flood risk (number)	5,132		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 Q3 2024. <b>Resulting number of households with reduced flood risk to be determined.</b>

ha = hectares, m<sup>3</sup> = 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 March 2024 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.

Progress as of 31 March 2024 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 March 2024, the Project has spent the amount \$12.831 million through the advance account. The amount of \$0.328 million for January-March 2024 will be submitted to ADB soon. 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 March 2024, the advance account including the PIU subaccounts have a balance of \$1.972 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 was submitted to SAO in January 2024 and audit being fielded. The APFS is due for submission on 30 June 2024

Progress on implementation of the Project Financial Management Action Plan as of 31 March 2024 is presented in Annex 7. Progress on implementing the Time Bound Action Plan on APFS Audit Findings as of 31 March 2024 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 8, dated 8 April 2024, which was updated following the submission of the 2024 workplan. The updated procurement plan was approved and disclosed by ADB on 8 April 2024.

### 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 <sup>a</sup>	Contract Value <sup>a</sup>	Procurement Method	Advertisement Date	Date of ADB Approval of Contract Award	Comments

<sup>a</sup> 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 March 2024:

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

<sup>a</sup> 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 <sup>a</sup>	Contract Value <sup>a</sup>	Recruitment Method	Advertisement Date	Date of ADB Approval of Contract Award	Comments
TIIGP2-LAO-C12-11	Resource Person to clarify / determine practical legal options for establishing an infrastructure management company for the Nam Ngum 1 Dam Recreational Area, Ban Sengsavang, Vientiane Province	10,000	10,000	SSS			Signed: 11 March 2024
TIIGP2-LAO-C12-12	Resource Person to provide legal advice for the management of waste services for Vang Vieng, Vientiane Province	10,000	10,000	SSS			Signed: 8 March 2024
TIIGP2-LAO-C12-13	Resource Person to prepare interpretation texts for community-based tourism at Tad Gneuang Waterfall and Tham Poukham, translate Nam Ngum Tourism Master Plan, prepare visitor management regulation for Nong Luang village and identify issues related to tourist behaviors, relevant to do's and don'ts in Vang Vieng	12,175	12,175	SSS			Signed: 18 March 2024
TIIGP2-LAO-C12-14	Resource Person to Support Procurement of Equipment for the Vang Vieng Landfill	8,000	8,000	SSS			Signed: 1 April 2024

<sup>a</sup> Inclusive of income tax on fees and VAT on reimbursable expenses and provisional sums.

Recruitment of the following consulting services were ongoing on 31 March 2024:

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 Q1 2024, 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

	January 2024	February 2024	March 2024
W01	-	-	-
W02	-	14-Feb	20-Mar
W03	-	13-Feb	19 & 20 - Mar
W03a	15 & 16-Jan	-	-
W04	-	13 Feb	19,20 & 31 - Mar

### Health and Safety Improvements:

During Q1 2024, 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 Q2 2024
TIIGP2-LAO-W03a	DDR in progress	N/A	Due for submission in Q2 2024.
TIIGP2-LAO-W03	EGDRP Disclosed	Disclosed	Extra compensation due to delay at Kaeng Yui to be paid Q2 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 Employer issued the Completion Certificate dated 30 June 2023 and the handover ceremony was conducted on 17th July 2023. The contract is under Defects Liability Period for 12 months until 30 June 2024.

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. PMCES will check the the rehabilitation and clean-up of the camp site in Q2 2024 before the defects liability period expires.

**Social safeguards:** The two outstanding issues from the External monitor visit are still pending. 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 Q1 2024, 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	Pending Baffles previously installed in the sediment pond are broken and the discharged wastewater is dirty., The contractor shall	April 2024

	Findings	Corrective Actions	Status / Outcome	Due Date
			regularly check and install buffles in good condition and ensure wastewater is treated and that clear wastewater is discharged.	
2.	The slope at the mixing plant is exposed to erosion.	Carry out slope protection including reshaping and grass planting	Pending	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 been constructed by installing big rocks and reshaping the toe	Start by 10 Nov 2023 and finish by 31 May 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	Pending  The contractor has cleaned up regularly but not sufficiently and improper management of hazardous waste has still been observed at the workshop area.	30 April 2024
4.	Unmanaged construction waste onsite "including the old-wooden platform and some sharp waste on the ground" with unmanaged construction material still observed at the 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.	Pending	30 April 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.	Closed  The secondary containment has been installed	21 Dec 2023
6.	Q1 2024, the construction work at Marina site and parking area are progressing and the number of workers have increased. The occupational health and safety measures are insufficient iand not in compliance with EMP requirements including lack of use of Personal Projective Equipment (PPE) is insufficiency.	To provide and insure that the workers wear the correct PPE and ensure implementation of appropriate occupational health and safety measures	Pending	30 April 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	Completed in Dec-2022	-
Develop and implement health and safety training on all safety procedures for the personnel and any subcontractors	Completed in Dec-2022	-
Undertake emergency response drill	Completed on 21-Dec-2022	-

**Social safeguards: 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 was due to be paid in this reporting quarter however further due diligence was requested by ADB regarding the following issues;

1. Payment of employees to ensure that compensation was received by the employees that were part of the original RP
2. That the continued construction was not having a negative impact on fisheries income in the area
3. – Consultations that needed to be held to clarify no payment of rental allowance due in this phase of compensation for the 19 self-resettled HHs.

This has now been agreed will be paid in Q2 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, 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 Q1 2024, 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	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.	Closed A concrete wall has been built along the road shoulder protecting against accidentally swerving off the road and down the slope	Jan 2024
2	Spill of use oil on the ground in the workshop area and lack of measures to prevent or contain spills	Clean-up the oil spill and with provide steel-tray to collected any spill of used oil.	In progress Oil spill has been cleaned-up	31 Jan 2024
3	Unsafe working conditions for working at height at the construction of the Nam Song bridge.	Implement safety measures for working at heights (e.g. fall arrest) and working over water at Nam Song Bridge construction site	Closed Safety measures for working at height at Nam Song Bridge has been improved in Nov 2023. Bridge construction has been completed	Jan 2024
4	Solid waste dumped and scattered on the ground at the contractor’s camp	To regularly clean-up the solid waste and dispose of the waste at an authorized disposal area.	Closed The contractor has cleaned up the solid waste at the camp regularly	30 April 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	-

Activity	Progress	Plan
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	-
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 Q2 2024.

On the western loop road, there was a grievance raised for erosion of land due to the bridge construction This is being evaluated.

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

**Environmental safeguards:** The IEE/EMP for the sub-project were updated in February 2024, based on the updated final design of the subproject and currently the IEE/EMP is under review by ADB.

**Social Safeguards: Social Safeguards:** This continued to be a substantial focus for the social safeguards team in this quarter. Extensive consultations have been carried out as the DED had undergone further changes in this quarter. The DDR is complete and has been submitted 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 4.41 mg/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. On 31 March 2024, groundwater samples were collected from PW01, PW2, PW3, GW7 and BH13. The results of the laboratory analyses are expected in Q2 2024.

During Q1 2024, PMCES Consultant has inspected the implementation of the EMP/CEMP. The main findings from the inspections include:

	<b>Findings</b>	<b>Corrective Actions</b>	<b>Status / Outcome</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
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	Closed  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	Closed  Fences have been installed.  Life rings and rescue ropes have been provided to UDAA/PIU Vang Vieng District.	Jan 2024
3.	Lack of necessary first aid kit and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the landfill operator before hand-over.	Provide the necessary first aid kit and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the landfill operator and train the staff in health and safety measures before hand-over.	Pending  PMCES will conduct training in May 2024 at the landfill site	May 2024
4.	Water quality testing on 04 Dec 2023 showed:  Level of BOD in the 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	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  Undertake groundwater quality monitoring of PW01, PW2, PW3, GW7 and BH13	Closed  in Q1 2024, there is no stormwater in the pond and therefore no effluents from the stormwater pond.  Groundwater monitoring carried out in March 2024, results expected in Q2 2024	Jan 2024

	Findings	Corrective Actions	Status / Outcome	Due Date
	discharged to the adjacent private land – currently not used			
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	In progress Stormwater drains have been clean-up but needs to be done more frequently as drains quickly get littered with	Jan 2024
6.	Stormwater mixed with leachate at the southern part of cell-5 is not being drained out and has been filling-up this part of the cell. The drainage line and the conveyer pipes at the southern part of the cell have lifted up through the gravel layer and are not functioning	The liquid ponded at the southern end of cell-5 shall be pumped to the first leachate treatment pond. The leachate drainage system at the southern part of cell-5 shall be repaired	Closed There is no stormwater running into cell-no.5 and at the stormwater pond has no stagnant water in the pond.	30 Nov 2023
7.	The contractor has moved the fuel tank from the camp to the landfill site and placed it on a concrete slab in the open area next to the internal road opposite the workshop	Construct a safe fuel storage facility based on the following design requirements:  Impervious surface surrounded by a wall free of cracks and holes creating a space with a volume that is at least 110% of the tank volume.  Loading and unloading area consisting of a concrete apron that drains into a tank from which any spills shall be removed and safely disposed of.  Roof over the tank and the loading/unloading apron.  No combustible materials (including waste, wood, paper, plastic) shall be present within a distance of 20 m from the border of the facility.	Pending	April 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	-

Activity	Progress	Plan
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	Submitted on 25 February 2024; approved on 8 April 2024
Report 9: Jan-Jun 2024	31 July 2024	
Report 10: Jul-Dec 2024	31 December 2024	

## 9. Gender Action Plan Implementation Status



The project is categorized as Effective Gender Mainstreaming.

Progress of implementing the GAP can be summarized as follows:

	Achieved	On track	Not yet achieved
9 Activities	5 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9)	4 (1, 2, 3, 4)	0
25 Targets	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
TIIGP2-LAO-G04b-SP1: Vang Vieng landfill management equipment for cell & MRF operation (Water bowser (towable) with pump and Heavy-duty vehicle matting)	\$27,500
TIIGP2-LAO-G04b-SP2: Vang Vieng landfill management equipment for cell & MRF operation (Paddle Wheel Aerators, Groundwater monitoring equipment, Landfill gas monitor, Leachate submersible pumps, Portable petrol pump and Portable diesel pump)	\$24,500
TIIGP2-LAO-G04-NCB1: Vang Vieng landfill management equipment (crawler type excavator and tipper truck)	\$160,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$212,000</b>

## Main activities planned for Q2 2024:

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

Contract TIIGP2-LAO-W01 was completed on 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Q2 2024 for TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements will be continuing with constructing of (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 shophouses Types A, B, 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 installation of handrail for Stair ST-04 and Wheelchair Ramp No. 01, (xi) construction of the water treatment tank for water supply, (xii) the construction of Step landscape at Marina; (xiii) 14 priority action plans implementation; and (xiv) reviewing and approval of shop drawings.

For packages of TIIGP2-LAO-W03 focus in Q2 2024 will be on: (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, RC pipe culvert compressive strength test and DBST 2<sup>nd</sup> Sealing testing) (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 & R4; (ix) the 2<sup>nd</sup> layer of DBST of Western Loop Rural Access Road-R1, R3, R3 & R4 including 2<sup>nd</sup> sealing coat AC80/100 with chipps distribution; (x) Repairing of existing Bailey bridges on Road R1&R2 including Abutment protection; (xi) the RC pavement of Kaeng Yui Access Road; (xii) the construction of Public Toilet at Kaeng Yui landscape; (xiii) the protection works of RC box culverts at Km 3+010 and Km 4+825 on Kaeng Yui Access Road; (xiv) the construction of Causeway at Km 5+994 on Kaeng Yui Access Road; (xv) the bank protection works of Nam Xong Bridge including handrail installation; (xvi) the construction of embankment, subgrade, subbase for approach road to bridge abutment A1 (Bridge Road R1), (xvii) Installation of U-ditch for Bridge Road R1, (xviii) the concrete approach road of Abutment A1 & A2; (xix) construction of retaining wall for bridge abutment A1 side; and (xx) Installation of Gabion box for slope protection at abutment A2 side.

For packages of TIIGP2-LAO-W03a focus in Q2 2024 will be on: (i) approval of DED including drawings, technical specifications, O&M approach; (ii) approval of IEE/EMP; (iii) approval of the DDR; (iv) approval of bidding documents approval and processing; (iv) issuing of Invitation for Bids; (v) Bid opening, (vi) bid evaluation, (vii) award of contract.

1. For packages of TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements focus in Q2 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 2) for landfill improvement; (ix) compaction of waste disposal in Cell-5; (x) Operational & maintenance manual & training; (xi) As-built Drawings; (xii) Leachate collection and gas management; (xiii) Tree Plantation; Slope Erosion Control Measures; (xiv) Testing, Running & Commissioning of all facilities; (xv) Water treatment: Iron remover and (xvi) on-the job Training for the bulldozer operator

Summary of activities planned for Q2 2024 is as follows:

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

<b>TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements (V1)</b>		
Updated Work program & 14 priority action plans	Contractor/KFG	Apr – Jun 2024
Updated CEMP	Contractor/KFG	Apr – Jun 2024
Shop Drawings Approval	Contractor/KFG	Apr – Jun 2024
Construction of Landscape Marina	Contractor/KFG	Apr – Jun 2024
Construction of Building Marina	Contractor/KFG	Apr – Jun 2024
Road works	Contractor/KFG	Apr – Jun 2024
Material testing in site LAB	Contractor/KFG	Apr – Jun 2024
Sub-base Construction	Contractor/KFG	Apr – Jun 2024
Concrete Pavement Works	Contractor/KFG	Apr – Jun 2024
14 Priority action plans and updated Work Plan	Contractor/KFG	Apr – Jun 2024
Implementation of Contract	MICT/PCU/PIU/PMCES/Contract or	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/Contract or	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

<b>TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements</b>		
11 Priority action plans and updated Work Programm including Personnel's, Equipment's, Organization and S-curve	Contractor/XCR	Apr – Jun 2024
Continue protection works for Nam Xong Bridge	Contractor/XCR	Apr – Jun 2024
Continue Sub-base and Base courses of the Bridge Abutment	Contractor/XCR	Apr – Jun 2024
Continuation of landscape for Kaeng Yui Access Road	Contractor/XCR	Apr – Jun 2024
Continuation of RC Pipe Culvert installation and protection of Box-culverts	Contractor/XCR	Apr – Jun 2024
Continue construction of building in Kaeng Yui Landscape	Contractor/XCR	Apr – Jun 2024
Shop drawings and approval	Contractor/XCR	Apr – Jun 2024
Continue viewpoints	Contractor/XCR	Apr – Jun 2024
DBST Pavement in Western Loop	Contractor/XCR	Apr – 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	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

<b>TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban-Renewal</b>		
Confirmed Revised Scope	SS/PMCES/MICT/ADB	Jan 2024
Conduct Due Diligence	SS/PMCES/MICT/ADB	Mar 2024
Updated DED and BOQ	PMCES/MICT/ADB	Mar 2024
Prepare IEE/EMP	PMCES/MICT/ADB	Mar 2024
Prepare Bidding Document	/Procurement/PMCES/MICT/ADB	Apr - Jun 2024
ADB NOL IEE/EMP, RP & Bidding Doc	All/MICT/ADB	Apr - May 2024
IFB	MICT/FMPS	May 2024

DED review and modification	PMCES	Q1/Q2 2024
Pre-bid Meeting	MICT/FMPS	Q2 2024
Site Visit	MICT/FMPS	Q2 2024
Bid Opening	MICT/ FMPS	Q2 2024
Bid Evaluation & ADB Approval	MICT/ FMPS	Q2 2024
Contract Award	MICT/ FMPS	Q2 2024
Contract Sign	MICT/ FMPS	Q2 2024
Approved IEE/EMP/Certificate by PONRE	PONRE/PMCES/PIU	Q2 2024

<b>TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements (V5)</b>		
(i) A financial assessment of the Vang Vieng Landfill viability be undertaken for the analysis of economical sustainability to form basis for site management modality O&M Institutional Issues and (ii) capacity needs assessment for solid waste management for the basis of the development of O&M capacity building program for the Vang Vieng Landfill	PMCES	Apr – Jun 2024
Work Program updating and approval	Contractor/CeTeau-PAN JV/PMCES	Apr – Jun 2024
Groundwater Testing & Monitoring	Contractor/CeTeau-PAN JV	Apr – Jun 2024
Waste disposal and compaction in Cell-5	Contractor/CeTeau-PAN JV	Apr – Jun 2024
All Building Facilities	Contractor/CeTeau-PAN JV	Apr – Jun 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 - 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 Q2 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) starting implementation of the Action Plan for achieving ASEAN Clean Tourist City for Vang Vieng. Implementation of activities are planned to continue throughout the 2024 and 2025 calendar years.

