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Inclusive Growth Project**

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## Location map of subprojects

### LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

#### Vientiane Province

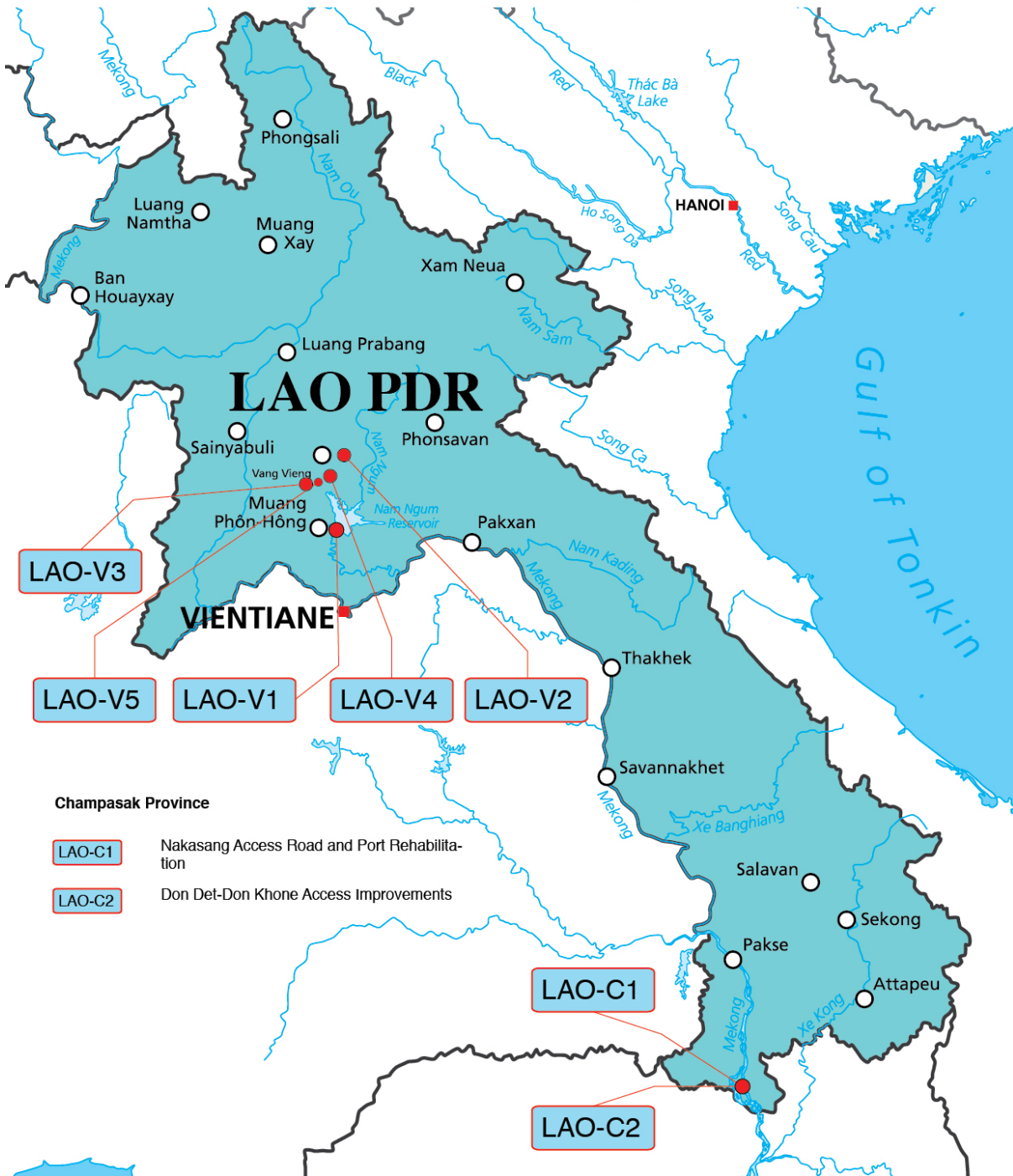
**LAO-V1** Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements

**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 2026 (extended from 30 June 2025)
Elapsed Grant Period:	72 months/90 months (80.0%) (from Grant Effectiveness to REVISED Closing: 30 June 2026)
Project Overall Progress:	91.00%
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:	12-20 August 2024 (Project Review Mission)

## 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 December 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	0.345	0.300	3.442	<b>5.052</b>
Actual Cum CA	36.435	36.527	36.697	37.360		38.324	38.668	38.968	42.411	
Disb Projections	2.046	2.668	1.301	3.020	<b>9.035</b>	4.795	4.410	2.940	2.110	<b>14.255</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	1.712	0.689	2.116	<b>6.211</b>
Actual Cum Disb	23.801	26.469	27.770	30.790		32.484	34.196	34.885	37.001	

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

## Contract Awards by Category:

As of 31 December 2024

Category	Total ADB financing <sup>b</sup> (\$ mln)	Contract Awards (\$ mln)	Uncommitted (\$ mln)
<b>A. Investment Cost</b>			
1. Civil Works	24.98	23.70	1.26
2. Equipment and Vehicles	2.25	1.15	1.10
2. Consulting Services	9.19	9.26	(0.07)
4. Project Management	1.04	0.80	0.24
5. Capacity Building	5.39	4.70	0.69
6. Land Acquisition and Resettlement	1.30	1.18	0.12
<b>Subtotal (A)</b>	<b>44.23</b>	<b>40.79</b>	<b>3.36</b>
<b>B. Recurrent Cost<sup>a</sup></b>			
1. PCU and PIU Staff Cost	0.80	0.55	0.25
2. PCU and PIU Operations	1.08	0.61	0.47
3. PCU and PIU Vehicles and Office Equipment	0.37	0.34	0.03
<b>Subtotal (B)</b>	<b>2.25</b>	<b>1.51</b>	<b>0.74</b>
<b>Total Base Cost (A+B)</b>	<b>46.40</b>	<b>42.30</b>	<b>4.10</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> Allocations reflect revised allocations approved by ADB on 4 September together with the extension of grant closing date from 30 June 2025 to 30 June 2026.

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

## Expenditure by Financier:

As of 31 December 2024

Expenditures	ADB (\$ mln)	Govt. (\$ mln)	Total (\$ mln)
Actual expenditure for Project Quarter 24 (Q4 2024)	2.378	0.056	<b>2.435</b>
Cumulative expenditure up end of Project Quarter 24 (Q4 2024)	37.424	1.080	<b>38.904</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. The graph has been adjusted to reflect the extended grant closing date, and now runs until end of project quarter 30 (30 June 2026).

**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	22.71	2.27	24.98	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	24.98
2. Equipment and Vehicles	2.05	0.20	2.25	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	2.25
2. Consulting Services	8.35	0.84	9.19	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	9.19
4. Project Management	0.95	0.09	1.04	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	1.04
5. Capacity Building	4.90	0.49	5.39	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	5.39
6. Land Acquisition and Resettlement <sup>c</sup>	1.30	-	1.30	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	1.30
<b>Subtotal (A)</b>	<b>40.26</b>	<b>3.89</b>	<b>44.15</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>44.15</b>
<b>B. Recurrent Cost<sup>a</sup></b>									
1. PCU and PIU Staff Cost	0.73	0.07	0.80	45.6%	0.87	0.09	0.96	54.4%	1.76
2. PCU and PIU Operations <sup>b</sup>	0.98	0.10	1.08	65.2%	0.52	0.05	0.58	34.8%	1.66
3. PCU and PIU Vehicles and Office Equipment	0.34	0.03	0.37	100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	0.37
<b>Subtotal (B)</b>	<b>2.05</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>2.25</b>	<b>59.5%</b>	<b>1.39</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>1.53</b>	<b>38.0%</b>	<b>3.78</b>
<b>Total Base Cost (A+B)</b>	<b>42.31</b>	<b>4.09</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>42.91</b>	<b>4.09</b>	<b>47.00</b>	<b>96.6%</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.