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

In Q2 of 2024, DMN work will focus on (i) continuing to support the implementation of the public and private sector action plan on destination management and organize DMN meetings 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 finalize interpretation panel texts for Vientiane province, (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. *Subproject V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements.* Continue to work with tourism consultants on operational approach, and develop a draft O&M plan. However, it is envisaged that the full details of the operational arrangements will be determined by the incoming private company. So, the initial key requirement will be to set KPIs with respect to O&M, then the key focus of O&M experts will be to monitor and oversee these as the private company commences operations.

Subproject V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements. In Q2 of 2024, a request for short PPP proposals from private sector will be advertised, and proposals assessed. A company will be selected by Q3 of 2024.

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. Subject to approval from the provincial level, release the EOI for the materials recovery facility, hazardous waste facility, and planted drying bed. Deliver training on landfill management to UDAA and other local government staff (e.g., PoNRE). Support UDAA as they assume responsibilities for managing the landfill. Support the development of a new contract for the private waste company and the development of a local byelaw for the landfill. Support procurement experts in the procurement of additional equipment. Continue proposals for managing organic waste, including the potential joint proposal with GGGI.

#### **Planned disbursements:**

For Q2 2024, the following withdrawal applications (WA) are foreseen:

- Replenishment of Advance Account:
  - WA #103(SOE Jan-Mar 2024): \$327,905.39
  - WA #xx (SOE Apr-May 2024): \$200,000 (estimate)
- Direct payments:
  - WA #xx direct payment \$300,000 (estimate) (IPC Package W04 G22778)
  - WA #xx direct payment \$300,000 (estimate) (IPC Package W02 G23079)
  - WA #xx direct payment \$300,000 (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 Q2 2024.

In order to establish the works contract for this package, a one-year project extension is needed, as the construction period will run beyond the current project grant 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.

<b>Actions agreed during ADB Review Mission 17 July – 25 August 2023</b>	<b>Due date</b>	<b>Status as of 31 March 2024</b>
1. TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: EA commences the procurement process in Q4 2023	Dec 2023	Delayed – procurement now scheduled to commence Q2 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 submitted to ADB for review and approval in March 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, with 23 kilometers of the first layer of DBST completed. The remaining 3km of 1 <sup>st</sup> layer of DBST will be completed by April 2024. The contractor is scheduled to finish the 2 <sup>nd</sup> layer of DBST from May to June 2024 which is acceptable.
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	Submitted, with delay, on 17 October 2023

Approved and Submitted to ADB by:



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## Annex 1: Progress of civil works by subproject as of 31 March 2024

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
<b>Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements</b>		
<b>C1: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation</b>	<b>Khong District.</b> 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><b>LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements:</b> DED, bill of quantities, technical specification, bidding documents, updated safeguards documents, have been reviewed and updated as needed, by the PMCES Consultant.</p> <p>The contract was awarded on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020, 24 months' contract with extended time of 13 months up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</p> <p><b>The present status of the project is as follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The EA further approved 81 days which is approximately 2.7 months or up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to complete all of outstanding works on site</li> <li>• 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"> <li>• 21.112 Km Road (2.904 Km at Nakasang, 5.907 Km in Don Det and 12.301 Km in Don Khone)</li> <li>• 3 Bailey Bridges on Access Road IRL-05 in Don Khone</li> <li>• 178.00 m Culvert (16.00 m Culvert at Nakasang)</li> <li>• 3 Parking Areas (1 Nakasang, 1 Don Det old Port and 1 Ban Hang Khone)</li> <li>• 11 Sets of Solar Light (9 Sets Nakasang Port and 2 Sets Railway Bridge _ Both Sides)</li> <li>• 2 Boat Ramps (Nakasang River Port)</li> <li>• 1 Pontoon (Nakasang River Port)</li> <li>• 106.00 m Retaining Wall (Nakasang River Port) upstream side (U/S) &amp; downstream side (D/S)</li> <li>• 140.00 m Slope Protection by Rubble Stones (Nakasang River Port)</li> <li>• 153.00 m Footpath (Nakasang River Port) U/S &amp; D/S</li> <li>• 25.00 m Drainage &amp; Discharge RC Pipe</li> <li>• Locomotive Area Improvements in Don Khone</li> <li>• View Point in Don Det old Port</li> <li>• Safety Guardrail on Approach road to Mekong Bridge in both sides Don Det and Don Khone (French Bridge)</li> <li>• Renovation of Port Ticket Office/Waiting area of the Tourists and drainage improvement</li> <li>• Renovation of Ticket Office at Nakasang Parking area</li> <li>• Cross Drainage at end of Nakasang River Port (U/S)</li> <li>• Renovation of wooden bridge to concrete deck slab on access road alone Nakasang Port (U/S)</li> <li>• Road Furniture was completed excluding some traffic sign posts and kilometer posts being installed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• RP's CAP fully implemented and being monitored</li> </ul>
<b>C2: Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements</b>	<b>Khong District.</b> This subproject will (i) pave the main 11 km road network on Don Det and Don Khone islands; (ii) pave the 780 m <sup>2</sup> 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.	
<b>Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements</b>		
<b>V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements</b>	<b>Keo Oudom District.</b> This subproject will (i) improve the existing public marina at the Nam Ngum Reservoir	<b>TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements:</b> 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 <sup>2</sup> parking area; (iii) construct a new 3,860 m <sup>2</sup> 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&amp;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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 as approved by ADB on 28<sup>th</sup> 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><b>The present status of the project is as follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works Commenced 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021, 24 months Contract with the extended time of 12 months up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024</li> <li>• Physical progress is 78.52% (Target 86.71%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Road Improvement: 90% (6.5 km completed out of 7.3 km)</li> <li>- Landscape Marina works: 70%</li> <li>- Building Marina works: 65%</li> <li>- Roadside drains: 90%</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Compensation to AHs fully implemented</li> <li>• Warning letter issued on 31 March 2024 for expediting the progress</li> </ul>
<b>Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements</b>		
<b>V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements</b>	<b>Vang Vieng District.</b> The subproject will (i) upgrade the 6km access road from Vang Vieng Town to Kaeng Yui waterfall; (ii) level and pave the 875 m <sup>2</sup> 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.	<b>TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements:</b> 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>
<b>V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements</b>	<b>Vang Vieng District.</b> The subproject will (i) upgrade the 26 km “Western Loop Road” and three village feeder roads; (ii) construct a new road bridge across the Song River, with 2.0km feeder road linking the bridge, Western Loop Road and	<p>The contract was awarded on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 to M/s Xayya Construction and Renovation Sole Company with a contract amount of US\$ 8,829,630.77 Inclusive of tax, and contingency of US\$ 802,693.70</p> <p>The Intended Completion Date was extended from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 as approved by ADB</p>

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
	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>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><b>The present status of the project is as follows:</b> Physical progress is 73.29% (Target 84.02%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaeng Yui Landscape: 63.30%</li> <li>• NamXong Bridge: 74.29%</li> <li>• Western Loop: 66.62%</li> <li>• Kaeng Yui access road: 95%</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaeng Yui Landscape (buildings 66.50% and landscape 39.62% completed)</li> <li>• 80 m RCC Nam Xong Bridge in progress (74.29% completed)</li> <li>• Pre-stressed Concrete I-Girders out of 15 (15 girders/100% completed)</li> <li>• Girder installation 100% completed (3-span out of 3 spans installed)</li> <li>• All Integrity &amp; Sonic tests, Static &amp; Dynamic tests 100% completed</li> <li>• CEMP revision completed</li> <li>• Prepared a health and safety handbook and Emergency contact of project site</li> <li>• Conducted construction toolbox meeting regularly by the contractor</li> <li>• Develop safety procedures and measures for hazardous construction activities and Conducted the Hazard Assessment Training</li> <li>• Conducted First-Aid &amp; basic care treatment &amp; safety procedure plans were being implemented</li> </ul>
<b>Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal</b>		
<b>V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal</b>	<b>Vang Vieng District.</b> 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><b>TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal:</b> 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 reporting period, as reported by the PCU, the Water supply project in Vang Vieng will be invested/constructed by Local private company.</p> <p><b>The present status of the project is as follows:</b></p>

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 1st Draft Final design was prepared in August 2020. During this month, consultations with the local authority were completed, rescoping was finalized, and modifications were made to the Detailed Engineering Design (DED) by the PMCES. Out of the originally planned 21 sections, a total of 11 sections have been considered in the revised design.</li> <li>The DED is now more aligned with the Vang Vieng Town and Environs Tourism Master Plan (2023-2033), it ensures that the detailed engineering design of the project is consistent with the broader vision and objectives set forth in the master plan. This alignment is crucial for achieving sustainable development, minimizing conflicts, maximizing efficiency, and ensuring that the project contributes positively to the overall development goals of Vang Vieng.</li> <li>ADB No Objection to the revised (i) DED, (ii) IEE/EMP, (iii) DDR, and (iv) Bidding Document are awaiting.</li> <li>The procurement of this package would be processed in Q2 2024 subject to the approval of DED modification and preparation and approval of DDR and updated IEE/EMP.</li> </ul>
<b>Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements</b>		
<b>V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements</b>	<p><b>Vang Vieng District.</b> 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><b>TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements:</b></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 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020. PMCES reviewed and edited the report and it on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to MICT and ADB for review, comments and approval. The report was eventually approved on 22<sup>nd</sup> 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&amp;M plan, and recommendations for O&amp;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 19<sup>th</sup> Apr 2020, 24 mons Contract Intended Completion was extended from 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to 20 April 2024.</p>



Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
		<p>ADB provided No Objection on Contract Variation Order No. 2 (CVO No. 2) on dated 28<sup>th</sup> December 2023 due to change 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.</p> <p><b>The present status of the project is as follow:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical progress is 98.20% (Target 99.09%)</li> <li>• Existing capped cell is completed</li> <li>• Construction of Cell-5 is under semi-operational stage</li> <li>• Construction of Cell-1 is completed</li> <li>• Manholes &amp; Inspection Pits completed</li> <li>• Leachate ponds completed</li> <li>• All internal and access road is completed.</li> <li>• Finishing works of building works are in progress</li> <li>• 22 activities out of 27 activities are completed</li> <li>• CEMP revision is completed</li> <li>• Prepared a health and safety handbook and Emergency contact of project site</li> <li>• Conducted construction toolbox meeting regularly by contractor</li> <li>• Develop safety procedures and measures for hazardous construction activities and Conducted the Hazard Assessment Training</li> <li>• Conducted First-Aid &amp; basic care treatment &amp; safety procedure plans are being implemented</li> </ul>

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)
<b><u>TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements</u></b>	7,227,529	3,964,308.36	0	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			
<b><u>TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements</u></b>	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)		
<b><u>TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements</u></b>	9,658,377	8,829,630.71	0	8,829,630.71
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			
<b><u>TIIGP2-LAO-W03a Vang Vieng Urban-Renewal</u></b>	1,015,501	2,200,000	0	2,600,000
V4. Vang Vieng Urban Renewal;	1,015,501			

<b>TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements</b>	<b>5,632,000</b>	<b>3,156,160.08</b>	<b>109,489.90</b>	<b>3,265,649.98</b>
V5. Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements	5,632,000	(Contracted cost with CeTeau-Panyathilath Joint Venture)		
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,676,093</b>	<b>22,819,164.29</b>	<b>771,224.04</b>	<b>23,990,388.33</b>

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

Standard (CPS, VV, LPB, VTP)	Awarded
<b><u>Homestay</u></b> 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)	1) 2016, 2019, 2023 2) 2017, 2019, 2023 3) 2017, 2019, 2023 4) 2023
<b><u>Clean Tourist City</u></b> 1) Luang Prabang City, Luang Prabang Province 2) Pakse Champasak	1) 2018, 2022 2) 2022
<b><u>Community-Based Tourism</u></b> 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	1) 2017, 2023 2) 2023 3) 2023 4) 2023
<b><u>Clean Public Toilet</u></b> 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	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
<b><u>Green Hotel</u></b> <b>Champasak Province</b> 1) Champasak Palace, Pakse City 2) Mekong Paradise Resort Hotel (paradise Resort) 3) Champasak Grand, Pakse City 4) Khon Phapheng Resort, Khong District 5) Pakse Hotel, Pakse City 6) La Folie Lodge, Champasak 7) Athena Hotel (Souphatra), Pakse City 8) River Resort, Pakse City 9) Sisouk Resident, Pakse City	1) 2008 (expired) 2) 2010, 2024 3) 2010, 2024 4) 2010 (expired) 5) 2010, 2024 6) 2012, 2024 7) 2014, 2024 8) 2014, 2024 9) 2016, 2024