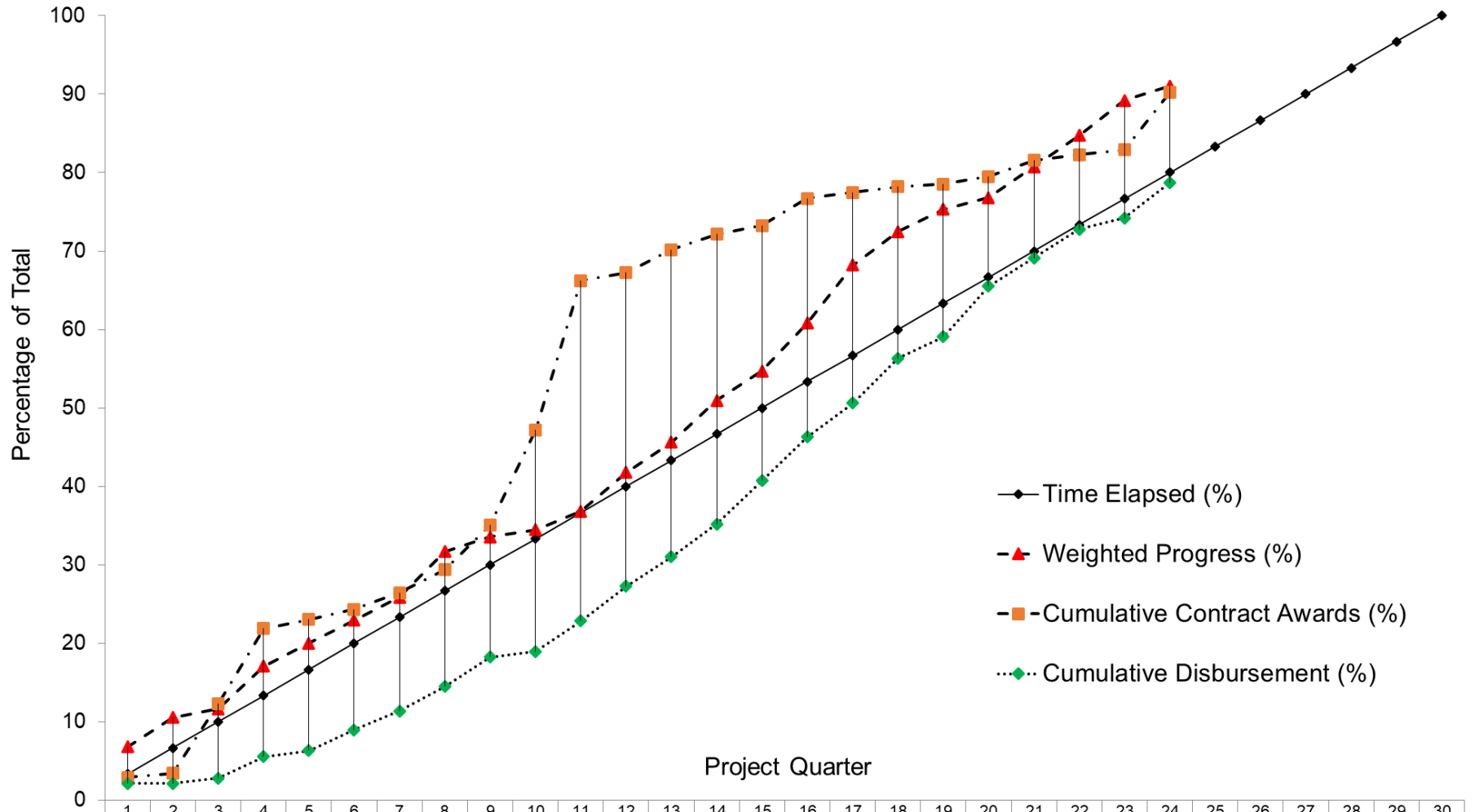
<sup>c</sup> Following a minor change in project's financing plan approved on 27 August 2020, the cost of land acquisition and resettlement, which was originally to be covered the Government of Lao PDR, is now funded by ADB grant.

<sup>d</sup> Allocations reflect revised allocations approved by ADB on 4 September together with the extension of grant closing date from 30 June 2025 to 30 June 2026.

Source: Project Administration Manual (PAM).

### Weighted Progress, Contract Awards and Disbursement against Elapsed Time

As of 31 December 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	27	28	29	30
Time Elapsed (%)	3.33	6.67	10.00	13.33	16.67	20.00	23.33	26.67	30.00	33.33	36.67	40.00	43.33	46.67	50.00	53.33	56.67	60.00	63.33	66.67	70.00	73.33	76.67	80.00	83.33	86.67	90.00	93.33	96.67	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	84.71	89.20	91.00						
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	82.27	82.91	90.24						
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	72.76	74.22	78.73						

#### **4. Implementation Arrangements**

The GMS Tourism Working Group functions as the project's subregional steering committee and coordinates joint marketing and regional tourism standards adoption. The executing agency is MICT. A National Project Steering Committee (NPSC) has been established and meets periodically to review progress. As of 30 July 2021, the NPSC comprises the Vice Minister for Tourism, MICT (Chair), Director General of MICT's Planning and International Cooperation Department and Director Generals of the four tourism departments of MICT. NPSC members also serve on the project's bid evaluation and consultant selection committees. An 11-member project coordination committee has also been established, chaired by the project director, with members from various departments and units in MICT involved in project implementation.

MICT has established a Vientiane-based Project Coordination Unit (PCU) to handle overall project coordination and management, comprising a project director, project manager, financial controller, chief accountant, office manager, office assistant, and an internal auditor. As of 1 October 2021, the PCU financial administration capacity is strengthened with the appointment of an assistant accountant.

MICT has opened and is managing a project Advance Account and is responsible for overall financial management of the project. ADB has disbursed \$1m into the Advance Account to facilitate implementation of project activities identified in the approved 2019 costed annual workplan for the project using the Statement of Expenditure (SOE) procedure. On 4 December 2020, ADB 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. After full payment of LAR, the ceiling of advance account was reduced to \$1,470,387.26 as of 31 December 2024.

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 December 2024 can be summarized as follows:

		As of 31 December 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%
			2024:	Data not yet available
b. Annual international visitor arrivals in project areas increased	820,100	1,263,100	2017:	941,000
			2018:	1,210,930
			2019:	1,260,051
			2020:	289,661
			2021:	3,590
			2022:	422,198
			2023:	997,400
			2024:	2,233,971
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:	\$ 615.6 million
			2024:	\$ 1,347.1 million

<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. Contract award is planned October 2024, and construction completed en end of 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 1.0 million arrivals in 2023, 83% of the pre-pandemic 2019 arrivals, and 2.2 million in 2024, nearly double 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 2024, is summarized as follows:

As of 31 December 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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Safeguards document approval	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Complete land acquisition and resettlement Compensation	✓	→	→	Not applicable	✓
4	Civil works procurement	✓	✓	✓	→	✓
5	Implement civil works construction, supervision, and supply equipment	✓	→	→	→	✓
6	Safeguard Monitoring	✓	→	→	→	→

## **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 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).

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 Gravelling Course; (v) Street light for the port, Road furniture installation of Nakasang, Don Det and Don Khone Access Roads; (vi) replacing the existing wooden bridge with concrete deck slab on Nakasang Port Access Road; and (vii) Nakasang Parking Drainage Improvement and changing the quantities of work items savings identified from the Bill No. 1, Bill No. 2, Day Works and Physical Contingency. The Contract Amount will be remained same as the original Contract of USD3,964,308.36.

The Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements project was officially completed on June 30, 2023, with a 100% implementation rate. Road works spanning 21.11 km were finished, including significant improvements in Nakasang, Don Det, and Don Khone. Key infrastructure developments included bridges, culverts, parking areas, solar lights, boat ramps, and slope protection.

The project entered a Defect Liability Period until June 30, 2024, during which all minor defects were rectified. A final inspection on August 30, 2024, confirmed that all required corrections had been made to satisfaction. The final account payments were settled in September 2024, and the project was officially closed.

### **Summary of the infrastructure and facilities are as follows:**

The detailed completed road matrix is as follows:

<b>Road No</b>	<b>Completed, Km</b>	<b>Don-Det</b>	<b>Don-Khone,</b>	<b>Nakasang</b>
Road No. IRL-01	1.35	1.35		

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

#### Summary of the facilities Completed:

No	Facility Description	Status
1	21.112 Km Road (2.904 Km at Nakasang, 5.907 Km in Don Det, 12.301 Km in Don Khone)	Completed
2	3 Bailey Bridges on Access Road IRL-05 in Don Khone	Completed
3	178.00 m Culvert (16.00 m Culvert at Nakasang)	Completed
4	3 Parking Areas (1 Nakasang, 1 Don Det old Port, 1 Ban Hang Khone)	Completed
5	11 Sets of Solar Light (9 Sets Nakasang Port, 2 Sets Railway Bridge - Both Sides)	Completed
6	2 Boat Ramps (Nakasang River Port)	Completed
7	1 Pontoon (Nakasang River Port)	Completed
8	106.00 m Retaining Wall (Nakasang River Port, upstream side & downstream side)	Completed
9	140.00 m Slope Protection by Rubble Stones (Nakasang River Port)	Completed
10	153.00 m Footpath (Nakasang River Port, upstream & downstream)	Completed
11	25.00 m Drainage & Discharge RC Pipe	Completed
12	Locomotive Area Improvements in Don Khone	Completed
13	View Point in Don Det old Port	Completed
14	Safety Guardrail on Approach Road to Mekong Bridge (both sides Don Det and Don Khone, French Bridge)	Completed
15	Renovation of Port Ticket Office/Waiting Area for Tourists	Completed
16	Renovation of Ticket Office at Nakasang Parking Area	Completed
17	Cross Drainage at End of Nakasang River Port (upstream)	Completed
18	Renovation of Wooden Bridge to Concrete Deck Slab on Access Road Along Nakasang Port (upstream)	Completed

#### 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.

The Civil Works Contract was further extended by 41 days to complete the remaining significant works, including commissioning the test run of the leachate system. Therefore, the extended completion date was May 31, 2024, as approved by ADB.

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.

ADB provided No Objection on Contract Variation Order No. 3 to extend the contract's completion date by 41 days, from 20 April 2024 to 31 May on dated 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr 2024 to complete all outstanding works.

As of December 31, 2024, the contract is in the Defects Liability Period, which runs from June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025. All 27 main task activities were successfully completed, with the Handing Over ceremony held on July 19, 2024.

Challenges encountered include waste management issues, where waste is being dumped and compacted improperly. Recommendations include regular coordination with relevant authorities and reviewing the agreement with Eco-green, a private waste collection company, for improved landfill management. Other concerns include the need for better public-private partnerships for operating key facilities.

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

**Challenges & Recommendations:**

Srl.	Challenges	Recommendation & Result
1	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.  Result: The Revised Contract Agreement is under the review of <a href="#">the</a>

		Steering Committee of the Vang Vieng since October 2024.
2	Operation of MRF, PDB, Hazardous facilities	The PPP bid documents were prepared and opened in July 2024 to attract potential private companies. The evaluation has been completed, and the PPP arrangement is scheduled to be in place from March 1, 2025.
3	Cell Management: Detailed instructions have been provided on how to compact waste and where to deposit it to reduce fires and gradually close sections of landfill cell 5. However, during the latest inspection, it was evident that compaction remains poor, and the guidance has not been followed. This indicates that the lifespan of the landfill will be reduced, and the fire hazard risk remains high	Emergency plans and alternative strategies for landfill management will be implemented starting in February 2025. Additionally, a capacity-building program has been scheduled, with initial training sessions commencing in February 2025 to ensure proper waste compaction and adherence to landfill management guidelines.
4	Firefighting Equipment: A water bowser was delivered several months ago but no practice sessions have been conducted by UDAA staff. Repeated instructions have been given to fill the bowser and keep it ready for tackling small fires, but no action has been taken. Fires are a critical concern, and with the hot season approaching, the risk is expected to escalate. This could result in the complete destruction of landfill cell 5.	Firefighting training for UDAA staff will begin in February 2025, with monthly drills. The water bowser will be kept filled and maintained, and firebreaks will be established around landfill cell 5. A clear emergency response plan will be enforced, with regular monitoring to ensure compliance and minimize fire risks.

**Summary of the Infrastructure and facilities are as follow:**

SI	Facility Description	Status	Size/Details
1	Boundary wall including main entrance gate	Completed	1.2 km
2	Gourd House	Completed	16.65 m <sup>2</sup>
3	Weighing Bridge Office Building	Completed	62.45 m <sup>2</sup>
4	Weighing Bridge (One location)	Completed	
5	Workshop/Building Service	Completed	250 m <sup>2</sup>
6	Material Recovery Facility (MRF)	Completed	580 m <sup>2</sup>
7	Administration Office Building	Completed	200 m <sup>2</sup>
8	Hazardous Waste Storage	Completed	180 m <sup>2</sup>
9	Incinerator Room	Completed	100 m <sup>2</sup>
10	Vehicle Washing Ramp	Completed	84.75 m <sup>2</sup>
11	Planted Drying Bed (PDB) (4 cells)	Completed	700 m <sup>2</sup>
12	Secure Landfill Hazardous Waste	Semi-Completed	386.10 m <sup>2</sup> (11.0 x 30.0 x 1.80 m)
13	Capped Cell	Completed	31,320 m <sup>3</sup>
14	Cell No-5	Semi-Operational	33,803 m <sup>3</sup>
15	Cell No-1	To be Operational (2025)	52,666 m <sup>3</sup>

SI	Facility Description	Status	Size/Details
16	Anaerobic Pond	Completed	550 m <sup>3</sup> (16.5 x 29.6 x 3.0 m)
17	Aerobic Pond	Completed	320 m <sup>3</sup> (16.0 x 30.0 x 1.5 m)
18	Wetland Pond	Completed	230 m <sup>3</sup> (16.0 x 25.0 x 1.9 m)
19	Treated Water for Reuse Pond	Completed	356 m <sup>3</sup> (12.0 x 27.23 x 2.70 m)
20	Leachate Water Storage Pits (13 pits)	Completed	1.9 x 1.9 x 4.3 m (each)
21	Inspection Pit	Completed	1.9 x 1.9 x 2.7 m
22	Water Treatment Tanks (3 tanks)	Completed	14.25 m <sup>3</sup> (2.5 x 3.0 x 1.9 m each)
23	Electric Line 22 kV including Transformer and Solar Panel Lights	Completed	800 m (22 kV), 350 m (0.4 kV)
24	Access Concrete Road (4m width)	Completed	0.787 km
25	Internal Access Concrete Road (4m width)	Completed	0.593 km

Status of Stage-1 Works Packages:

Sub-project-W01	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
<b>TIIGP2-LAO-W01:</b> Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvement <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 07September 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> </ul>	Nil

Sub-project-W01	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <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>• Extend the contract's completion date by 81 days, from 10 April 2023 to 30 June 2024, to enable completion of the remaining works</li> <li>• 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 Defects Liability Period has been started from 1st 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> <li>• The Defects Liability Inspection by the Committee were completed in May and Aug 2024</li> <li>• The Contractor completed repairing of defects on Aug 2024</li> <li>• The Evaluation Committee visited the site and found no Defects.</li> <li>• The Defects Liability Certificate was issued on Sep 2024</li> <li>• The Closure Report was disclosed on Sep 2024</li> <li>• Final accounts was settle on Sep 2024</li> <li>• All payment was released on Sep 2024</li> <li>• The Civil Works File for TIIGP2-LAO-W01 was closed on Sep 2024</li> <li>• The Closure Report was disclosed on Sep 2024</li> </ul>	

Sub-project-W01	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final accounts was settle on Sep 2024</li> <li>All payment was released on Sep 2024</li> <li>The Civil Works File for TIIGP2-LAO-W01 was closed on Sep 2024</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> <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 2nd April 2021</li> <li>The CEMP was approved with conditions by PMCES on 5th of April 2021</li> <li>The Notice to Proceed (NTP) was given on 5th of April 2021 with commencement of works from 19th 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 19th May 2022</li> <li>Groundwater monitoring in July 2022</li> <li>Surface water monitoring in July 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue Surface water quality: pH, To, TSS, DO, BODS, COD, Total N, Turb, Oil,CaCO<sub>3</sub> 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,CaCO<sub>3</sub> and Grease, Hg, Cd, Pb, Ni, Zn, Cu, Cr (VI), Fe, Cl-, Coliform by every 6 months</li> <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> <li>As –built drawings</li> <li>O&amp;M training for the infrastructure facilities</li> <li>The Defects Liability Inspection by the Committee</li> <li>The Defects Liability Certificate</li> <li>The Closure Report</li> <li>Final accounts &amp; payment release</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>• Contract Variation Order No. 2 (CVO-2) Agreement will be signed by the parties on dated 02 January 2024</li> <li>• Extend the contract's intended completion date by 41 days, from 20 April 2024 to 31 May 2024, to enable completion of the remaining Works.</li> <li>• The Civil Works Contract is handed over on 1st June 2024. The official ceremony took place on 19 July 2024.</li> <li>• The defects liability is for 365 days scheduled to end 31 May 2025.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closure of File</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.

Contract Variation Order (VO No. 2) was approved by ADB on dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 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. 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 Intended Completion Date was extended once more from July 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024, as approved by the ADB on July 31, 2024. This extension was due to unforeseen ground conditions at the marina landscape site, which led to the issuance of Variation Order No. 3.

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

As of December 31, 2024, the project's overall progress reached 100% physical progress. During this reporting period 2.74% progress was made ranging different construction from walkway pavement, lighting installations, stair repairs, and shop house finishing.

The implementation of civil works, including variation orders, was substantially completed in November 2024, and the Completion Certificate has been issued. A defects punch list has been prepared, with the defects liability period running from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025. The civil works handover took place on December 3, 2024, and the final payment was made, releasing 50% of the retention money upon issuance of the Completion Certificate. The contract remains valid until the Defects Liability period is passed.

To obtain the Defects Liability Certificate, the Contractor must complete all necessary repairs within the Defects Liability Period. If defects remain unresolved, the period will be extended until all issues are rectified. Failure to correct defects within the timeframe specified in the Project Management Notice will result in the Project Manager assessing the cost of repairs, which the Contractor must bear as per GCC 44 of the Conditions of Contract. Non-compliance may lead to withholding of retention money, delayed Final Acceptance, contractual penalties, legal claims, and safety or operational risks affecting project functionality.

The Revised Contract Price at the end of the completion period was \$5,330,799.28, reflecting a 14.17% increase from the original contract price of \$4,669,065.14, in accordance with Contract Variation Order No. 2

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 2nd September 2023 to 1st September 2024, as approved by ADB due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021-2022 and the delay in testing bored piles for Nam Xong Bridge, which constituted Variation Order No. 1 with internal cost adjustments without altering the original contract amount of USD 8,829,630.71.