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10) Arawan Riverside Hotel, Pakse City</li> <li>11) Bachieng Resort, Bachieng District</li> <li>12) Paksong Danngarm Hotel</li> <li>13) Pon Arina, Hotel Khong District</li> <li>14) Sengaloun Donkhone Hotel</li> <li>15) Dondet View Hotel</li> <li>16) Golden Dondet Hotel</li> <li>17) Sounsavanh Villa Hotel</li> <li>18) Le Sidong Hotel</li> </ul> <p><b>Luang Prabang Province</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Phou Vao, Luang Prabang City</li> <li>2) Souvannaphoum, Luang Prabang City</li> <li>3) The Grand Luang Prabang, Luang Prabang City</li> <li>4) 3 Nagas Hotel, Luang Prabang City</li> <li>5) Luangxay Resident, Luang Prabang City</li> <li>6) Santi Resort and SPA, Luang Prabang City</li> <li>7) LPB View</li> <li>8) Moung Luang Hotel</li> <li>9) Kiridara Hotel, Luang Prabang City</li> <li>10) Sofitel Luang prabang, Luang Prabang City</li> <li>11) Avani Hotel, Luang Prabang City</li> <li>12) Pullman Hotel, Luang Prabang City</li> <li>13) Maison Darabua Hotel</li> <li>14) Suphatra Hotel</li> <li>15) Rose wood Hotel</li> <li>16) Ang Thong Hotel</li> <li>17) Victoria Xiengthong Palace Hotel</li> <li>18) Mekhong View Hotel</li> <li>19) My Ban Lao Hotel</li> <li>20) Amantaka Hotel</li> <li>21) Songthuiye Hotel</li> <li>22) Satri House Hotel</li> </ul> <p><b>Vang Vieng</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Riverside Boutique Resort</li> <li>2) Thavy Souk Hotel</li> <li>3) Inthira Hotel, Vang Vieng</li> <li>4) Amari Hotel</li> <li>5) T Mark Resort</li> <li>6) Songthuiye Namngum Bridge Resort</li> <li>7) S Vang Vieng Boutique Hotel</li> </ul> <p><b>Vientiane Province</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Long Ngum Resort</li> <li>2) Densavanh Resort</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10) 2016, 2024</li> <li>11) 2018, 2024</li> <li>12) 2020, 2024</li> <li>13) 2022</li> <li>14) 2024</li> <li>15) 2024</li> <li>16) 2024</li> <li>17) 2024</li> <li>18) 2024</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) 2008, 2014, 2024</li> <li>2) 2008, 2012, 2014, 2022</li> <li>3) 2008, 2014, 2022</li> <li>4) 2010 (expired)</li> <li>5) 2012, 2024</li> <li>6) 2014, 2024</li> <li>7) 2016, 2024</li> <li>8) 2024</li> <li>9) 2016 (expired)</li> <li>10) 2018, 2024</li> <li>11) 2018, 2024</li> <li>12) 2018, 2024</li> <li>13) 2020, 2024</li> <li>14) 2024</li> <li>15) 2024</li> <li>16) 2024</li> <li>17) 2024</li> <li>18) 2024</li> <li>19) 2024</li> <li>20) 2024</li> <li>21) 2024</li> <li>22) 2024</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) 2016, 2024</li> <li>2) 2018 (expired)</li> <li>3) 2020, 2024</li> <li>4) 2022</li> <li>5) 2024</li> <li>6) 2024</li> <li>7) 2024</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) 2022</li> <li>2) 2024</li> </ul>
<p><b>Spa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) SPA at Kiridara Hotel, Luang Prabang City Expired</li> <li>2) SPA at Avani Hotel, Luang Prabang City Expired</li> <li>3) Pullman Spa, Pullman Luang Prabang, Luang Prabang Province</li> <li>4) Le Spa, Sofitel Luang Prabang, Luang Prabang Province</li> <li>5) Sanakeo Boutique Hotel and Spa, Luang Prabang Province</li> <li>6) Angsana Spa, Maikson Souvannaphoum, Luang Prabang Province</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) 2019 (expired)</li> <li>2) 2019 (expired)</li> <li>3) 2023</li> <li>4) 2023</li> <li>5) 2023</li> <li>6) 2023</li> </ul>
<p><b>MICE Venue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Luang Prabang View Hotel, Luang Prabang City expired</li> <li>2) Pullman Hotel, Luang Prabang exp</li> <li>3) Champasak Grand Hotel, Champasak Province expired</li> <li>4) Amari Vientiane Province valid</li> <li>5) Aravan Champasak valid</li> <li>6) Lapale Xiengkeo LPB</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) 2018, 2024 (expired)</li> <li>2) 2020, 2024</li> <li>3) 2020, 2024 (expired)</li> <li>4) 2022</li> <li>5) 2022</li> <li>6) 2024</li> </ul>

7) Le bel ae, LPB	7) 2024
8) Vonethaving Restaurant	8) 2024
<b>ASEAN Sustainable Tourism Award</b>	
1) Phou Si Mountain, Luang Prabang City - Urban Tourism Award	1) 2018 (expired)
2) Tree Top Explorer, Paksong District, Champasak Province - Rural Tourism Award	2) 2018 (expired)
3) Wat Xieng Thong, Luang Prabang City – Urban Award	3) 2020 (expired)
4) Wat Phou, Champasak – Rural Award	4) 2020 (expired)
5) Tad Nyeuang waterfall site Champasak – Urban Award	5) 2022
6) Koungsi Waterfall – Rural Award	6) 2022
7) Tad Nyeuang waterfall site Champasak Restaurant Rural Award	7) 2024
8) Bio Bamboo Restaurant LPB – Urban Award	8) 2024

### Annex 3: Eligible Project Support for ASEAN Tourism Standards

ASEAN Standard	Eligible Support
<b>Green Hotel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Assistance / Advice to properties to meet ASEAN Green Hotel Standard</li> <li>• Industry training, workshops, or seminars</li> <li>• <i>No assistance for purchase of equipment, materials or upgrade to facilities</i></li> </ul>
<b>Clean Tourist City</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Assistance / Advice to meet Standard</li> <li>• Training, workshops, or seminars for public and private stakeholders involved in implementation of the ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard</li> <li>• 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)</li> </ul>
<b>Homestay</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Assistance / Advice to meet ASEAN Homestay Standard</li> <li>• Training, workshops, or seminars for homestay operators</li> <li>• 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)</li> </ul>
<b>Community Based Tourism (CBT)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training and Technical Assistance to meet ASEAN CBT Standard</li> <li>• Training, workshops, or seminars for CBT operations</li> <li>• Community-owned and operated products only (private sector operations not eligible): Improvement to facilities to meet ASEAN CBT Standard (includes equipment and small works)</li> </ul>
<b>Public Toilets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Assistance / Advice to meet ASEAN Public Toilet Standard to public and private toilet operators</li> <li>• Training, workshops, or seminars for public and private stakeholders involved in implementation of the ASEAN Public Toilet Standard</li> <li>• 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).</li> </ul>
<b>MICE (Meeting Room, Exhibition, Event Venue)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Assistance / Advice to meet ASEAN MICE Standard(s)</li> <li>• Industry training workshops or seminars</li> <li>• <i>No assistance for purchase of equipment, materials or upgrade to facilities</i></li> </ul>
<b>Spa Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Assistance / Advice to meet Standard</li> <li>• Industry training workshops or seminars</li> <li>• <i>No assistance for purchase of equipment, materials or upgrade to facilities</i></li> </ul>
<b>Sustainable Tourism Award</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training and Technical Assistance to meet Award</li> <li>• Improvement to public and community owned facilities to meet Award criteria (equipment and/or small works)</li> </ul>

**Annex 4: Record of Output 2 and 3 and Project Management Activities implemented during Quarter 1 of 2024 (1 January – 31 March 2024)**

Budget Code	Activity	Date	Location	Objective	Implementers	Participants (Total)	Participants (Women)	Results/ outcome/ Comments	Budget (Kip/Us)
2.07.03	18-23/03/2025	Collect information to improve homestay and community-based tourism standards related activities in Champasak province	Champasak	To improve the related activities	PCU, CPS-PIU	12	3	Information collected	26,780,000
2.08.02.a	18-23/3/2024	Collect information on community-based tourism in Ban Nong Luang and Tad Gneung waterfall site, Paksong district, Champasak province.	Champasak	To collect information	PCU/TDD, CPS-PIU	31	10	Information collected	17,325,000
2.08.02.a	3-14/03/2024	Consultation meeting on implementation of ASEAN clean tourist city standard in Vang Vieng, Vientiane province	Vang Vieng, VTP	To consult with stakeholders on the implementation	VV-PIU	80	35	Completed as plan	26,976,000
2.08.02.a	13-16/3/2024	ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard Assessment Committee Meeting in vang Vieng to support/supervise the implementation of the priority activity plan	Vang Vieng, VTP	To support the implementation of the priority activity plan	PCU/TDD, VV-PIU	14	3	Assessment committees provided useful comments	35,020,000
2.08.02.C	25-27/01/2024	CPS-PIU participate in the 2024 ASEAN tourism standards award ceremony in Vientiane Capital during ATF 2024	Land Mark Hotel - VTE	To participate in the proposed award ceremony	CPS-PIU	2	0	Completed as plan	7,300,000
2.08.02.C	26/1/2024	LPB-PIU participate in the 2024 ASEAN tourism standards award ceremony in Vientiane Capital during ATF 2024	Land Mark Hotel - VTE	To participate in the proposed award ceremony	LPB-PIU	3	0	Completed as plan	4,881,000
2.08.02.C	25-27/01/2024	VV-PIU participate in the 2024 ASEAN tourism standards award ceremony in Vientiane Capital during ATF 2024	Land Mark Hotel - VTE	To participate in the proposed award ceremony	VV-PIU	3	0	Completed as plan	3,234,000
2.08.02.C	26/1/2024	VTP-PIU participate in the 2024 ASEAN tourism standards award ceremony in Vientiane Capital during ATF 2024	Land Mark Hotel - VTE	To participate in the proposed award ceremony	VTP-PIU	3	0	Completed as plan	2,894,000
2.08.02.C	27-29/1/2024	Follow up the tour group of journalists and buyers to study tour - Nam Pien Yolapa - Vang Vieng District (Vientiane Province) and Luang Prabang Province	To promote visit Lao Year 2024 during ATF	To follow up the tour group	TBMD/PC U/MICT	40	15	Completed as plan	12,980,000

2.08.02.C	12-14/02/2024	MICT organize the 2024 ASEAN tourism standards award ceremony in Vientiane Capital	National Cultural Hall, VTE	To organize ASEAN tourism standards award ceremony	TBMD/PCU/MICT	300	100	ASEAN tourism standards award ceremony completed	90,567,000
3.02.01	27-29/2/2024	Organize training to strengthen the DMN (public sector) on the use of modern systems in the management of tourism development information systems	Vang Vieng, VTP	To strengthen the DMN	PCU/TDD, VV-PIU	16	6	Knowledge upgraded	17,966,000
3.02.01	25-26/02/2024	Organize training to strengthen the DMN on Destination Management in Vang Vieng, VTP	Vang Vieng, VTP	To strengthen the DMN	PCU/TDD, VV-PIU	68	25	Knowledge upgraded	17,932,000
3.02.02	11/1-12/3/2024	Upgrade English language skills term 1, 2024 for TDD staff at KYNA - ENGLISH EDUCATION PTE.LTD.	VTE	Improve English language skills	TDD/MICT	1	1	English language skills upgraded	3,050,000
3.04.01	21-24/02/2024	Stakeholders consultation meeting to address issues in Vang Vieng. VTP	Vang Vieng, VTP	To identify the issues	TDD/MICT, VV-PIU	14	6	The issues discussed and identified	20,000,000
3.04.01	27-30/03/2024	Stakeholders consultation meeting to address issues in Vang Vieng	Vang Vieng, VTP	To identify the issues	TDD/MICT, VV-PIU	29	10	The issues identified and prioritize	26,766,000
3.04.04	22/3/2024	Visiting/inspect the Progress of Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Access Road and Tourism Facilities and meet /interview stakeholders/ agencies about their expectations and needs regarding O&M and legal issues. Keo Oudom district, Vientiane province	NN1, VTP	Inspect the progress	VTP-PIU	12	5	Completed as plan	9,000,000
3.04.04	14-20/01/2024	Consultative meeting on the proposed study areas and survey of potential sites for tourism development and management to be included in the Siphandone Tourism Master Plan	Champasak province	To identify the study areas	TDD/MICT, CPS-PIU	13	3	The study areas identified	35,280,000
3.04.04	27-29/2/2024	Organize key stakeholder meeting to review the draft of Nam Ngum1 tourism master plan at ministry level	Keo Oudom district, Vientiane province	To review the draft plan	TDD/MICT, VTP-PIU	17	6	Pre final review completed	17,162,000



3.04.04	28/2/2024	Organize key stakeholder meeting to review the draft content of Nam Ngum1 tourism master plan at ministry/national level 28/02/2024	Lao Plaza, VTE	To update the plan	PCU/TDD/MICT	25	10	The tourism master plan updated	10,000,000
3.04.04	14-19/01/2024	Participate in consultation meeting on study areas and survey to collect additional information for Siphandon tourism masterplan	Khong district, Champasak province	To identify study areas	Consultants,	52	14	The study areas identified	35,770,000
3.05.01	22 - 26/03/2024	Study tour on sustainable tourism products along the Lao - China railway corridor (1st installment)	Yunnan province, China	To inspect/survey sustainable tourism products	PCU/MICT	14	6	The survey/inspect completed	184,800,000
3.05.01	22 - 26/03/2024	Participate in the exchange program and study tour on sustainable tourism products along the Lao - China railway corridor	Yunnan province, China	To inspect/survey sustainable tourism products	PCU/MICT	14	6	The exchange program completed as plan	1,900
3.05.03.1	21-23/2/2024	Tourism promotion activities for Visit Lao Year in Paksong district (Coffee - Tea and Agriculture Products Festival), Champasak province	Paksong, Champasak province	To promote visit Lao Year	PIU, tourism division	4	2	Tourism promotion completed	7,900,000
3.05.03.1	22-24/2/2024	Tourism promotion activities for Visit Lao Year at Vat Phou World Heritage Site (Vat Phou Festival)	Vat Phou, Champasak province	To promote visit Lao Year	PIU, tourism division	6	3	Tourism promotion completed	15,310,000
3.05.03.1	9-11/02/2024	Project EA/PCU participate in the consultation meeting to prepare tourism promotion activities in Vang Vieng	Vang Vieng, VTP	To support DMN at national level	PCU/EA, VV-PIU	20	4	To identify promotion activity	20,736,000
3.05.03.1	12-16/02/2024	The DMN board members participate in Visit Lao Year promotion activity (orange festival and other related events) in Vang Vieng, VTP.	Vang Vieng, VTP	To participate in the tourism promotion event	DMN	15	4	Completed as plan	26,978,000
3.05.03.1	13-17/02/2024	Project EA/PCU participate in the Visit Lao Year activity (orange festival and other related events) in Vang Vieng, VTP.	Vang Vieng, VTP	To participate in the tourism promotion event	PCU	14	0	The festival completed	25,636,000
3.05.03.1	23-26/02/2024	Organize consultation meeting on tourism promotion activities for Visit Lao Year in Luang Prabang	Luang Prabang	To support provincial DMN	PCU, LPB-PIU	24	9	Tourism promotion prepared	36,984,000
3.05.03.1	01-04/03/2024	Project EA, DMN and Tourism Standard Secretariats participate in tourism promotion	Vang Vieng, VTP	To promote Visit Lao Year 2024	PCU, National	25	13	Tourism promotion	45,000,000