The Intended Completion Date was again extended from 2nd September 2024 to 28th February 2025, as approved by ADB dated 21 August 2024 due to the impact of the unforeseen ground conditions of the Kaengyui Landscape Site, which constituted Variation Order No. 2 with internal cost adjustments without altering the original contract amount of USD 8,829,630.71 but to revise quantities of some work items and adjust the corresponding budget.

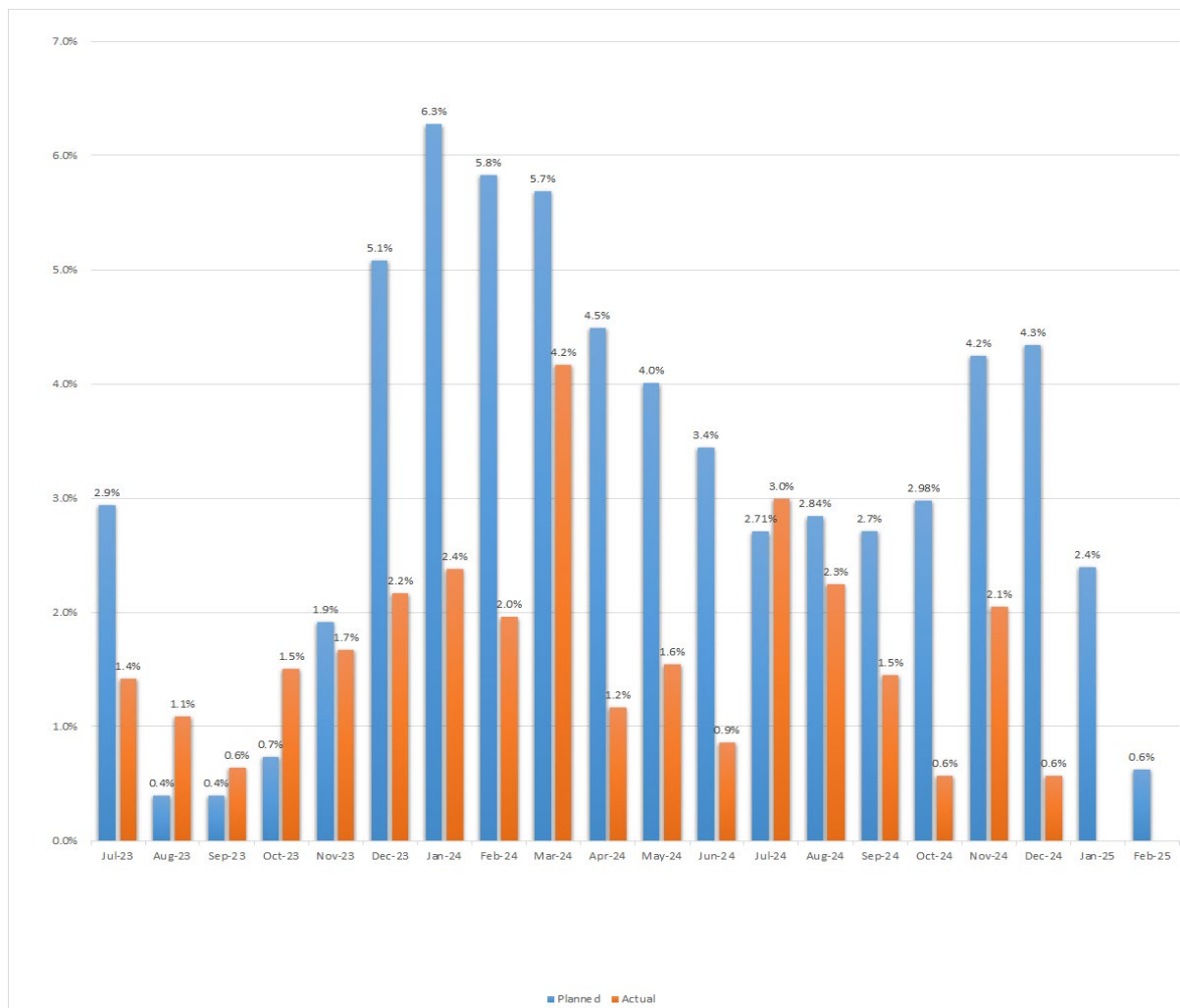
The Works for the updated TIIGP2-LAO-W03 Package (Subprojects V2 and V3) consists of:

Key Scopes	V2	V3	Total
Road Rehabilitation in Km	6.0 (Rigid pavement)	26.595 (Flexible pavement/DBST)	32.595 km Pavement
Pipe culverts Nos.	12 (5 nos. of 600 dia., 2 nos. of 800 dia., 4 nos. of 1000 dia., 1 no. of 1200 dia.)	52 (20 nos. of 600 dia., 11 nos. of 800 dia., 13 nos. of 1000 dia., 8 no. of 1200 dia.)	64 nos. pipe culverts
Causeway Culvert Nos.	1 (with sluice gate)	3	4 nos.
New Bridge	NA	1 no. bridge of 3 spans (27.9 x 3 = 83.70m) simply supported pre-stressed concrete I-girder bridge of deck width 11.6m	1 no.
Nos. of Bridge Repair	1 no.	3 nos.	4 nos.

Key Scopes	V2	V3	Total
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>	

As of December 31, 2024, the project's overall progress reached 86.74%, falling short of the 96.98% target. During this reporting period (Oct to Dec 2024) had only 3.19% progress against 10.24%. Key activities included concrete pavement and structural work for roads, drainage, bridges, Landscapes and buildings. However, resource shortages on-site caused delays.

The progress chart of the reporting period is presented below:



Priority action plans show that 7 actions are fully completed, 3 are nearly finished, and 1 is significantly delayed. Specific site progress included Kaeng Yui (76%), the Western Loop (86%), and the Nam Xong bridge (93%).

### Works executed in Q4 2024 (Oct – Dec 2024)

Item	Description	Unit	Rate (USD)	October to December 2024		
				Quantity	Amount (USD)	Progress
BILL No. 01 GENERAL PROVISIONS					1,650.00	
BILL No. 1: LANDSCAPE FOR KAENG YUI					73,029.56	
BILL No. 2: BUILDING FOR KAENG YUI					34,957.37	
BILL No. 3: ROAD IMPROVEMENT FOR KAENG YUI					6,756.78	
BILL No. 4: ALL CULVERTS FOR KAENG YUI					9,334.82	
BILL No. 4: ALL CULVERT FOR WESTERN LOOP					28,188.23	
BILL No. 5: BRIDGE FOR WESTERN LOOP					8,346.89	
<b>Total Executed Amount</b>					<b>269,415.37</b>	<b>3.19%</b>

Consultant's Findings	Results as of 31 December 2025
(i) meet monthly progress target in August, September and October 2023,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress in Aug 1.1% (Target 0.4%)</li> <li>Progress in Sep 0.6% (Target 0.4%)</li> <li>Progress in Oct 1.5% (Target 0.7%)</li> <li>Progress in Nov 1.7% (Target 1.9%)</li> <li>Progress in Dec 2.2% (Target 5.1%)</li> <li>Progress in Jan 2.4% (Target 6.3%)</li> <li>Progress in Feb 1.96% (Target 5.8%)</li> <li>Progress in Mar 4.17% (Target 5.69%)</li> <li>Progress in Apr 1.17% (Target 4.50%)</li> <li>Progress in May 1.55% (Target 4.01%)</li> <li>Progress in June 0.86% (Target 3.45%)</li> <li>Progress in July 2.99% (Target 2.71%)</li> <li>Progress in Aug 2.25% (Target 2.84%)</li> <li>Progress in Sep 1.45% (Target 2.71%)</li> <li>Progress in Oct 0.57% (Target 2.98%)</li> <li>Progress in Nov 2.06% (Target 4.24%)</li> <li>Progress in Dec 0.57% (Target 4.34%)</li> </ul> <p><b>Result: Satisfactory for Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov 2023, July 2024, Aug 2024 and un-satisfactory for Dec, 2023, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Sep, Oct, Nov &amp; Dec 2024</b></p>
(ii) meet at least 90% of planned equipment, manpower, materials,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manpower – 47%, Equipment - 60%, Material – 95% in Aug 2023</li> <li>Manpower – 56%, Equipment - 52%, Material – 96% in Sep 2023</li> <li>Manpower – 70%, Equipment - 71%, Material – 95% in Oct 2023</li> <li>Manpower – 38%, Equipment - 57%, Material – 38% in Nov 2023</li> <li>Manpower – 38%, Equipment - 49%, Material – 47% in Dec 2023</li> <li>Manpower – 26%, Equipment - 47%, Material – 23% in Jan 2024</li> <li>Manpower – 24%, Equipment - 33%, Material – 25% in Feb 2024</li> <li>Manpower – 24%, Equipment - 32%, Material – 77% in Mar 2024</li> <li>Manpower – 25%, Equipment - 31%, Material – 15% in Apr 2024</li> <li>Manpower – 24%, Equipment - 29%, Material – 87% in May 2024</li> <li>Manpower – 21%, Equipment - 23%, Material – 27% in June 2024</li> <li>Manpower – 21%, Equipment - 23%, Material – 27% in July 2024</li> <li>Manpower – 49%, Equipment - 64%, Material – 72% in Aug 2024</li> <li>Manpower – 55%, Equipment - 63%, Material – 92% in Sep 2024</li> <li>Manpower – 55%, Equipment - 62%, Material – 54% in Oct 2024</li> <li>Manpower – 40%, Equipment - 69%, Material – 31% in Nov 2024</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manpower – 36%, Equipment - 57%, Material – 45% in Dec 2024</li> <li>•</li> <li>• <b>Result: Unsatisfactory</b></li> </ul>
(iii) EA reassesses progress of DBST Works outsources to a new Contractors.	<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> <li>• Trail length of 2<sup>nd</sup> Seal coat of DBST is completed in April 2024</li> <li>• 12.5Km of 2<sup>nd</sup> Seal coat of DBST is completed in May 2024</li> <li>• 3.2Km of 2<sup>nd</sup> Seal coat of DBST is completed in Jun 2024</li> <li>• 5.0Km of 2<sup>nd</sup> Seal coat of DBST is completed in Jul 2024</li> <li>• 0Km of 2<sup>nd</sup> Seal coat of DBST is completed in Aug 2024</li> <li>• 0Km of 2<sup>nd</sup> Seal coat of DBST is completed in Sep 2024</li> <li>• 0Km of 2<sup>nd</sup> Seal coat of DBST is completed in Oct 2024</li> <li>• 0Km of 2<sup>nd</sup> Seal coat of DBST is completed in Nov 2024</li> <li>• 0Km of 2<sup>nd</sup> Seal coat of DBST is completed in Dec 2024</li> <li>•</li> <li>• <b>Result: Unsatisfactory</b></li> </ul>

Below is the Special Consultant’s Report on the Contractor’s Performance as of 31 Dec 2024.

### Contractor Performance Report

Contract No. TIIGP2-LAO-W03

Project: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements

Reporting Date: 31 December 2025

#### 1. Introduction

This report assesses the performance of the contractor under Contract No. TIIGP2-LAO-W03 for the Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements project. With only **two months** remaining until the contractual deadline of **28 February 2025**, urgent corrective measures are required to avoid contractual penalties and ensure project completion.

#### 2. Progress Overview

As of 31 December 2024, the project has encountered significant delays, with actual progress at **86.74%** against the planned **96.98%**. The current pace of implementation is insufficient to meet the deadline, necessitating immediate intervention.

Current Progress by Component:

- **Kaeng Yui: 85% (Landscape: 53% and Building: 87%)**
- **Western Loop: 90%**
- **Bridge: 95%**

### 3. Key Issues and Concerns

- **Critical Slow Progress:** The contractor has failed to meet key milestones within the agreed timeframe.
- **Inadequate Resource Allocation:** Only **18 laborers** are currently on site instead of the required **50 personnel**.
- **Cash Flow Management Issues:** Limited financial resources have hindered subcontractor engagement, further slowing progress.
- **Defects and Pending Works:** Key unfinished activities include DBST sealing, embankment and bridge protections, drainage work, landscape work, footpaths, road traffic control and safety, street lighting, retaining walls, and concrete approach roads.

### 4. Required Actions

Given the limited remaining time, the only viable option to complete the project is **subcontracting the remaining works with proper cash-flow management**. The following actions are required:

1. **Immediate Subcontracting Authorization:** The contractor must authorize the nominated subcontractor to take over key remaining tasks.
2. **Direct Payment Mechanism:** The contractor should authorize the Ministry to make direct payments to subcontractors to ensure steady work progress.
3. **Urgent Resource Mobilization:** Additional manpower, equipment, and materials must be deployed immediately.
4. **Accelerated Work Plan:** The contractor must submit a **detailed recovery schedule**, including task prioritization, deadlines, and resource allocation.

### 5. Available Options

Given the critical state of project completion, two possible options are available:

#### Option 1: Extending the Contract

To ensure the completion of the remaining works, the contract may be extended with the following conditions:

- The **Ministry will engage the nominated subcontractor** to undertake the remaining works.
- The **contractor must confirm and facilitate payment flow** to the subcontractor through a formal **Memorandum of Agreement**.
- A revised work plan with **strict progress milestones** must be submitted and approved.
- Failure to adhere to the revised timeline will result in immediate contract termination.

#### Option 2: Contract Termination and Re-Procurement

If the contractor is unable to meet the requirements under Option 1, the following steps will be undertaken:

- **Immediate termination of the contract** under contractual provisions.
- **Assessment of remaining works** and calculation of necessary time and resources.
- **Initiating a new procurement process** to hire a qualified contractor to complete the remaining works.
- Implementing **cost recovery measures** against the current contractor, including deductions for non-performance.

### 6. Consequences of Not Completing the Contract

Failure to complete the contract within the stipulated timeframe will result in significant financial and contractual penalties. Below is a summary of the termination and forfeiture implications:

Termination (Forfeit & Penalty)	Amount in USD
Forfeit Performance Guarantee - 20% of Contract	1,750,000
15% will be deducted for Work not completed	500,000
Other Works that need to re-do	200,000

Total Amount to be Paid by the Contractor	2,450,000
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## 7. Contract Termination: Pros and Cons

### Advantages of Contract Termination

- **Legal Compliance:** Ensures enforcement of contractual obligations and accountability.
- **Reallocation of Work:** Allows new contractors to take over and expedite completion.
- **Potential Cost Recovery:** Performance guarantee forfeiture may cover part of the project costs.

### Disadvantages of Contract Termination

- **Legal Disputes:** May lead to prolonged litigation and project delays.
- **Extended Procurement Timeline:** Finding a new contractor may take months.
- **Increased Costs:** Re-procurement and re-mobilization may exceed recovered penalties.
- **Seasonal Constraints:** Delays could push work into the rainy season, further hindering progress and tourism recovery.
- **Reputational Risks:** Project delays and disputes could harm agency credibility and future funding opportunities.

## 8. Consultant's Recommendation

Since the remaining works constitute **10% of the contract value**, terminating the contract at this stage is not the most viable option. Instead, the **most practical and efficient approach** is to extend the current contract under the following conditions:

- The **Executing Agency (EA) will engage nominated subcontractors** to execute the remaining works.
- The **contractor must confirm and facilitate payment flow** to the subcontractor through a formalized **agreement**.
- A **strict work schedule** must be developed and enforced to ensure timely completion.
- The contractor will remain responsible for overseeing the quality and compliance of the works
- By adopting this approach, the project can be completed within the stipulated time frame while mitigating financial risks and avoiding prolonged procurement delays.

## 9. Executive Agency's Decision

The Executive Agency (EA) is advised to take appropriate action based on the available options outlined in Section 5:

- **Option 1: Extend the contract** and engage the nominated subcontractor with a clear confirmation of payment flow between the contractor and the subcontractor.
- **Option 2: Terminate the contract** and proceed with an assessment of remaining works, followed by a new procurement process to complete the project.

The EA must decide promptly on the best approach to ensure timely project completion and minimize financial and contractual risks.

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

Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a has been on hold pending physical completion of Contracts TIIGP2-LAO-W02 and TIIGP2-LAO-W03 of 50% as recommended by the ADB during the Midterm Review mission in May 2022. This criteria was met in Q2 2023, and rescoping has been taken place in Q3 2023, and DED to reflect revised design, safeguards documents, as well as bidding documents are being prepared aiming for issuance of invitation for bids by Q2 2024, contract award by Q3 2024 and commencement of works by Q4 2024. The expected contract period is 15 months, and so an extension of the project is needed, as the construction period will run beyond the current grant closing date (30 June 2025). The EA has received approval of MOF as well as ADB to extend a 12-month project extension.

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.

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.

The bidding documents were submitted to ADB for review and approval. ADB approved the documents in early June 2024, and they were subsequently issued and advertised in the Vientiane Times on 7, 10, and 11 June 2024. The bid opening took place on 8 July 2024, and ADB provided No Objection to the Bid Evaluation Report (BER) on 19 September 2024. The Notification of Intention to Award was issued on 20 September 2024, and the Letter of Acceptance was sent on 25 September 2024. The contract was signed in 17 October 2024. The site possession was given on 21 October 2024. The Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued on 25 October 2024. The Civil Works commenced on 1st November 2024.

As of December 31, 2024, the overall implementation progress stands at 1.89%, falling short of the scheduled target of 10.50%. The progress achieved in December 2024 was 0.57%, which is below the planned target of 2.34%.

During the reporting period, the contractor focused on casting gullies and concrete kerbs at the construction camp, while carrying out pothole repairs on-site. The Contractor is preparing Shop Drawings and Variation of the Contract Quantities to present to the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) and Project Coordination Unit (PCU) through the Consultants since there were potholes adjustment and adjustment of Asphalt Overlay to keep the road sustainable.