		activities for Visit Lao Year 2024 in Vang Vieng			DMN, VV-PIU, OICT			activity organized	
3.05.03.1	18 - 20/03/2024	Round table meeting on "Special Meeting of the Greater Mekhong Tourism Working Grop" in Bangkok, Thailand	Bangkok, Thailand	To review the draft plan on GMS tourism strategy	PCU, MICT	2	2	The GMS tourism strategy plan updated	2,210
3.05.03.2	2-5/02/2024	VV-PIU organize meeting to promote tourism and participate in the "V-Trail" event in Vang Vieng, VTP	Vang Vieng, VTP	To promote tourism and Visit Lao Year 2024	VV-PIU	40	20	Tourism promotion activity organized	12,074,000
3.05.03.2	2-4/03/2024	VV-PIU organize meeting to promote tourism and participate in the "Vangvieng half plus marathon", Vang Vieng, Vientiane province	Vang Vieng, VTP	To promote tourism in Vang Vieng	VV-PIU	70	35	Tourism promotion activity organized	19,014,000
3.05.03.2	12/10/2023	Support International Vientiane Marathon 2023 to the organizer (EFG Laos Individual Enterprise) and promote tourism	Vientiane Capital	Support national DMN to promote tourism	DMN, Subcontract	0	0	Tourism promotion activity organized	60,153,000
3.05.03.2	12-15/03/2024	Project EA organize consultation meeting with Luang Prabang PIU to prepare the tourism promotion activities for Visit Lao Year 2024, Luang Prabang province	Luang Prabang	To identify activities for Visit Lao Year	PCU, LPB-PIU	15	6	Tourism promotion activities organized	26,682,000
3.10.01	07/02/2024	Final consultation meeting on the improvement of waste management and Vang Vieng landfill management. Vang Vieng District, Vientiane province	Vang Vieng, VTP	To strengthen on waste and landfill management	VV-PIU	50	21	Completed as plan	12,271,000
3.10.01	11/03/2024	VV-PIU participate in consultation meeting on Vang Vieng landfill management, Vientiane Capital	VTE	To strengthen on Vang vieng landfill management	VV-PIU, PCU	14	2	Completed as plan	9,331,000
3.10.1	11-12/02/2024	Follow up/inspect the civil works progress in Vang Vieng with donor. Vang Vieng, Vientiane province	Pha Nam Xay Viewpoint, VV, VTP	Follow up the progress	PCU	4		The progress inspected	4,886,000
3.11.01	15-16/03/2024	Organize stakeholders meeting on O&M and site management at Keng Nyui waterfall site. Ban Naduang, Vang Vieng, VTP	Ban Naduang, Vang Vieng	To strengthen on O&M and site management	VV-PIU	48	15	Completed as plan	15,854,000
4.12.01	30/01-01/02/2024	CPS-PIU participate in annual review meeting to update the workplan 2024 with	VTE	To improve/update the plan	CPS-PIU	5	2	The annual workplan updated	19,250,000

		National Project Steering Committee in Vientiane							
4.12.01	30/01-01/02/2024	LPB-PIU participate in annual review meeting to update the workplan 2024 with National Project Steering Committee in Vientiane	VTE	To improve/update the plan	LPB-PIU	3	2	The annual workplan updated	15,100,000
4.12.01	30/01-01/02/2024	VV-PIU participate in annual review meeting to update the workplan 2024 with National Project Steering Committee in Vientiane	VTE	To improve/update the plan	VV-PIU	47	20	The annual workplan updated	8,280,000
4.12.01	02/01/2024	VTP-PIU participate in annual review meeting to update the workplan 2024 with National Project Steering Committee and PIUs in Vientiane	VTE	To improve/update the plan	VTP-PIU	5	1	The annual workplan updated	5,780,000
4.12.01	22-25/01/2024	Organize annual review meeting to update the workplan with National Project Steering Committee in Vientiane with National Steering Committee in Vientiane	Vang Vieng, VTP	To improve/update the plan	PCU	14	8	The annual workplan updated	19,975,000
4.12.01	1-4/02/2024	Field mission to Luang Prabang to recommend/supervise the implementation of the project activities	Luang Prabang	To supervise the implementation of the project activities	PCU	14	6	Completed as plan	21,462,000
4.12.01	31/01/2024	Annual review for project implementation progress and planning meeting for 2024 in Vientiane Capital.	VTE	To report the project implementation progress and planning meeting	PCU	50	22	Completed as plan	20,350,000
4.12.01	7-10/02/2024	Participate in the 2023 annual meeting to review the financial management and projects that use international loans and grant in Vang Vieng	Vang Vieng, VTP	To review the financial aspect	PCU	11	6	Completed as plan	15,108,000
4.12.01	6-7/02/2024	The project EA/PCU follow up/inspect the civil works for W03 in Vang Vieng	Vang Vieng, VTP	To inspect the progress	PCU	20	4	The progress inspected	13,540,000
4.12.01	08/02/2024	Organize meeting on civil works progress for W02 in Keo Oudom and W03 in Vang Vieng	Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng, VTP	To inspect the progress	PCU	55	16	The progress inspected	4,300,000
4.13.02	24-27/3/2024	The implementation of IEC for gender at the subproject sites: Nakasang, Dodet and Doh Khone on dissemination for gender about boat - road safety to prevent accidents, first aid, maintaining cleanliness and order	Khong district, Champasak province	To raise awareness to women	Consultant, PIU and subcontracts	181	104	Completed as plan	35,922,000

4.13.03	14-16/02/2024	VTP-PIU participate in consultation meeting on the civil works progress for the subproject site W03 in Vang Vieng	VTE	To follow/inspect up the progress	VV-PIU	4	1	Completed as plan	4,177,000
4.13.03	02/09/2024	VTP-PIU participate in consultation meeting on the civil works progress for the subproject sites W02 in Keo Oudom and W03 in Vang Vieng.	VTE	To follow/inspect up the progress	VTP-PIU	5	1	Completed as plan	3,760,000
4.13.03	8-10/01/2024	The project EA follow up the civil works progress in Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng districts, VTP together with donor	Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng, VTP	To follow/inspect up the progress	PCU	4	1	Completed as plan	5,230,000
4.13.03	22-24/01/2024	The project EA/PCU follow up the civil works progress in Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng districts, VTP together with donor	Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng, VTP	To follow/inspect up the progress	PCU	5	0	Completed as plan	5,290,000
4.13.03	16-17/2/2024	Follow up/monitor the progress of project implementation in Vang Vieng, VTP	Vang Vieng, VTP	To follow up the implementation progress	PCU	6	4	Completed as plan	11,714,000
4.13.03	4-6/03/2024	follow up the civil works progress in Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng districts, VTP	Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng, VTP	To follow up the implementation progress	PCU	4	1	Completed as plan	5,279,000
4.13.03	8-11/03/2024	ASEAN clean tourist city standard steering committee at national level follow up the implementation progress in Champasak province, 8-11/03/2024	Champasak	To assess the progress	PCU	27	8	Completed as plan	41,910,000
4.13.04	23/2/2024	Meeting to discuss, clarify the project policy and sign agreement on the impact compensation agreement form, 3rd installment compensation with the affected people - 50 families and join field monitoring for February 2024 in Keo Oudom district, Vientiane province	Keo Oudom, VTP	To prepare for compensation payment	VTP-PIU	63	35	Completed as plan	3,570,000
4.13.04	15-16/1/2024	VV-PIU participate in consultation meeting with communities/local people who live in the construction area to present information about sub-project site W03a, improvement of Vang Vieng Municipality/town	Vang Vieng, VTP	To provide information to local communities	PCU	6	0	The information provided	5,300,000

4.13.04	4-6/03/2024	PCU/EA participate in consultation meeting to discuss, clarify the project policy and sign agreement on the impact compensation agreement form "agreement on impact compensation", 3rd installment compensation with the affected people - 50 families join field monitoring on social safeguards for February 2024 in Keo Oudom district, Vientiane province	Ban Sengsavang, Keo Oudom, VTP	To consult with affected people	PCU	51	27	Completed as plan	5,496,000
4.13.04	18-22/3/2024	PCU follow up and strengthen social safeguards work in the project target areas Keo Oudom District, VTP	Keo Oudom, VTP	Monitor and strengthen social safeguards work in the target area	PCU	8	2	Completed as plan	14,390,000
4.13.04	28-30/03/2024	PCU/Project EA join the resettlement committee to resolve the complaint regarding the case of the anti-erosion wall of T-Mark Hotel and jointly pay compensation for PCU/Project EA join the resettlement committee to resolve the complaint regarding the case of the anti-erosion wall of T-Mark Hotel and jointly pay compensation for the affected people in Ban Na Duang Village (Keng Nyui Waterfall site) and follow up the social safeguards work in Vang Vieng District	Vang Vieng, VTP	To resolve the complaint	PCU	6	0	Completed as plan	5,959,000
4.14.01	21-24/02/2024	VV-PIU work with SAO (State Audit Organization) and PCU on annual financial audits 2023 at the PIU's office in Vang Vieng	Vang Vieng, VTP	To audit financial documents	VV-PIU	45	19	Completed as plan	26,795,000
4.14.01	16, 19-20/2/2024	VTP-PIU work with SAO and PCU on annual financial audits 2023 at the PIU's office in Vientiane province	VTP	To audit financial documents	VTP-PIU	15	6	Completed as plan	14,400,000
4.14.01	5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29/02/2024 - 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13/03/2024	PCU join the SAO (State Audit Organization) on annual financial audits 2023 at the PIUs' Offices (target provinces, VTE) 5,6,7,8,9,12,13,14,15, 16,19,20, 21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29/02/2024 - 1,4,5,6,7,8,11,12,13/03/2024	VTE, Vang Vieng and VTP	To audit financial documents for 2023	PCU	30	18	Completed as plan	73,330,000

## Annex 5: Progress towards DMF targets and activity implementation as of 31 March 2024

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline (Lao PDR)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 31 March 2024 (Lao PDR)
<b>Outcome:</b> Tourism competitiveness of secondary towns in Cambodia and the Lao PDR increased	By 2026 <sup>6</sup>			
	e. Cambodia and the Lao PDR's share of ASEAN international visitor arrivals increased (2016 baseline) <sup>7</sup>	3.7%	3.8%	2017: 3.1% 2018: 3.1% 2019: 3.3% 2020: 3.4% 2021: 0% 2022: 3.0% 2023: 3.6%
	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: 2,118,740
	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. <sup>8</sup> Champasak Province: 61.8% Vientiane Province: 67.4% Luang Prabang Province: 49.5% <b>Aggregate for the three target provinces: 58.3%</b>

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

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

<sup>8</sup> 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 March 2024 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 31 March 2024 (Lao PDR)
<b>Outputs</b>	By 2025 <sup>9</sup> :					
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%	69.94 km	<p><b>1 out of 4 awarded packages completed, 1 are on-track, 2 delayed.</b></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 78.52%. So far, 6.5km 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 73.28%. So far, 5.7km road is fully completed. 23km DBST ( 1<sup>st</sup> layer) is 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 98,20%. So far, 1.55km road is fully completed.</p> <p><b>A total 65.70 km road will be improved under these 5 Works packages. 35.2 km of Access Road has been fully completed (approx. 54.0% of target). 89% of road (58.2km) is partially completed considering 23km of completed DBST works (1st sealing).</b></p>

<sup>9</sup> 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 March 2024 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 31 March 2024 (Lao PDR)
	1b. 4 ferry ports constructed (2016 baseline)	0	2	10%	1	<p><b><u>One of two awarded packages is completed, one is delayed.</u></b></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 78.52%.</p> <p><b>A total of 2 passenger/ferry ports will be improved.</b></p>
	1c. 30 m3/day wastewater treatment capacity constructed (2017 baseline)	0 m3/day	15 m3/day	10%	0	<p><b><u>On Track</u></b></p> <p>Contract for package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements was signed on 19 Feb 2021. Overall progress of the subproject is 98.20%.</p> <p><b>This package includes 20m3/day septage sludge treatment facility.</b></p>
	1d. Flood protection and drainage constructed for 25-hectare catchment (2017 baseline)	0 ha	24.5 ha	10%	0.5 ha	<p><b><u>On track</u></b></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><b>The project will construct flood protection and drainage for a total of <b>XX.X</b> ha catchment. (will be determined and reported in next quarterly report)</b></p>



Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline (Lao PDR)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Weight (%)	Achievement as of 31 March 2024 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 31 March 2024 (Lao PDR)
	1e. Solid waste management services improved for 5,700 households and businesses (2017 baseline)	1,628	4,100	20%	0	<p><b>On track</b> 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><b>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.</b></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><b>Achieved</b> The project has conducted a total of 13 consultation meetings during detailed design, updating of safeguards documents, and development of O&amp;M plans. 119 (46%) out of 261 people consulted are women.</p> <p>Additional consultations are planned. The gender and M&amp;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><b>This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan Target 3.</b></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><b>Achieved</b> 1 national assessment framework established comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ National and Provincial Assessment and Certification Committees (equivalent to certification boards) for all 7 ASEAN Tourism Standards</li> <li>○ ASEAN Tourism Standards (5 of them adapted to Lao national context) in English and Lao languages</li> <li>○ Assessment and certification manuals for all 7 standards</li> </ul>

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	2a-g At least 30% of the standards assessment frameworks and certification board members are women		30%	1%	43%	<p><b>Achieved</b> 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><b>Overall, 86 (43%) out of 200 certification board members are women)</b></p> <p><b>National: 48 (51%) women out of 94 members and assessors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASEAN Green Hotel: 8 (62%) out of 13 are women; dated 21/07/2021</li> <li>• ASEAN Spa Service: 7 (63%) out of 11 are women; dated 21/07/2021</li> <li>• ASEAN Homestay Standard: 3 (33%) out of 9 are women; dated 27/08/2021</li> <li>• ASEAN Public Toilet Standard: 4 (44%) out of 9 are women; dated 07/12/2021</li> <li>• ASEAN Clean City Standard: 8 (47% out of 17 are women; dated 11/08/2021</li> <li>• ASEAN CBT Standard 2 (22%) out of 9 are women; dated 14/09/2021, <b>not yet achieved</b></li> <li>• ASEAN MICE Standard: 8 (62%) out of 13 are women; dated 25/06/2021</li> <li>• ASTA: 8 (62%) out of 13 are women; dated 08/04/2022.</li> </ul> <p><b>Provinces: 38 (36%) out of 106 members and assessors are women):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Champasak Province: 14 (34%) out of 41 are women; dated 22 June 2021</li> <li>• Vientiane Province: 6 (33%) out of 18 are women; dated 22/07/2021</li> <li>• Vang Vieng District: 9 (30%) out of 30 are women; dated 14/06/2021</li> <li>• Luang Prabang Province: 9 (53%) out of 17 are women; dated 20/09/2022</li> </ul> <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><b>This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan Target 10.</b></p>

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	2b. 107 hotels in target provinces ASEAN Green Hotel Standard certified (2017 baseline)	24 <sup>10</sup>	64	2%	49	<p><b>On track</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Hotel certifications</th> <th rowspan="2">DMF Target</th> <th colspan="5">Planned</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Total</th> <th>LPB</th> <th>VP</th> <th>VV</th> <th>CPS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>By project completion</td> <td>64</td> <td>74</td> <td>27</td> <td>5</td> <td>14</td> <td>28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Achieved (incl. Feb 2024 awards)</td> <td>44</td> <td>44</td> <td>20</td> <td>2</td> <td>6</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Remaining</td> <td>20</td> <td>30</td> <td>7</td> <td>3</td> <td>8</td> <td>12</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Hotel certifications	DMF Target	Planned					Total	LPB	VP	VV	CPS	By project completion	64	74	27	5	14	28	Achieved (incl. Feb 2024 awards)	44	44	20	2	6	16	Remaining	20	30	7	3	8	12
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<sup>11</sup> 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 March 2024 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 31 March 2024 (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	<b>On Track</b> 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	<b>Achieved</b> See 3a. above.  <i>This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan Target 21.</i>
	3b. 8 destination management plans and 8 infrastructure O&M plans implemented (2017 baseline)	3	4	5%	5	<b>On track</b> 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 and 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%	6,384	<b>Achieved</b> To date, 6,384 participants (residents and tourism workers) have participated in destination management training and awareness-raising activities.