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

W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal (December 2024)	2023				2024				2025				2026				Remarks		
	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		11	12
Confirm revised scope																			Completed: March 2024
Update EED and BOQ																			Completed: March 2024 Approval (26Apr24)
Conduct Safeguards Due Diligence and consultations																			Completed: March 2024
Update environmental safeguards documents																			Completed: March 2024
Prepare bidding documents																			Completed: March 2024
ADB NOI for IFB (incl. safeguards doc approval)																			Completed: Jun 2024
IFB issuance & bid period																			Completed: July 2024
Bid opening																			Completed: July 2024
Bid evaluation and BER																			Completed: Aug 2024
ADB NOI contract award																			Completed: Sep 2024
Letter of Acceptance																			Completed: Sep 2024
Contract Signing																			Completed: Oct 2024
Mobilization																			Completed: Oct 2024
Notice to Proceed - Commencement																			Completed: Oct 2024
Construction																			Commencement: 1 Nov 2024 to 25 Jan 2026
O&M planning and training																			Commencing: 1 Oct 2025 to 30 Jun 2026
Defects Liability period																			Commencing: 1 Jan 2026 to 30 Jun 2026

Status of Stage-2 Works Packages:

Sub-project W02	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
<p><b>TIIGP2-LAO-W02:</b> Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improv</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 15 August 2019 and 16 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 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 07 September 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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As –built drawings</li> <li>• O&amp;M training for the infrastructure facilities</li> <li>• Routine monthly Defects Repairing Follow-up</li> <li>• The Defects Liability Inspection by the Committee</li> <li>• The Defects Liability Certificate</li> <li>• The Closure Report</li> <li>• Final accounts and payment release</li> <li>• Closure of File</li> </ul>

Sub-project W02	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site possession was given on 4 June 2021</li> <li>• Kick-off meeting was conducted on 2nd April 2021</li> <li>• The Notice to Proceed (NTP) was given on 16th of June 2021 with commencement of works from 1st 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 6th May 2022</li> <li>• CEMP was approved in May 2022</li> <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>• ADB No Objection on Contract Variation Order (VO No. 3) on dated 31 July 2024 - The Intended Completion Date was extended once more from July 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024, as approved by the ADB on July 31, 2024.</li> <li>• Certificate of Completion by the Contractor was requested on 23 Nov 2024</li> <li>• The Employer issued the Completion Certificate on 25 Nov 2024 to the Contractor/</li> <li>• The Civil Works Contract has been taken over and the 365 days Defects Liability Period has been started from 1st October 2024.</li> <li>• Final payment at the end of 100% substantial completion was done with 50% retention release.</li> <li>• Outstanding Defects List have been prepared and regularly following up.</li> <li>• Outstanding Defects List have been prepared and regularly following up.</li> </ul>	

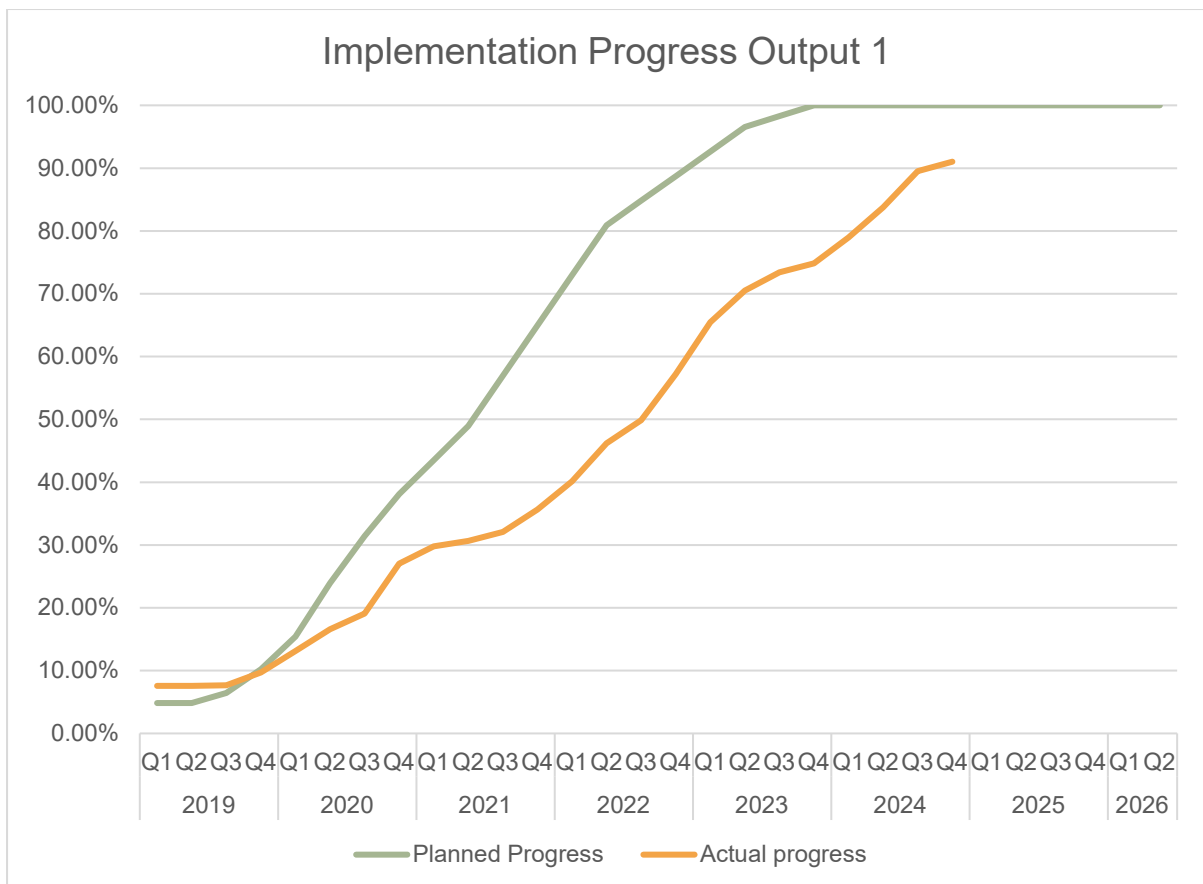
Sub-project-W03	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
<p><b>TIIGP2-LAO-W03:</b> Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements,</li> <li>• V3: Western 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 Access Road and Bridge Improvements on 7 July 2021</li> <li>• ADB No Objection to the BER on 15 July 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue with approving of Shop-drawings</li> <li>• Continuation of DBST by Jan 2025</li> <li>• Continue retaining wall and slope protection for Abutments A1&amp;A2 and approach roads of Nam Xong Bridge Construction by Jan 2025</li> <li>• Continue construction of Kaeng Yui landscaping by Jan 2025</li> </ul>

Sub-project-W03	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
		<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 24th August with commencement of works from 1st 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 10th of April 2022</li> <li>• ADB MTR Mission visited the project site on 20th 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 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> <li>• ADB No Objection on Contract Variation Order (VO No. 2) dated 21 Aug 2024 on Extend the contract's completion date by 179 days, from 2 September 2024 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025, to enable completion of the remaining Works</li> </ul>	

Sub-project-W03a	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
<b>TIIGP2-LAO-W03a:</b> TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal</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 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>• DED clearance certificate by DPWT/Vientiane Province on 04 November 2020</li> <li>• Modified DED and BD Submission by PMCES on 29 February 2024</li> <li>• Modified IEE and EMP Submission by PMCES on 06 February 2024</li> <li>• Due Diligence Report (DDR) Submission by PMCES on 06 February 2024</li> <li>• ADB approved the bidding documents on 16 May 2024.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Method of statement of Potholes repaired</li> <li>• Method of statement of clearing the drain</li> <li>• The Final approval of CEMP</li> <li>• Approval of shop drawings Section-A</li> <li>• Approval of sidewalk paving pattern</li> <li>• Approval of Asphalt Adjustment for the 2% cross fall and Asphalt Overlay</li> <li>• Approval of Asphalt Adjustment for</li> </ul>

Sub-project-W03a	Status at start	Present Status	Outstanding Works
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bidding documents were advertised on Vientiane Time newspaper on 7, 10 and 11 June 2024.</li> <li>Site visit was taken on 19 Jun 2024</li> <li>Pre-bid meeting was taken on 21 Jun 2024</li> <li>Bid opening on 8 July 2024</li> <li>BER submission was on 30 Aug 2024 to ADB for review and approval</li> <li>ADB No Objection to the BER on 19 Sep 2024</li> <li>Notification of Intention of Award on 20 Sep 2024</li> <li>The Letter of Acceptance was on 25 Sep 2024</li> <li>Contract signing was on 17 Oct. 2024</li> <li>The site possession was given on 21 October 2024.</li> <li>The Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued on 25 October 2024.</li> <li>The Civil Works commenced on 1st November 2024.</li> </ul>	Potholes Repairing

Overall progress of Output 1 implementation as of Q4 2024 is 91.03% against 100% planned. Detailed progress of Output 1 civil works subproject implementation as of 31 December 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.