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	3c-g 50% of residents and tourism workers participated in the training and awareness raising activities are women.	0	50%	1%	45.5%	<p><b>Not achieved</b></p> <p>Of the 6,384 residents and tourism workers who have participated in destination management training and awareness-raising activities, 2,911 (45.5%) 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><b>This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan Target 14.</b></p>
	3d. At least 500 entrepreneurs (60% women) received SME support services (2017 baseline)	0	300	2%	2019-2022: 451 entrepreneurs 2023: TBC	<p><b>On track</b></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><b>This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan Target 4.</b></p>
	3d-g 60% of entrepreneurs received SME support services are women	0	60%	1%	TBC	<p><b>On track</b></p> <p>The gender target of 60% of entrepreneurs being women is being considered in selecting and supporting SMEs.</p> <p><b>This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan Target 4.</b></p>
	3e. 2 internet-based tourism knowledge repositories developed (2017 baseline)	0	1	2%	1	<p><b>On track</b></p> <p>Internet-based tourism repository developed and the project continues to upload the information. DMN website <a href="https://www.laos-dmn.com">https://www.laos-dmn.com</a>.</p>

Key Activities with Milestones <sup>12</sup>	Progress as of 31 March 2024
<b>1. Urban-rural access infrastructure and environmental services improved</b>	
1.1 Prepare civil works design and bidding documents: Q2 2018–Q1 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements (subprojects C1 and C2): Completed Q3 2019.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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 were completed in Q1 2024.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
1.2 Safeguards document approval: Q4 2018–Q1 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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 Q2 2024.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

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

Key Activities with Milestones <sup>12</sup>	Progress as of 31 March 2024
1.3 Complete land acquisition and resettlement: Q4 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal (subproject V4): no LAR foreseen under the revised scope for this package.</li> <li>• Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: (Subproject V5): Compensation payments based on EGDRP completed and Compensation Completion Report submitted.</li> </ul>
1.4 Civil works procurement: Q4 2018–Q2 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (subprojects C1 and C2): Completed. Contract signed 30 December 2019.</li> <li>• Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: (subproject V1): Completed. Contract signed 20 April 2021.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: (Subproject V5): Completed. Contract signed 19 February 2021.</li> </ul>
1.5 Civil works construction, supervision, and supply equipment: Q1 2019–Q4 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01 (subprojects C1 and C2): Commenced on 26 May 2020, completed 30 June 2023.</li> <li>• Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: (subproject V1): Commenced on 1 July 2021.</li> <li>• Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: (subprojects V2, V3): Commenced on 1 September 2021.</li> <li>• Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: (subproject V4): Package not yet procured/commenced.</li> <li>• Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: (Subproject V5): Commenced on 19 April 2021. Procurement of equipment ongoing.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Capacity to implement ASEAN tourism standards strengthened</b>	
2.1 Establish ASEAN tourism standards assessment frameworks and certification boards: Q1 2018–Q4 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All seven ASEAN Tourism Standards translated into Lao and published</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Green Hotel will not be adapted but will be used in its original form in Lao PDR.</li> </ul>
2.2 Prepare national certification boards and assessor operations manuals: Q2 2019–Q4 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Auditor (assessment and certification) manuals have been prepared for all seven pure ASEAN standards.</li> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• In each project target province, one Provincial Committee has been established responsible for all standards.</li> </ul>

Key Activities with Milestones <sup>12</sup>		Progress as of 31 March 2024
2.3	Train standards assessors (e.g. Green Hotel, Homestay, Clean City, etc.): Q3 2019–Q4 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 12 (5 women) ASEAN Master Trainers within MICT who can train trainers and assessors from the Provincial Assessment Committees.</li> <li>• Multiple train-the-trainers and training of national and provincial-level assessors conducted and will be repeated throughout the life of the project.</li> </ul>
2.4	Promote ASEAN tourism standards adoption by service enterprises and cities: Q3 2019–Q2 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dissemination workshops with public and private sector participants conducted for all seven ASEAN Tourism Standards in target destinations.</li> <li>• Follow up promotional activities with the private sector carried out in Q4 2023 and continuing into 2024.</li> <li>• Launch of the Lao ASEAN Tourism Standards website on 15 September 2023.</li> <li>• Engagement with industry stakeholders to discuss charges / sustainable financing for ASEAN Standards planned for Q2, 2024</li> </ul>
2.5.1	Prepare implementation plans for ASEAN Tourism Standards: Q4 2019-Q2 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed, except for Vang Vieng Clean Tourist City the Draft Action / Implementation Plan was prepared in Q1 2024.</li> </ul>
2.5.2.1	Standards inspection and certification: Q4 2019–Q2 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessments for (re-)certification are ongoing.</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Action Plan for achieving Clean Tourist City Standard by Vang Vieng will start to be implemented from Q2 2024 onwards through 2024 and 2025 calendar years</li> </ul>
<b>3. Institutional capacity for tourism destination management and infrastructure O&amp;M strengthened</b>		
3.1	Establish and strengthen destination management networks: Q2 2019-Q4 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMNs for Lao PDR, Luang Prabang and Southern Laos reviewed and membership updated and DMNs for Vientiane Province and Vang Vieng established in 2019</li> <li>• DMNs strengthened through training and exchanges.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
3.2	Prepare and approve tourism destination management plans: Q2 2019–Q1 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMPs, including action plans, for all five project target destinations completed by Q4 2019.</li> </ul>



Key Activities with Milestones <sup>12</sup>	Progress as of 31 March 2024
3.3 Support policy dialogue, development of industry standards and regulations and tourism masterplanning: Q4 2019-Q4 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMN Policy Taskforces meet regularly to identify and discuss policy issues affecting tourism sector in project target destinations.</li> <li>• Drafting of various regulations to manage and control tourist activities in target destinations completed and ongoing.</li> <li>• 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. Plans for Luang Prabang, Nam Ngum and Siphandone are progressing and scheduled to be complete by June/July 2024</li> </ul>
3.4 Support destination marketing and promotion: Q1 2020-Q1 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Destination Laos tourism market research completed and marketing plan prepared.</li> <li>• Implementation of marketing plan commenced in Q3 2023.</li> </ul>
3.5 Support heritage interpretation planning and implementation Q1 2020-Q2 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Preparation of detailed implementation plans for Luang Prabang and Siphandone completed, Implementation in Luang Prabang and Siphandone ongoing. Preparation of interpretation materials for Nam Ngum ongoing.</li> </ul>
3.6 Design and implement SME training Q2 2020–Q2 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs assessments are completed related to support for SMEs suffering from the COVID-19 situation.</li> <li>• Detailed SME needs assessments in project target areas completed in Q4 2022.</li> <li>• SME development plan finalized in Q3 2023.</li> <li>• Roll out of SME support based on SME development plan has started.</li> </ul>
3.7 Establish and maintain Internet-based tourism knowledge repositories: Q1 2020–Q4 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laos DMN website developed (<a href="http://www.laos-dmn.com">www.laos-dmn.com</a>), incorporating document repository allowing users to easily search for documents. The contents are being uploaded.</li> </ul>
3.8 Prepare and approve infrastructure O&M plans with sustainable finance mechanisms: Q3 2020–Q4 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• O&amp;M planning for Champasak subprojects completed. For Vang Vieng Landfill, Keng Yui, Nam Ngum O&amp;M planning is ongoing alongside facilitation of PPP for site operation.</li> </ul>
3.9 Facilitate public-private partnerships for O&M: Q1 2021-Q2 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PPP planning ongoing for Vang Vieng landfill operation, Nam Ngum Marina operation, and Keng Yui Waterfall operation.</li> </ul>
3.10 Design and implement training programs for infrastructure O&M: Q1 2021–Q2 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs assessment for landfill subproject completed and capacity building plan being implemented.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Management Activities</b>	
Establish project steering committees, PCUs, and PIUs: Q2 2018- Q4 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed. National Project Steering Committee and Provincial Project Steering Committees. PCU and PIUs established.</li> </ul>
Advance actions for consultant recruitment and procurement: Q2 2018–Q1 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

Key Activities with Milestones <sup>12</sup>	Progress as of 31 March 2024
Mobilize consultants and procure equipment: Q1 2019-Q2 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed – all planned consultants recruited and mobilized.</li> </ul>
Establish financial management systems: Q2 2019-Q1 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Financial management team appointed and mobilized</li> <li>○ Financial management and procurement consultants recruited and mobilized</li> <li>○ Financial Management Manual prepared</li> <li>○ Accounting software has been procured and is operational</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Financial management and procurement training for PCU and PIU staff: Q1 2019–Q4 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PCU staff is receiving on-the-job training</li> <li>• International and National Financial Management and Procurement Specialists recruited and mobilized and are building capacity of project financial management team.</li> <li>• PCU financial management team has opportunities to participate in training at ADB LRM.</li> </ul>
Implement sex-disaggregated PPMS, safeguards, and gender action plans: Q1 2019–Q4 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Performance Monitoring System (PPMS) completed and being used</li> <li>• International and National Gender Specialists are supporting the project with GAP implementation.</li> <li>• Safeguards experts are supporting project with updating and implementation monitoring of social and environmental safeguards documents.</li> </ul>
Conduct project planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting: Q4 2018-Q4 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual costed workplans are prepared and implemented</li> <li>• Project Performance Monitoring System completed and being used</li> <li>• Quarterly progress reports are being prepared and submitted to relevant government units and ADB, and published on the project website.</li> </ul>





## Annex 7: Project Financial Management Action Plan progress as of 31 March 2024

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"> <li>• PIU Champasak finance and accounting staff recruited and commenced on 1 March 2019</li> <li>• PIU Vientiane province finance and accounting staff recruited and commenced on 1 March 2019</li> <li>• PIU Vang vieng finance and accounting staff recruited and commenced on 1 March 2019</li> <li>• PIU Luang Prabang finance and accounting staff recruited and commenced on 1 March 2019</li> </ul>	<b>Completed with delay</b>
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"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	<b>Completed</b>

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"> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• Further, the project has established a permanent bid evaluation and consultant selection committee.</li> </ul>	
3. Project funds flow arrangements adopted & operational.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As outlined in the PAM</li> <li>• MOF, EA, PCU, and PIU staff briefed on funds flow arrangements, advance account opened, and project sub-accounts established.</li> </ul>	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><b>Completed by due date</b></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"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	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"> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- 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</li> </ul>	<b>Ongoing</b>

Planned Action	Output	Responsible Party	Due Date	Describe action taken	Status of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PCU and PIUs attend training on project accounting, including the use of accounting software and compliance with government FM-EMP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project disbursement arrangements and procedures established in accordance with government FM-EMP regulations and procedures; staff trained in their operation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal audit function established.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent external auditor appointed.</li> </ul>	<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"> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- A progress report template was agreed that links financial with physical progress.</li> </ul> <p>(ii) PCU had participated in following workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ orientation on financial management of ADB-financed projects delivered by the International Financial Management and Procurement Specialist (IFMPS) on 28-29 March 2019.</li> <li>○ a financial management training to discuss the preparation of withdrawal applications and key features of the FMM with PCU finance staff in August 2019.</li> <li>○ Training on the FMM and accounting software, conducted from 28-30 June 2020.</li> <li>○ ADB FM training in November 2021.</li> <li>○ 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.</li> <li>○ And recently, PCU staff attended a FM workshop conducted by ADB Manila last October 2022.</li> <li>○ One of the PCU Finance staff is attending an English course to improve fluency in the English language,</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• ADB Inception mission Aide-Mémoire confirms suitable financial management system.</li> </ul>			<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 draft 2023 APFS was submitted to SAO in January 2024, audit has been fielded. The 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.	<b>Completed</b>
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 (<a href="https://www.tiigp2-laos.org/article-categories/procurement-grievance-redress-mechanism/">https://www.tiigp2-laos.org/article-categories/procurement-grievance-redress-mechanism/</a>)</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>	<b>Completed</b>

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 March 2024

Year / Number	Priority	Observations and implications	Status as of December 2023	Planned actions (responsibility, targeted completion date)
<b>1. There are seven issues which are fully improved against the previous year recommendations of audit team</b>				
<b>1.1 Preparation of Financial Statements</b>				
<i>FY2021</i>	<b>H</b>	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.	<b>Resolved.</b> The manual on accounting and financial management and manual on managing and utilizing of vehicle and equipment of the project were endorsed by project manager on 4 January 2022 and monitoring sheet on payment for consultants showing contract details has been prepared and is in use.	PCU and PIUs to ensure that the manual is being complied with. To inform SAO during audit period of FY 2023 (before end of March 2024)
<b>1.2 Summary and Preparation of Financial Statements</b>				
<i>FY2021</i>	<b>H</b>	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.	<b>Resolved.</b> Summarized by category each month	PCU to continue to monitor to ensure this is done regularly. To inform SAO during audit period of FY 2023 (before end of March 2024)
<b>1.3 Account Records</b>				
<i>FY2021</i>	<b>H</b>	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	<b>Resolved.</b> The project adjusted recording account from category B.1 to A.5 in 23 Sept 2021.	PCU will ensure correct charging to categories to avoid adjustment. To inform SAO during audit period of FY 2023 (before end of March 2024)
<b>1.4 Consulting Services</b>				
<i>FY2021</i>	<b>H</b>	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	<b>Resolved.</b> The 2 contracts were registered in Court.	PCU and PIUs to ensure new contracts are always registered as required. To inform SAO during audit period of FY 2023 (before end of March 2024)
<b>1.5 Training</b>				

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<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.	<b>Resolved.</b> Vang Vieng PIU has stopped disbursing per diem for participants of meeting and training for capacity building activities organized in the city since July 2022.	PCU and PIUs to ensure that this per diem policy is being followed. To inform SAO during audit period of FY 2023 (before end of March 2024)
<b>1.6 Disbursement of Allowance for contract staff</b>				
<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.	<b>Resolved.</b> In 2022, PCU and PIUs (Champasack province, Vientiane province, Vang Vieng, and Luang Prabang province) have stopped disbursing fuel and telephone for staff in contract since June 2022	No further action required as contractual staff's salaries include these allowances, therefore subject to tax. To inform SAO during audit period of FY 2023 (before end of March 2024)
<b>1.7 Consulting Expenses</b>				
<i>FY2021</i>	<i>H</i>	In 2021, 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.	<b>Resolved.</b> 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.	PCU will ensure all expenditures are properly supported. To inform SAO during audit period of FY 2023 (before end of March 2024)
<b>2 There are Five issues which are partially improved against the previous year recommendations of audit team</b>				
<b>2.1 Budget Plan Execution</b>				
<i>FY 2021</i>	<i>H</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In 2021, sub-project paid for activities not comply with the budget plan, details as followings:</li> <li>- 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\$</li> <li>- 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\$,</li> </ul>	<b>Partly Resolved.</b> - For 2022, Luang Prabang PIU prepared an annual budget plan totalling 284.067,00 US\$, out of which it executed 206.445.00 US\$, equivalent to 73,67%;	In addition to reminder, PCU to regularly monitor to ensure that PIUs implement all activities based on approved workplan. To inform SAO during audit period of FY 2023

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vientiane Province PIU still continues to implement activities in Keo Oudom district out of the 2022 annual plan, and some activities were implemented over the 2022 plan,</li> <li>- PCU has reminded PIUs and ensure to implement activities based on approved workplan</li> </ul>	(before end of March 2024)
<b>2.2 Civil works</b>				
<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>H</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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</li> <li>- TIIGP2-LAO-W02, TIIGP2-LAO-W01, TIIGP2-LAO-W03, TIIGP2-LAO-W04 – low progress vs implementation schedule</li> </ul>	<p><b>Partly Resolved.</b></p> <p>Nuanta Gas Station has assumed responsibilities for O&amp;M of the public toilets improved with Project support as per minutes of meeting No. 023/MICT/TIIGP2 dated 25/01/2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Civil works for TIIGP2-LAO-W01 are complete and for other contracts are ongoing following agreed acceleration plans.</li> </ul>	Closely monitor progress of contracts W02, W03 and W04 against acceleration plans and issue official warning letters also outlining the consequences of late completion of works (PCU & PMCES Consultant, ongoing). To inform SAO during audit period of FY 2023 (before end of March 2024).
<b>2.3 Project Management</b>				
<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>H</b>	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.	<p><b>Partly Resolved.</b></p> <p>Since 2022, PCU has not paid these allowances to project staff, and starting October 2023, PIUs have also discontinued this payment. PCU has continued to pay the fuel and telephone allowance to National Project Steering Committee</p>	To discuss with National Project Steering Committee and SAO and decide whether to proceed (PCU to clear this issue with SAO before start of audit for FY 2024)

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			members, reduced to MOF cost norm.	
<b>2.4 PCU and PIUs Operations (category B.2)</b>				
<b>FY2021</b>	<b>H</b>	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	<b>Resolved.</b> 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	
<b>2.5 Assets</b>				
<b>FY 2021</b>		-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.	<b>Partly Resolved</b> - Luang Prabang PIU tagged code number for a chair and a meeting room table as audit recommendation. - in 2022, Vientiane Province PIU (responsible for Keo Oudom subproject) 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.	Submit document on breakage of 4 external hard disks of Keo Oudom subproject to SAO during audit period of FY 2023 (PCU before end of March 2024).
<b>3. There are 2 issues which are not improved at all against the previous year recommendations of audit team</b>				
<b>3.1 Court registration</b>				
<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>H</b>	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.	<b>Resolved.</b> In 2023, the contracts on hiring project staff and individual consultants were registered in Department of	Clarify with SAO during audit period of FY 2023 that the 17 contracts could not be registered anymore and remove this

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			Assets, Ministry of Finance. However, contracts with 26 short-term consultants were not registered since already expired. New contracts are being registered.	audit findings but will continue to register new contracts. (PCU, before end of March 2024)
<b>3.2 Preparing annual budget</b>				
<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.	<b>Not Resolved.</b> Budget of externally financed projects is normally not consolidated with the MICT budget, unless there is a requirement for government counterpart in cash, then it has to be submitted and consolidated with MICT budget.	Clarify with SAO during audit period of FY 2023. (PCU, before end of March 2024)
<b>3.3 Internal Control System</b>				
<i>FY 2021</i>	<i>H</i>	-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; -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.	<b>Not Resolved.</b> -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.	Clarify with SAO during audit period of FY 2023. (PCU, before end of March 2024)
<b>2 Budget Plan Execution</b>				
<i>FY 2022</i>		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.	<b>Not resolved.</b> SAO pointed out that any reallocation should be submitted through MPI or MOF and then submit to	Project management should propose any reallocations of the budget plan to Ministry of Finance for consideration

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			ADB for approval. The AM of the midterm revision is not a basis to effect the reallocation.	<p>and submission to ADB for approval.</p> <p>Project is preparing a further budget reallocation request in conjunction with a request for extension of grant closing date to be channeled through MOF to ADB. The budget reallocation request is based on the reallocation made at mid-term and further requirements to complete the extended project. (PCU, submission to MOF by 28 March 2024)</p> <p>PCU to discuss with SAO during audit period of FY 2023 that after approval by MOF and ADB this issue can be removed from ML for audit FY 2024.</p>
<b>3. Budget Plan execution 2022</b>				
<b>FY 2022</b>		<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><b>Resolved.</b></p> <p>As explained by management activities paid over the plan and/or out of annual the plan 2022 were account payable for activities 2021. As of annual plan 2023, payments pending from previous years are carried over into next annual workplan.</p>	<p>PCU should monitor the implementation of the plan based on the approved workplan, and clarify with SAO during audit period of FY 2023 that there maybe expenditures which have been implemented in previous year but payment may have only effected in succeeding year. (PCU, before end of March 2024)</p>

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<b>4. Replenishment to imprest account and sub-account</b>				
<b>FY 2022</b>		Ending balance of imprest account and sub-account of PCU was short by less than 1/3 of ceiling as specified in PAM such: -Ceilling of imprest account 2.300.000 UD\$, ending balance in April 2022 was 318.907,16 US\$ and ending balance in June 2022 was 386.789 US\$ then proposed to replenishment; - Ceilling 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	<b>Not Resolved.</b> Reason of outstanding balance of imprest account was low is because the processing of liquidation/replenishment requests was often delayed due to not always being submitted on a monthly basis and challenges in timely preparing SOE due to translation requirements.	Project will expedite submission of liquidation/replenishment requests by starting to prepare WA immediately after monthly reconciliation and by simplifying descriptions shortening the translation time required (PCU, starting in March 2024). Request ADB to reduce imprest account ceiling to \$1,000,000 once the third phase compensation payment for TIIGP2-LAO-W02 has been completed (March 2024). To inform SAO during audit period of FY 2023 (before end of March 2024)
<b>5. Accounting Records</b>				
<b>FY 2022</b>		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.	<b>Resolved.</b> PCU has adjusted the transaction in 2023.	PCU will ensure accurate charging of expenditures to proper categories. To inform SAO during audit period of FY 2023 (before end of March 2024)
<b>6. Procurement</b>				
<b>FY 2022</b>		-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	<b>Resolved</b> Procurement methods and ceilings stipulated in approved Project Procurement Plan and	Clarify with SAO during audit period of FY 2023 that the threshold as indicated in the Project's



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		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.	government requirements for advertising adhered to.	Procurement Plan for Packages with estimated cost of less than \$100,000 could be procured through shopping and that trainers can be engaged as resource person for which competitive recruitment is not required (PCU before end of March 2024)
<b>7. Civil Works</b>				
<b>FY 2022</b>		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.	<b>Resolved.</b> No works using shopping procured in 2023.	PCU and PIU to ensure that 10% retention is applied for any future shopping for small works. To inform SAO during audit period of FY 2023 (before end of March 2024)
<b>8. Project Management</b>				
<b>FY2022</b>		- 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.	<b>Resolved.</b> Letters to appoint project staff are now prepared for all project-related travel	To inform SAO during audit period of FY 2023 (before end of March 2024)
<b>9. Capacity building</b>				
<b>FY 2022</b>		- PCU implemented activities of capacity building (training) 17 times totally 58.630,39 US\$, equivalent to 1.891.827.250 LAK; - 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	<b>Resolved</b> in 2023 PCU submitted an assessment report and cleared with SAO. ADB has approved the inclusion of the Meuang Feuang Masterplan activity is in project scope and authorized payment	To inform SAO about ADB confirmation that Feuang Masterplan activity is in project scope during audit period of FY 2023 (before end of March 2024)



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		129.290.000 LAK totally 142.073.000 LAK, the said activities were out of project scope or project target.	by email dated 22 November 2023..	
<b>10. Civil Works</b>				
<b>FY 2022</b>		Through site visiting of civil works of audit team, project team and consultants, noted that: -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..	<b>Resolved.</b> Shortcomings were corrected in 2023 and cleared with SAO.	

**Annex 9: Goods, works and non-consulting service procurement monitoring tables as of 31 March 2024**

Package No.	Description	Mode	Contract					Supplier	
			Signed	Received	PCSS No.	Amount	\$ Equiv		
<b>TIIGP2-LAO-G01a</b>	<b>PCU &amp; PIU vehicles</b>	<b>NCB</b>					<b>223,513.78</b>		
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.
<b>TIIGP2-LAO-G02</b>	<b>PCU office furniture and equipment</b>	<b>Shopping</b>					<b>37,452.77</b>		
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
<b>TIIGP2-LAO-G03-VV01</b>	<b>PIU office furniture and equipment (4 PIUs)</b>	<b>Shopping</b>					<b>65,370.96</b>		
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
<b>TIIGP2-LAO-G04</b>	<b>Vang Vieng landfill management equipment</b>	<b>NCB</b>						<b>213,716.00</b>	
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
<b>TIIGP2-LAO-G05</b>	<b>Equipment for ASEAN Standards certification bodies</b>	<b>Shopping</b>						<b>43,451.80</b>	
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
<b>TIIGP2-LAO-G06</b>	<b>Equipment for ASEAN Tourism Standards Implementation (public sector)</b>	<b>Shopping</b>						<b>173,207.82</b>	
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
<b>TIIGP2-LAO-G07</b>	<b>Equipment for DMO secretariats</b>	<b>Shopping</b>						<b>54,230.17</b>	
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
<b>TIIGP2-LAO-G08</b>	<b>Equipment for Heritage Interpretation</b>	<b>Shopping</b>						<b>39,309.05</b>	
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
<b>TIIGP2-LAO-G09</b>	<b>Equipment for SMEs to Implement Private Sector-Led Actions in the DMPs</b>	<b>Shopping</b>						<b>26,032.27</b>	
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
<b>TIIGP2-LA0-G10</b>	<b>Accounting Software</b>	<b>Shopping</b>	25/Feb/20		G21571	USD	22,990	<b>22,990.00</b>	LAOSINGAPOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION PROMOTION CO.,LTD
<b>TIIGP2-LA0-G11</b>	<b>Laptop computers for data collection for 18 provincial statistical units</b>	<b>Shopping</b>	6/Jun/22		0042	USD	18,000	<b>18,000.00</b>	NSV Computer
<b>Total</b>								<b>917,274.62</b>	

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 ASEAN 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	76,965.00
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-12	Improvement of Public Toilets to meet ASEAN standard at the tourist site of Pu Kham Cave, Vangvieng District, Vientiane Province	Shopping											26/Jul/22			USD	33,958	33,958.00
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-13	Improvement to meet ASEAN standards for (i) Homestay at Lingsan Village, (ii) Community Based Tourism at Phon Village, and (iii) Public Toilets at the park near to Nam Gnum Dam at Sengsavang Village, Keoudom District, Vientiane Province	Shopping											05/Aug/22			USD	41,877	41,877.00
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-14	Improvement to meet the ASEAN Standards for (i) Public Toilets in Phousalao Temple, Phothong District, (ii) Community Based Tourism in Nongluang Village, Pakxong District, and (iii) Homestay at Don Deng Village, Pathoumphone District and Don Kho, Sanasomboun District, Champasak Province	Shopping											30/Sep/22			USD	44,000	44,000.00
<b>Total</b>					<b>33,685,000</b>													<b>21,057,915</b>

<b>Contract Number (PCSS)</b>	<b>Nature of Contract</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Supplier Name</b>	<b>Contract Amount USD</b>	<b>Contract Date</b>
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 March 2024

Package No.	Description	Mode	Resp Proj Mgt Unit	CA Target Date	Adv Date	No. of Contracts	Estimate (\$ million)	Submission 1		RFP	RFP	Submission 2		Submission 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-Various Resource Persons	SSS			Q2/2019	40	200,000.00																
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-001	SSS				1																	
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-002	SSS				1																	
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-003	SSS				1																	
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-004	SSS				1																	
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-005	SSS				1																	
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-006	SSS				1																	
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-007	SSS				1																	
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-008	SSS				1																	
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-009	SSS				1																	
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-010	SSS				1																	
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-011	SSS				1																	
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-012	SSS				1																	
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
	<b>Total</b>						<b>5,462,030.00</b>																<b>5,823,895</b>



## Annex 11: Utilization of consulting services as of 31 March 2024

Package/Positions	Expert name	Person-Months (pm) as per PAM	Contract signing date	Original contract (total pm)	Current contract incl. variations (total pm)	Current contract closing date	Cumulative person-months utilized as of 31-Mar-24	Balance (pm)	Notes
<b>TIIGP2-LAO-C01: Project Management and Civil Engineering Support (Firm)</b>									
<b>International</b>									
1 International Civil Engineer - Co-Team Leader	Mr. Mrityunjoy Ghosh	54	05/Aug/19	41	54	31/Dec/24	55.77	-1.77	
2 International Environmental Specialist	Mr. Peter Gammelgaard Jensen	6	12/Aug/19	6	13	31/Dec/24	10.84	2.16	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	7.80	-0.80	Replacement
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>70</b>		<b>57</b>	<b>80</b>		<b>79.15</b>	<b>0.85</b>	
<b>National</b>									
1 National Lead Civil Engineer	Mr. Phomma CHANTHIRATH	54	07/Sep/19	41	59	31/Dec/24	53.52	5.48	Replacement
2 National Environmental Specialist	Ms. Phaylin BOUNMANYVONE	12	05/Aug/19	12	25	31/Dec/24	25.77	-0.77	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	8.93	3.07	Replacement
5 Resident Engineer 1 (W01 C1 Nakasang + C2 Don Det-Don Khone)	Mr. Vongdeth Frichitthavong		22/Jun/20	24	31.5	31/Dec/24	33.31	-1.81	Replacement
6 Resident Engineer 2 (W02 Nam Ngum)	Mr. Xayavath Chanthavongsa		11/Sep/19	24	54	31/Dec/24	49.89	4.11	Replacement
7 Resident Engineer 3 (W04 VV Landfill + W03 Vang Vieng)	Mr. Lueyang SISOMBONG		15/Jun/21	22	39	31/Dec/24	33.31	5.69	Replacement
8 Construction Supervisor 1 (W03 - V3 Western Loop)	Mr. Vilath KHAMVONGSA			24	29	31/Dec/24	27.64	1.36	Replacement
9 Construction Supervisor 2 (W04 Landfill)	Mr. Anikone THAMMAVONG		01/Jun/21	24	30	31/Dec/24	28.63	1.37	Replacement
10 Construction Supervisor 3 (W03 Kang Yui)	Mr. Bounxom VONGSOUTCHAY		13/Sep/21	20	30	31/Dec/24	27.32	2.68	Replacement
11 Construction Supervisor 4 (W01-C2 Don Det-Don Khone)	Mr. Phoumano Khodpanya		15-Jun-20	20	20	31/Dec/24	18.03	1.97	Replacement
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>90</b>		<b>235</b>	<b>341.5</b>		<b>315.35</b>	<b>26.15</b>	