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 odd years and Homestay, Public Toilet, Spa Services and Community Based Tourism in even 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.

### 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 approved all of the Lao Tourism Standards that have been adapted. Lao PDR has led the development of the new ASEAN Ecotourism Standard, which was endorsed by the 44th and 45th ASEAN Summits under the Chairmanship of the Lao PDR in late 2024. Implementation of the Ecotourism Standard in Laos will commence in 2025.

### 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

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.

## 2.4 ASEAN Tourism Standards promotion

The status of promotion of the standards as at the end of Q4, 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.
- A national awareness raising seminar on the Laos ASEAN Tourism Standards website was held in Q4, 2024 in Vientiane. This indicated a relatively low level of awareness of the website. However, since the seminar, awareness has picked up via Facebook posts directing the industry to the website.

## 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. Progress on re-certifications improved in 2024 and will continue in 2025. By the end of Q4, 2024 there were 19 new ASEAN awards for targeted provinces in Laos spread across Homestay (4), Community Based Tourism (3), Spa (3) and Public Toilets (5). These are reported in Annex 2 and in the DMF targets, Annex 5.

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 2025 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. In Q2, 2024 the feasibility of the Action Plan was considered by the PIU and Urban Development Authority of Vang Vieng. Implementation of the Action Plan is scheduled to start in Q1, 2025 and run until December 2025.

Progress towards the DMF targets for ASEAN Tourism Standard certification is as follows:

<b>ASEAN Green Hotel Standard Certification Progress Towards DMF Target</b>						
Hotel certifications	DMF Target	Planned				
		Total	LPB	VP	VV	CPS
By project completion	64	92	40	5	16	31
Achieved	47	47	22	2	6	17
Remaining	17	45	18	3	10	14

<b>ASEAN Homestay / CBT Standard Certification Progress Towards DMF Target</b>				
Homestay service provider certifications	DMF Target	Planned		
		Total	Homestay	Under CBT
By project completion	90 <sup>5</sup>	90	40	50
Achieved	61	61	49	12
Remaining	29	29	0	38

<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.

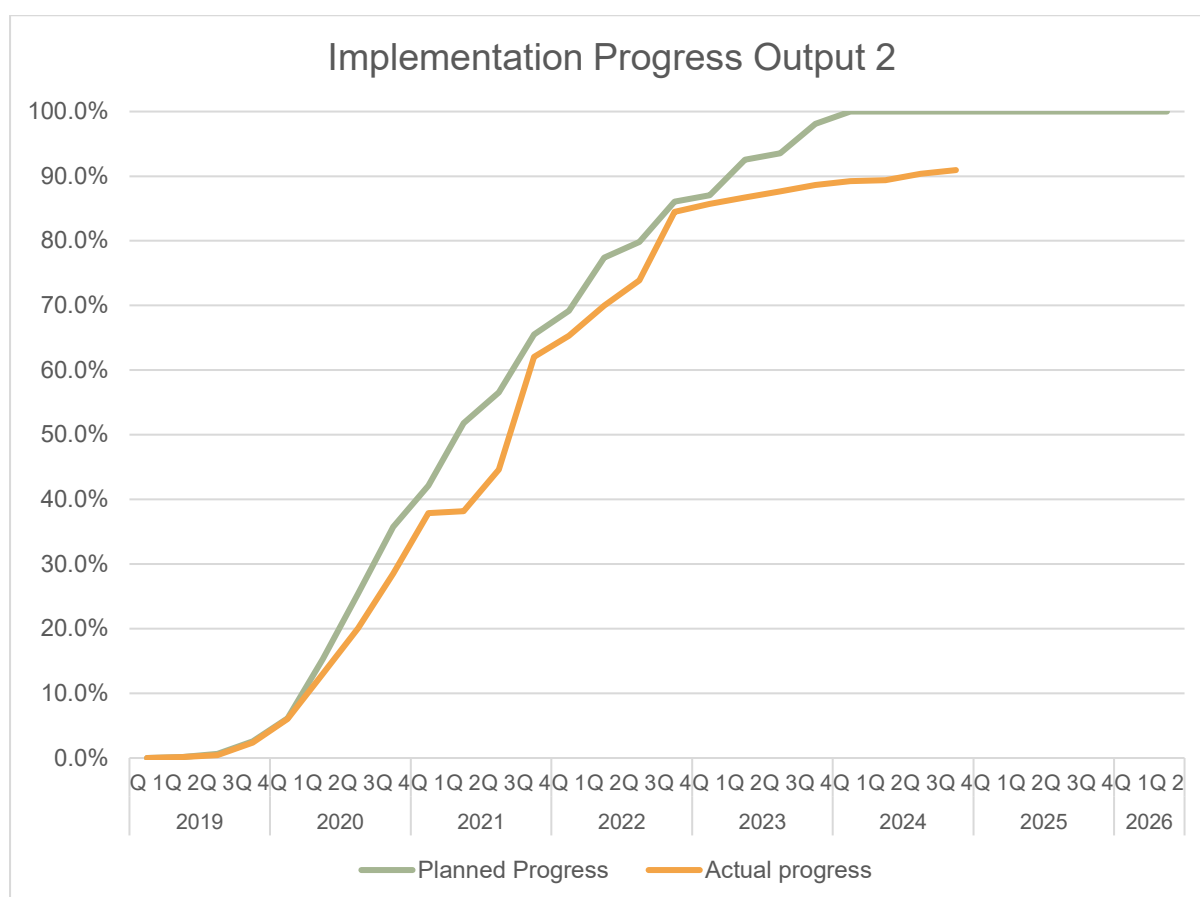
### ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard Certification Progress Towards DMF Target

City certifications	DMF Target	Planned				
		Total	LPB	VP	VV	CPS
By project completion	3	3	1	0	1	1
Achieved	2	2	1	0	0	1
Remaining	1	1	0	0	1	0

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 January 2026. Certification of Vang Vieng as a Clean Tourist City is also possible in 2026, provided the preparatory works are undertaken in 2025 (guided by the Action Plan completed in Q1, 2024).

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

Overall progress of Output 2 implementation as of Q4 2024 is 90.9% against 100% planned. Annex 4 includes a complete overview of Output 2 activities implemented during Q4 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. The functioning of the national DMN aligns 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 recent public-private sector consultation meetings, meeting documents were prepared outlining pertinent concerns from the private sector as well as the public sector to facilitate the discussion between public and private sector DMN members and representatives from other, related government offices invited based on the issues to be discussed, and development partners.

During Q4 of 2024, the DMN at national level was used as a platform to discuss about development of the National Tourism Development Plan 2026-2030 and revision of visa policy for visitor during Visit Laos Year 2024. Supported was provided to DMN action plan implementation, such as organizing Luang Prabang Ultra Trail, Pakse Half Marathon and participating ASEAN Traditional Textile Symposium.

### 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.

Tourism master planning 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 master planning consultants were amended to include this task. As a result, the focus of tourism master planning 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 completing 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 (now referred to as the Don Det-Don Khone and Surrounding Islands Tourism Master Plan).

The Vang Vieng and Environ Tourism Master Plan was endorsed by local stakeholders, and subsequently submitted to the Prime Minister's Office for approval, and the PM has officially approved the plan on 10 January 2025. Already, the master plan has informed the detailed design for the Vang Vieng Urban Renewal subproject (now under construction) and priority actions identified in the plan are being considered for inclusion in the GMS Smart and Sustainable Tourism Infrastructure for Inclusive Growth Project that will be prepared in 2025 for ADB financing.

The draft final Luang Prabang Tourism Management Plan was completed and endorsed by local stakeholders by the middle of 2024, and sent to the UNESCO World Heritage Center in Paris for comments. The plan is concurrently being considered for approval by the Provincial Government. Preparations for implementation support are also being made, with an eye on providing technical support to the DICT with the realization of the Luang Prabang proposed in the plan in 2025.

The final drafts of the Tourism Master Plans for Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir and Siphandone have also been completed and awaiting final sign-off by Provincial Government. Draft Investment Guidelines (in the form of an online PDF and to be printed as brochures) have been prepared for the Nam Ngum and Siphandone Master Plans. These will be made widely available in Q1, 2025 to guide investors and government decision-making in areas covered by the Master Plans.

### *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 Q4 of 2024, Support was provided through the DMN mechanism to the private sector to organize Luang Prabang Ultra Trail, Pakse Half Marathon events, participate ASEAN Traditional Textile Symposium and prepare for ATF 2025 participation.

### Travel Trade Fair Participation Results

No.	Travel Trade Fairs	Number of Businesses from Laos	Name of Businesses from Laos	Number of Meetings with Buyers
1	ITB Asia Singapore, 16 - 22 Oct 2022	5	1) Inthira Group 2) Namkat & Nam pien 3) Exo Travel 4) Discover Laos 5) Salana Hotel	81
2	ATF in Indonesia, 02 - 05 Feb 2023	4	1) Lao Boutique Travel 2) Crowne Plaza Hotel 3) Landmark Hotel 4) Laotel Hotel	40
3	BITE in China, 16 - 18 June 2023	4	1) Laos - China Railway 2) Champamai Travel / Tad Yeuang 3) Green Discovery 4) Namkat & Nam Pien	500
4	ITE Ho Chi Minh, 07 – 09 Sep 2023	7	1) Lao Airlines 2) Landmark Hotel 3) Green Discovery 4) ASEV Travel 5) Dansavanh Resort 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 Q4 of 2024, comments from relevant departments in Luang Prabang on contents and panel designs were submitted to the heritage interpretation specialist, the panels will be updated and submitted to Luang Prabang DICT for their approval in Q1 of 2025.