Package/Positions	Expert name	Person-Months (pm) as per PAM	Contract signing date	Original contract (total pm)	Current contract incl. variations (total pm)	Current contract closing date	Cumulative person-months utilized as of 31-Mar-24	Balance (pm)	Notes
<b>Summary</b>									
<i>Total International</i>		70		57	80		79.15	0.85	
<i>Total National</i>		90		235	341.5		315.35	26.15	
<b>Grand Total TIIGP2-LAO-C01: PMCES Consultant</b>		<b>160</b>		<b>292</b>	<b>421.5</b>		<b>394.50</b>	<b>27.00</b>	
<b>Capacity Building Support (Individuals)</b>									
<b>International</b>									
1	TIIGP2-LAO-C02: International Tourism Specialist - Co-Team Leader	Mr Henricus Braunius PONNE	54	19/Feb/19	54	54	31/Dec/24	46.94	7.06
2	TIIG2P-LAO-C03: International Tourism Standards Specialist	Mr Ross Alexander Corbett	8	19/Aug/19	7	15	31/Dec/24	13.00	2.00
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	16.07	1.43
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: <i>International Tourism Management and Development Specialist</i>	<i>Mr Paul Rogers</i>	-	<i>21/Nov/19</i>	<i>lump-sum</i>	<i>lump-sum</i>	<i>31/Dec/22</i>	<i>lump-sum</i>	- <i>Closed</i>
8	TIIGP2-LAO-C16: <i>International Natural and Cultural Heritage Specialist</i>	<i>Ms Ester van Steekelenburg</i>	-	<i>8/Nov/19</i>	<i>lump-sum</i>	<i>lump-sum</i>	<i>31/Dec/22</i>	<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>
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>72</b>		<b>74.5</b>	<b>113.5</b>		<b>103.27</b>	<b>10.23</b>
<b>National</b>									
1	TIIGP2-LAO-C04: National Tourism Specialist - Deputy Team Leader	Ms Phongisth DAVADING	54	19/Feb/19	54	54	31/Dec/24	50.16	3.84
2	TIIGP2-LAO-C06: <i>National Gender Specialist</i>	<i>Ms Sipaseuth Chanthapanya</i>	12	19/Feb/19	12	15	31/Dec/24	15.00	0.00 <i>Closed</i>
3	TIIGP2-LAO-C08: <i>National Financial Management &amp; Procurement Specialist</i>	<i>Mr Kim XAISANA</i>	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	28.07	3.93

Package/Positions	Expert name	Person-Months (pm) as per PAM	Contract signing date	Original contract (total pm)	Current contract incl. variations (total pm)	Current contract closing date	Cumulative person-months utilized as of 31-Mar-24	Balance (pm)	Notes
6 TIIGP2-LAO-C11: National Internal Auditor	Mr Lomphet PHONGSVANH	-	18/Feb/19	30	33	31/Dec/24	29.00	4.00	
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	40.00	7.50	New position
10 TIIGP2-LAO-C19: National Social Safeguards Specialist 1	Mr Misa Phouthilath	-	16/Jun/21	10	31	31/Dec/24	31.00	0.00	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>
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
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>84</b>		<b>166.64</b>	<b>238.14</b>		<b>213.65</b>	<b>24.49</b>	
<b>Summary CBS Individual Consultants</b>									
<i>Total International</i>		<i>72</i>		<i>74.5</i>	<i>113.5</i>		<i>103.27</i>	<i>10.23</i>	
<i>Total National</i>		<i>84</i>		<i>166.64</i>	<i>238.14</i>		<i>213.65</i>	<i>24.49</i>	
<b>Total CBS Individual Consultants</b>		<b>156</b>		<b>241.14</b>	<b>351.64</b>		<b>316.92</b>	<b>34.72</b>	
<b>Project Summary</b>									
Total International		142		131.5	193.5		182.42	11.08	
Total National		174		401.64	579.64		529.00	50.64	
<b>Project Grand Total</b>		<b>316</b>		<b>533.14</b>	<b>773.14</b>		<b>711.42</b>	<b>61.72</b>	

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

As of 31 March 2024

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 <sup>rd</sup> 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"> <li>1. Electricity safety training at mixing plant.</li> <li>2. Emergency/training on first aid and safety for workers</li> <li>3. Construction safety training</li> <li>4. Safety working at height training for bridge construction.</li> <li>5. Electricity safety at bridge construction</li> </ol>		<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 &amp; Q2 2024.</p> <p>Health and Safety training W03: will conduct in Q1 &amp; 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.

Updated 31 June 2023

	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

	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024
W01	Project completion	Project completion	Project completion
W02	█	14-Feb	20-Mar
W03	█	13-Feb	19 & 20 - Mar
W04	█	13 Feb	19,20 & 31 - Mar

### Annex 13: GAP implementation progress as of 31 March 2024

<b>Project Title:</b>	Grant 0599-LAO: Second Greater Mekong Subregion Tourism Infrastructure for Inclusive Growth Project
<b>Country:</b>	Lao PDR
<b>Project No.:</b>	49387-002
<b>Type of Project (Loan/Grant/TA):</b>	Grant
<b>Approval date:</b>	31 August 2018
<b>Project Implementation Duration:</b>	25 December 2018 – 30 June 2025
<b>Gender Category:</b>	Effective Gender Mainstreaming (EGM)
<b>Project Impact:</b>	Sustainable, inclusive, and more balanced tourism development achieved.
<b>Project Outcome:</b>	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) <sup>13</sup>	Progress to date (up to March 2024)	Issues and Challenges <sup>14</sup>								
<b>Outcome</b>										
<b>Target 1:</b> Women account for at least 55% of tourism workers in project areas. (2016 baseline: Lao PDR 50%)  (DMF outcome indicator d)	<p><b>On-track</b></p> <p><b>As of December 2023, female workers account for 58% of the total workforce in Lao PDR's tourism and hospitality sector.<sup>15</sup></b></p> <table> <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><b>Aggregate for the four target sub-project areas : 58.3%</b></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%									

<sup>13</sup> GAP Activities, Indicators and Targets, Timeframe and Responsibility

<sup>14</sup> 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.

<sup>15</sup> Tourism Sector Survey, conducted by Project 4 PIUs in December 2023.



	<p>attractions, entertainment venues, tour companies, travel agents, or as a tour guide or at a tourism-related handicraft business. The project target areas are defined as the provinces of Champasak, Luang Prabang and Vientiane Province.</p>	<p>issue to encourage the tourism businesses to hire more women. By Q4, 2023</p>
<p><b>Output 1: Urban-rural access infrastructure and urban environmental services improved.</b></p>		
<p><b>Objective 1: Strengthen women’s voice in project design.</b></p>		
<p><b>Target 2:</b> Two consultations held during detailed design of each infrastructure subproject to optimize inclusiveness, gender responsiveness, and employment opportunities during and after construction.</p>	<p><b>On-track</b> 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"> <li>(i) Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Sub-project C1: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation</li> <li>2) Sub-project C2: Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements</li> </ul> </li> <li>(ii) Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Sub-project V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements</li> </ul> </li> <li>(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"> <li>1) Sub-project V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvement</li> <li>2) Sub-project V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvement</li> </ul> </li> <li>(iv) Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Sub-project V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal</li> </ul> </li> <li>(v) Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Sub-project V5: Vangvieng Solid Waste Management Improvements</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Details of consultation listed below:</b></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>

	<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"> <li>• First consultation was on 20-21 June 2018, with 5(41.67%) out of total 12 participants were women.</li> <li>• Second consultation was on 17-18 Oct 2018 with 7 (19%) out of 37 participants were women</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	
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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"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• 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 &amp; 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).</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Target 3:</b> At least 50% of people consulted are women.  (DMF output indicator 1f)</p>	<p><b>On-track</b> 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&amp;E specialist will discuss with project management and civil engineering support team to</p>

		<p>encourage more women's participation in the consultation meeting and adding women's voice raised during the consultations. By Q4, 2023.</p>
<p><b>Objective 2. Promote women's economic employment and safety.</b></p>		
<p>Target 4: At least 300<sup>16</sup>entrepreneurs (60% women) receive SME support services (2017 baseline: 0)</p>	<p><b>On-track</b> <b>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.</b></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><b>This indicator corresponds to DMF 3d-g</b></p>	<p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Add number of entrepreneurs participated in the training (men/women).</li> <li>(ii) Double check what are entrepreneurs received SME support services and how many receivers (men and women)?</li> </ul> <p>The project gender specialist/ M&amp;E specialist will work with the consultant deputy leader and SME specialists to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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);</li> <li>(ii) Set up the quota for female and male entrepreneurs for each SME support services defined in the SME</li> </ul>

<sup>16</sup> 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 )

		<p>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><b>Target 5:</b> At least 10% of unskilled workers hired for construction works are local women (2017 baseline: ~10%).</p>	<p><b>On-track</b></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><b>As of March 2024</b>, the total unskilled workers hired for across all 3 sub-projects is 12 (31.5%) out of total 38 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"> <li>• TIIGP2-LAO-W02: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sub-project V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements, 5 (25%) out of 20 local unskilled workers were women;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• TIIGP2-LAO-W03: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sub-project V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvement and V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvement, 5 women (55%) out of 9 local unskilled workers were women;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• TIIGP2-LAO-W04: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ sub-project V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvement, 2 (22%) out of 9 local unskilled workers were women.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<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>
<p><b>Activity 1:</b> Contractors ensure separate access to water and sanitation facilities for women and men in construction sites and separate quarters, as well</p>	<p><b>On-track</b></p> <p>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>The project gender specialist will continue to coordinate with PIU and contractors to maintain this requirement, particularly for the subproject</p>

<p>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  <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  sub-project V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management  - 1 contractor (Cetuea-Panyathilath joint venture), 2 camps:</p>	<p>TIIGP2-LAO-W03a once the construction commences.</p>
<p><b>Activity 2:</b> Contractors provide gender-responsive information on HIV/AIDS, STI, human trafficking and child labor exploitation prevention information to all workers.</p>	<p><b>On-track</b>  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.   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><b>Objective 3. Improve gender design features of tourism facilities to support economic empowerment.</b></p>		
<p><b>Target 6:</b> All women vendors return to improved market space after construction (2017 baseline: ~80% (120 women)).</p>	<p><b>On-track</b>  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>	<p>To ensure all vendors return to improved market space after construction below are action to be taken:  (i) The project national gender specialist/ M&amp;E specialist will collect data</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Kaeng Yui Waterfall: total 3 vendors (rotation based, there is no owner, so it cannot identify men and women vendors)</li> <li>(ii) Nam Ngum Reservoir: total 28 vendors (19 vendors were household base and 9 vendors women headed of household)</li> <li>(iii) Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation: total 10 vendors (9 vendors were household base and 1 vendors woman headed of household)</li> </ul>	<p>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;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) Follow up whether all vendors (male and female) return to improved market space after construction of each sub project areas;</li> <li>(iii) If some vendors (especially female) do not want to return to improved market space after construction the reasons will be identified</li> </ul> <p>By Q4 2023</p>
<p><b>Target 7:</b> At least 80% (80 women) of newly constructed shop owners/operators are women.</p>	<p><b>On-track</b> 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&amp;E specialist will collect data on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) No. of the newly constructed shop of each sub project areas</li> <li>(ii) the name list of the owners/operators of newly constructed shop of each sub project areas and</li> <li>(iii) continue coordinating with PIU and social safeguard team to ensure that at least 80% (80 women) of newly constructed shop owners/operators are women of each sub project areas.</li> </ul> <p>After construction completed</p>

<p><b>Activity 3:</b> 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><b>On-track</b> 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"> <li>• Access road subproject (C1, C2, V1, V2 &amp; 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).</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul> <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&amp;E specialist will coordinate with engineer team to ensure that the contractor of each subproject follows the DED</p>
<p><b>Activity 4:</b> Infrastructure user charges (e.g. market stall rent and waste collection fees) are affordable to male and female users.</p>	<p><b>On-track</b> 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"> <li>• 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&amp;M planning.</li> <li>• 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 careful 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.</li> </ul>	<p>The project gender specialist will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue coordinating with PIU and social safeguard team to follow up and accomplish this target;</li> <li>Coordinate with PMCES Consultant institutional specialists to conduct consultations with users on user charges and ensure that any issues on infrastructure user charges raised in the meeting by women are considered and include in O&amp;M planning.</li> </ol>



<b>Objective 4. Ensure women’s equal participation in gender-sensitive IEC programs to mitigate tourism’s social risks.</b>		
<p><b>Target 8:</b> 50% of IEC facilitators trained by the project are women.</p>	<p><b>Achieved</b> 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><b>Target 9:</b> At least 50% of people reached by gender-sensitive IEC campaigns are women (2017 baseline: 0% women).</p>	<p><b>On-track</b> 191 (46.5%) out of 411 participants attended the IEC campaigns were women from communities around 4 sub-project sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Sub-project W01: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation on 8-11 February 2021, 33 (35%) out of total 93 participants were women.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(iv) Champasak Province: sub-project C1&amp;C2: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation Nakasang Camp, Dondet Camp &amp; Donkhone Camp the selected agenda on boating safety, first aid and waste management.-104 (57%) out of 181 were women.</li> </ul> <p><b>For the next IEC campaigns will focus on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(v) 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</li> <li>(vi) Vientiane Province: subproject V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvement and</li> <li>(vii) 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.</li> </ul> <p>By Q2, 2024.</p>	<p><b>Comment</b> The project gender specialist /M&amp;E specialist organize communities’ campaign for the remain 3 sub-projects and ensure that 50%of participants are women.</p>

<p><b>Activity 5:</b> 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><b>Achieved</b></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><b>Output 2: Capacity to implement ASEAN Tourism Standards strengthened</b></p>		
<p><b>Objective 5. Promote women’s leadership.</b></p>		
<p><b>Target 10:</b> At least 30% of ASEAN tourism standards certification board members and assessors are women (2017 baseline: 0).</p> <p><b>(DMF output indicator 2a)</b></p>	<p><b>On-track</b></p> <p>86 (43%) out of 200 ASEAN tourism standards certification board members and assessors were women</p> <p><b><u>National:48(51%) out of 94 members and assessors were women):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASEAN Green Hotel: 8 (62%) out of 1 were omen; dated 21/07/2021.</li> <li>• ASEAN Spa Service: 7 (64%) out of 11 were women; dated 21/07/2021.</li> <li>• ASEAN Homestay Standard: 3 (33%) out of 9); dated 27/08/2021.</li> <li>• ASEAN Public Toilet Standard: 4 (44%) out of 9); dated 07/12/2021.</li> <li>• ASEAN Clean City Standard: 8(47%) out of 17 were women; dated 11/08/2021.</li> <li>• ASEAN CBT Standard 2 (22%) out of 9 were women- dated 14/09/2021 Not Achieved</li> <li>• ASEAN MICE Standard: 8(62%) out of 13 were women; dated 25/06/2021.</li> <li>• ASTA: 8 (62%) out of 13 were women dated 08/04/2022.</li> </ul> <p><b>Provinces: 38 (36%) out of 106 members and assessors were women:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Champasak Province: 14(34%) out of 41 were women; dated 22 June 2021</li> <li>• Vientiane Province: 6(33%) out of 18 were women; dated 22/07/2021.</li> </ul>	<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 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</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vang Vieng District: 9(30%) out of 30 were women; dated 14/06/2021.</li> <li>• Luang Prabang Province: 9(53%) out of 17 were women; dated 20/09/2022.</li> </ul>	<p>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><b>Target 11:</b> At least 35% of ASEAN tourism standards trainers are women (2017 baseline: 0)</p>	<p><b>On-track</b> 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"> <li>• Master Trainers: Overall 5 (42%) out of 12 were women. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ASEAN Green Hotel &amp; ASEAN Spa Service: 1 (50%) out of 2 was woman.</li> <li>- ASEAN Homestay Standard: 1 (50%) out of 2 was woman.</li> <li>- ASEAN Public Toilet Standard: 0% (0 out of 1) -Not Achieved</li> <li>- ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard: 67% (2 out of 3);</li> <li>- ASEAN CBT Standard 0% (0 out of 1) -Not Achieved</li> <li>- ASEAN MICE Standard: 0% (0 out of 2); -Not Achieved</li> <li>- ASTA: 100 % (1 out of 1)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>National Trainers: Overall 34 (55%) out of 62 were women.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ASEAN Green Hotel: 2 (67%) out of 3 were women.</li> <li>- ASEAN Spa Service: 2 (67%) out of 3 were women.</li> <li>- ASEAN Homestay Standard: 100% (2 out of 2);</li> <li>- ASEAN Public Toilet Standard: 1 (33%) out of 3 was woman- Not Achieved</li> <li>- ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard: 100% (2 out of 2);</li> <li>- ASEAN CBT Standard 2(22%) out of 9 were women -Not Achieved</li> <li>- ASEAN MICE Standard: 20(67% out of 30 were women.</li> <li>- ASTA: 3(30%) out of 10 were women- Not Achieved</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Provinces: 31 (43%) of 105 were women:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Champasak Province: 14(34%) out of 41 were women, dated 22 June 2021 Not Achieved</li> <li>- Vientiane Province: 6(33%) out of 18 were women; dated 22/07/2021 Not Achieved</li> <li>- Vang Vieng District: 9(30%) out of 30 were women; dated 14/06/2021 Not Achieved</li> </ul>	<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% <b>by Q4, 2023</b> 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 ASEAN tourism standards trainers are women)</p>

	- Luang Prabang Province: 4(25%) out of 16 were women; dated 03/07/2019 2021- Not Achieved	
<b>Target 12:</b> At least 45% of ASEAN tourism awards selection panel members are women (2017 baseline: 0).	<p><b>On-track</b> 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).
<b>Objective 6. Promote equal access to ASEAN tourism standards training and information</b>		
<b>Activity 6:</b> ASEAN tourism standards manuals translated to Lao language.	<b>Achieved</b> Translation of all seven ASEAN Tourism Standards were completed. All seven final standards were published in Lao language.	
<b>Target 13.</b> At least 40 % of women participants in ASEAN tourism standards training for businesses are women.	<b>On-track</b> As of September 2022, 1,046 (40%) out of 2,618 are women participated in ASEAN tourism standards training for businesses.	<p>Comment Please add more information (i)Topics of the trainings (ii) no. of participants (men/omen) for each training.</p> <p>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 )</p>

<b>Output 3: Institutional arrangements for tourism destination management and infrastructure O&amp;M strengthened</b>		
<b>Objective 7. Promote gender- balanced project management.</b>		
<p><b>Target 14:</b> At least 3,000<sup>17</sup> 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><b>On-track</b> As of March 2024, of the 6,384 residents and tourism workers who have participated in destination management training and awareness-raising activities, 2,911 (45.5%) were women.</p>	<p><b>Suggestion:</b> 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>
<p><b>Target 15:</b> Women comprise at least 30% of project steering committee (PSC) members. (2017 baseline: ~25% (4women))</p>	<p><b>Achieved</b> The project steering committee consisted of 11 members 4(36%) members were women.</p>	
<p><b>Target 16:</b> Women hold 30% of project director and deputy director positions. (2017 baseline: 20%). (In financing agreement 40%)</p>	<p><b>Achieved</b> The overall total for national and provincial levels is 4 (40%) out of total 10 members were women.</p> <p><b>National:</b> 1 female (50%) out of total 2, <b>Provinces:</b> 3 (37.5%) out of 8 were women.</p>	
<p><b>Target 17:</b> At least 40% of overall PCU and PIU staff</p>	<p><b>Achieved</b> 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>	

<sup>17</sup> 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)

<p>positions are held by women (2017 baseline: 34%). (In financing agreement 30%)</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><b>Target 18:</b> At least 30% of PCU and PIU staff that attend technical and project management training are women.</p>	<p><b>On-track</b> 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"> <li>▪ Training of trainers on tourism management</li> <li>▪ Training on "how to organize workshop and meeting professionally" and using IT system to support organizations operation and tourism promotion work.</li> <li>▪ Training on the implementation of the DMPs for Vientiane province and Vang Vieng PIUs and other tourism sector staff</li> <li>▪ Training on implementation of destination management</li> <li>▪ Training of trainer on tourism and hospitality services for all DICTs (across the country)</li> <li>▪ Training on destination management planning and DMP Action Plan preparation for national level DMN Taskforces</li> <li>▪ Training of Trainers on Presentation Skills for tourism sector staff (public and business sectors) along NSEC</li> <li>▪ The first annual Training of Trainers on how to draft Destination Management Plan for four Tourism Departments in Vientiane Province.</li> <li>▪ Conduct training on tourism development planning for tourism sector staff at provincial and district levels.</li> <li>▪ Training on how to develop the photo galleries and tourism information files.</li> <li>▪ Training on the use of assessment form and pilot/trial assessment on tourist attractions classification standard for four tourism departments</li> <li>▪ Training on drafting the destination management plan</li> <li>▪ Training on application of filing system (documents)</li> <li>▪ Training on preparation and conduct of meetings and workshops for tourism management staff</li> <li>▪ Training on project proposal</li> <li>▪ Provide training on grievance redressal mechanisms for the Arbitration Committee</li> <li>▪ Training on mobile application management and maintain for the members of Lan Xang Culture Quadrangle Network.</li> </ul>	<p>Comments: By Q4, 2024, the project gender specialist/M\$E specialist will coordinate with PCU and PIU to collect data on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) How many technical and project management trainings which, project conducted? (No need to include workshop)</li> <li>(ii) Check with each member of PCU and PIU participate in each training.</li> <li>(iii) Check each training how many participants from PCU and PIU (men, women and %)</li> </ul> <p>For the upcoming technical and project management training, at least 30% of PCU and PIU staff that attend are women.</p>

<b>Objective 8. Promote women’s representation in destination management network (DMN) and infrastructure O&amp;M entities.</b>		
<p><b>Target 19:</b> DMN managers comprise at least 30% women (2017 baseline: ~30%).</p>	<p><b>Achieved</b>  17 (49%) out of total 35 National &amp; 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><b>Target 20:</b> Women comprise at least 40% of total DMN membership (2017 baseline: ~30%).</p>	<p><b>Achieved</b>  28 (51%) out of 55 National &amp; 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>	
<p><b>Target 21:</b> 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&amp;M (2017 baseline: 0) (DMF output indicator 3a)</p>	<p><b>On-track</b>  Tourism site management and O&amp;M plans are being prepared and some site management and O&amp;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.  <b>This indicator corresponds to DMF 3a-g</b></p>	<p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>(i)</b> Add sex-disaggregated data of public works and tourism site managers.</li> <li><b>(ii)</b> 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&amp;M.</li> </ul> <p>The project gender specialist /M&amp;E specialist discuss with the consultant team the</p>

		<p>progress of tourism management plans and infrastructure O&amp;M to collect data as requested above By Q4.2023</p> <p>The national gender specialist will review tourism management plans and infrastructure O&amp;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>
<p><b>Target 22:</b> 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><b>On track</b> <b>For Champasak and Luang Prabang, Vang Vieng, Vientiane Province: 401 (61.97%) out of 647 are women.</b></p> <p><b><u>Champasak Province:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>KM 40 Village:</b> 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. <b>38 (37%) out of 104 members are women.</b></li> <li>2) <b>Nong Luang Village:</b> Village Tourism Group, Homestay Group, Village Tour Guide Service, Cooking Service Group. <b>60 (66%) out of 91 are women</b></li> <li>3) <b>Tad Young Water fall</b> -Tourist attraction site. Organic Vegetable Production Group, <b>46 (87%) out of 53 are women</b></li> </ol> <p><b><u>Luang Prabang province</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Nayang Tai Village:</b> Handicraft Production Group (Fabric Weaving), Handicraft Production Group (bamboo), Handicraft and Souvenir Products Group, Homestay Group, Tour Guide Service Group, Cooking Service Group: <b>61 (76%) out of 80 members are women.</b></li> </ol>	<p>The project national gender specialist and gender focal persons will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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</li> <li>(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).</li> </ol>



	<p>2) Chan nua Village: Handicraft Production Group: <b>13 (59%) out of 22 members are women.</b></p> <p><b><u>Vang Vieng District</u></b></p> <p>1) <b>Nadoung Village:</b> Tourism Development Group, Homestay Group, Handicraft Group, Tour Guide Group, Basi Ceremony Group: <b>19 (53%) out of 36 members are women.</b></p> <p>2) <b>Nathong Village:</b> 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: <b>128 (77%) out of 167 are women.</b></p> <p><b><u>Vientiane Province</u></b></p> <p>1) <b>Ling xan Village:</b> Guest Welcome Group, Tour Guide Group, Cooking Group, Basi ceremony group, Dance Performance Group, Security Group, Village Development Fund Group, Homestay Group: <b>17 (36%) out of 47 are women.</b></p> <p>2) <b>Phon Village:</b> Guest Welcome Group, Tour Guide Group, Cooking Group, Basi ceremony group, Dance Performance Group, Security Group, Village Development Fund Group, Homestay Group: <b>19 (40%) out of 47 are women.</b></p>	
<p><b>Target 23:</b> At least 50% of participants in tourism-related service training are women (2017 baseline: ~70%).</p>	<p><b>On-track</b></p> <p>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"> <li>- TOT on hotel management (accommodation)</li> <li>- Training of trainer on entertainment and restaurant management</li> <li>- Training of trainer on tourism and hospitality services for all DICTs (across the country)</li> <li>- Training on English Language skills for effective services of Tour Guide, Hotel, Guesthouse and Restaurant</li> <li>- Training on human relations and service psychology for tourism business providers (tour operators, hotel and restaurant owners/providers...)</li> <li>- Training for site guides</li> <li>- Training for heritage tour guides</li> <li>- World heritage tour guide training in Champasak.</li> </ul> <p>Training on tour guides in LPB LPB, 2-24 May 2023 total: 70 (37 women)</p>	<p>The project gender specialist /M&amp;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><b>Objective 9. Improve gender mainstreaming capacity to implement and monitor the GAP and report gender impacts.</b></p>		

<p><b>Target 24:</b> 50% of 10 gender focal persons appointed to PCU, and PIUs are men.<sup>18</sup></p>	<p><b>Achieved</b> Of the total 10 gender focal persons, 5 (50%) were female and 5 (50%) were men.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Four (4) male and 4 female focal persons at the PIU and</li> <li>- One female and one male focal person at the national level.</li> </ul>	<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><b>Activity 7:</b> Gender specialists and social development consultants provide gender equality training and GAP implementation training to all project supervision, management, and coordination entities.</p>	<p><b>Achieved</b> 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 &amp; E 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&amp;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.</p>	

<sup>18</sup> The project established one PCU and 4 PIUs

	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	
<b>Activity 8:</b> GAP targets and actions are reflected in annual project work plans and reported in quarterly progress reports.	<p><b>Achieved</b> The annual project plans (2019, 2020 and 2021) were reviewed along with the overall Gender Action Plan. Gender focal persons (one male and one female) were appointed for each PIU.</p> <p>The project’s annual workplan for 2021, 2022and 2023 included GAP targets and activities and the budget has been allocated for GAP activities.</p> <p>All GAD focal persons were oriented on the ADB and Lao PDR gender equality policies and principles in sustainable tourism. Specific women participation targets have been incorporated in the project workplan from 2021 onwards.</p> <p>The GAD specialists drafted their individual and team workplans for 2021 and 2022 based on the GAP.</p>	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
<b>Activity 9:</b> PPMS includes sex-disaggregated indicators and templates to track GAP progress, implementation, and project benefits.	<p><b>Achieved.</b> 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>	
<b>Target 25:</b> 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><b>On-track</b> 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 has 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>The project ender 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>

	(ii). All 3 human impact stories will be completed by Q1-2024	
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## Annex 14: Status of compliance with Grant Covenants as of 31 March 2024

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	<b>Grant Agreement Article IV: Particular Covenants</b>	
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"> <li>• PCU and PIUs maintain separate accounts and records for the Project</li> <li>• PCU prepares annual financial statements for the Project</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The 2020 APFS was disclosed on the ADB website, with delay, on 29 September 2021.</li> <li>• The 2021 APFS was disclosed on the ADB website in June 2022.</li> <li>• The 2021 APFS was disclosed on the ADB</li> </ul>

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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
	<b>Grant Agreement Schedule 4</b>	
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"> <li>(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;</li> <li>(b) make available a budget for all such environmental and social measures;</li> <li>(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;</li> <li>(d) adequately record the condition of roads, agricultural land and other infrastructure prior to starting to transport materials and construction; and</li> <li>(e) reinstate pathways, other local infrastructure, and agricultural land to at least their pre- project condition upon the completion of construction.</li> </ul>	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"> <li>(a) submit semi- annual Safeguards Monitoring Reports to ADB and disclose relevant information from such reports to affected persons promptly upon submission;</li> <li>(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</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul>	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&amp;E) data by sex and ethnicity.</p>	<p>Compliant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GAP is being implemented with support from Gender Specialists (individual consultants)</li> <li>• GAP is included as binding document in bidding documents and works contracts</li> <li>• GAP implementation is adequately resourced</li> <li>• Updated GAP implementation progress reports are attached to quarterly reports.</li> </ul>
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