### Heritage Interpretation Key Tasks and Timelines

No.	Project Target Areas	2023	2024	2025			
				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)						
	<b>Interpretation panels</b>						
	- Develop and finalize contents in English & Lao						
	- Design, produce and install						
	<b>Directional signposts</b>						
	- Don Det, Don Khone and Don Khong						
3	Vientiane Province (selected attractions)						
	<b>Interpretation panels</b>						
	- Develop & finalize contents in English & Lao						
	- Design, produce and install						
	<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 2024, business plan development support was provided to affected households SMEs those are entitled to new shophouses in Nam Ngum, followed by practical trainings and coaching support for all SMEs in Nam Ngum in different topics, including getting ready to open businesses, food and beverage services, merchandising, service and selling skills. Equipment support was provided to standardize shophouses for each type of business, including sets of tables and chairs, shelves for product display and counter.

#### SMEs Database Summary

Number of Entrepreneurs	Total	%	LPB	VP	VV	CPS
Total Target SMEs' Entrepreneurs	300	100%				
Total Target Female Entrepreneurs (60%)	180	60%				
Number of SMEs' Entrepreneurs Received Supports	317		99	46	81	91
Number of SMEs' Female Entrepreneurs Received Support	191		63	43	40	45
Number of SMEs' Female Entrepreneurs Received Support (%)	60%		64%	93%	49%	49%
Type of Business	Total	%	LPB	VP	VV	CPS
Accommodation Provider	142	45%	46	3	34	59
Restaurant	68	21%	16	16	29	7
Tour Operator / Travel Agent	28	9%	17	0	4	7
Tourist Attraction	7	2%	0	0	6	1
Tourist Activity Operator	5	2%	1	0	2	2
Handicraft Producer / Seller	13	4%	4	4	0	5

Tourist Transport Service Provider	15	5%	1	8	1	5
Massage & Spa Services	18	6%	13	0	5	0
Other	21	7%	1	15	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Size of SMEs</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>LPB</b>	<b>VP</b>	<b>VV</b>	<b>CPS</b>
Micro (1 - 5 labours)	110	35%	3	34	30	43
Small (6 - 50 labours)	201	63%	93	12	48	48
Medium (51 - 99 labours)	6	2%	3	0	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>91</b>

### 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 2024, 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: Ongoing support in O&M delivery, as required.

Subproject V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements. Design of a waste management scheme for the site, which includes processes for managing organic waste, dry recyclables, and disposal waste (for the landfill). The proposed approach was costed, with equipment identified, and specification developed. Institutional consultants supported tourism staff in procurement.

Subproject V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements. No activities undertaken in this period, as awaiting the arrival of the private operator.

Subproject V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements. No activities undertaken in this period.

Subproject V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal. No activities undertaken in this period.

Subproject V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements. Ongoing support given to UDDA in the operations of the landfill, with issues raised to UDAA concerning the damage to the landfill gas vents on the capped waste area, poor approaches to compaction of waste, and dangerous operations involving waste pickers. Consultants provided basic training to staff on new equipment, including the ground matting, gas detection meters, water bowser, while

also supporting the procurement of the excavator and tipper truck, including the conducting an inspection to ensure the equipment meets the required specifications. Consultants oversaw the installation of the solar-powered paddlewheel aerators in the leachate treatment ponds.

### 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: As of 31 December 2024, tender documents are ready to seek the services of a management company that will operate and maintain the Project infrastructure and facilities. The tender will be issued in January 2025 under the provisions of the Lao Law on State Assets. This enables an Operations and Maintenance Contract to be entered into between the Contracting Authority (assumed to be the Vientiane Provincial Government) and a management company. Expert legal advice was used to prepare the tender documentation and will continue to be used in the tender evaluation and contract negotiation phases. Financial modelling of the operations and maintenance regime indicates that it is a commercially viable proposition with a minimum 20% share of total revenue to government. The modelling is based on the Draft Operations and Maintenance Plan and tourist growth projections drawn from pre-COVID visitor arrivals data provided by tour boat operators.

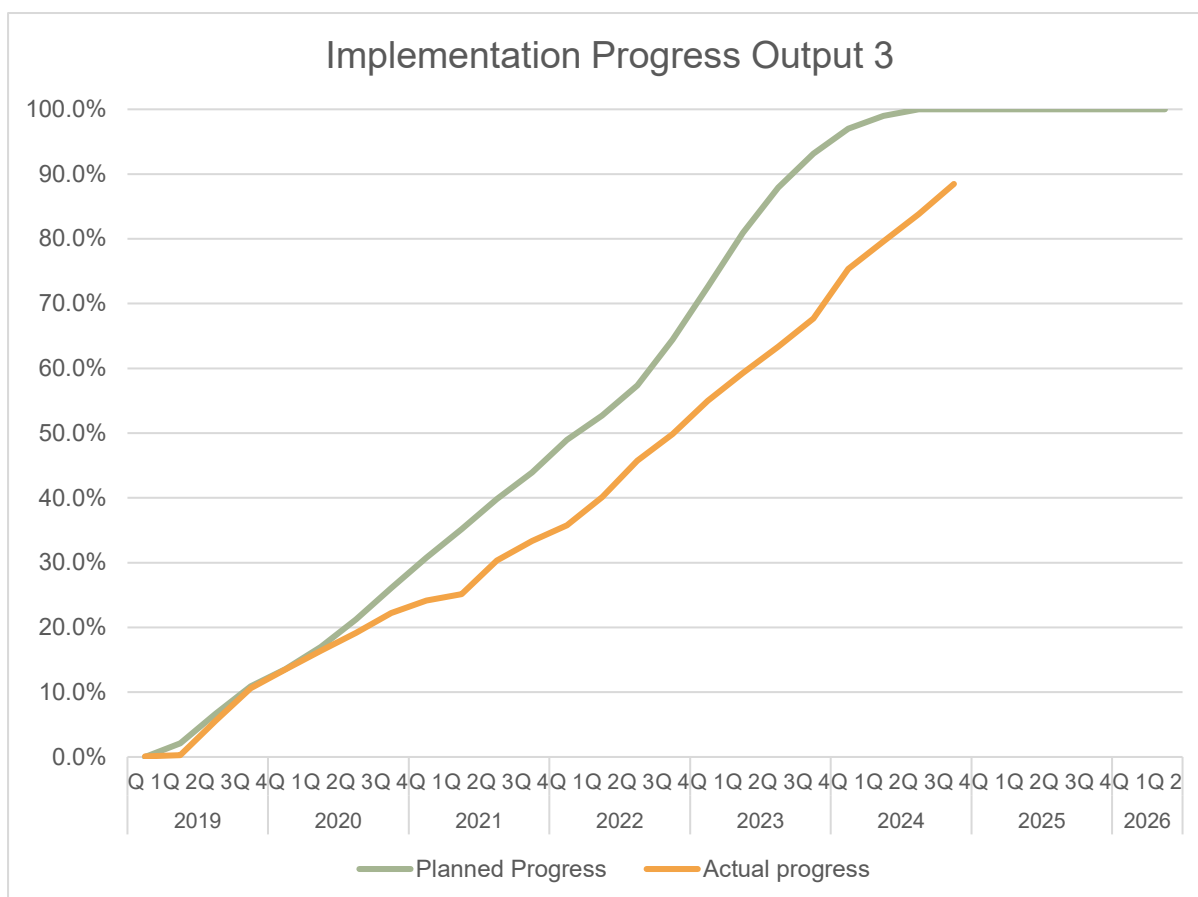
Subproject: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements: A request for short PPP proposals from private sector was advertised, and proposals assessed and a local company has been selected to manage the site under a PPP arrangement.

Subproject V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvements: The PPP arrangements for the management of the materials recovery facility (MRF) hazardous waste facility (NWFG) and planted drying bed (PDB) continued to be developed. This included the development of three contracts between all identified parties (two private companies and the UDAA), in English and Laos languages; identification of equipment requirements in consultation with the private companies. Further analysis was undertaken on the financial requirements for ensuring that the landfill becomes financially sustainable, as well as liaison with the GGGI over a pre-feasibility study that looks at the expansion of waste collection services in the district.

### 3.10 Infrastructure O&M training

No training activities were conducted in this quarter

Overall progress of Output 3 implementation as of Q4 2024 is 88.5% against 100.0% planned. Annex 4 includes a complete overview of Output 3 activities implemented during Q4 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 December 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>The contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements was signed on 26 April 2021 in Q2 2021. This package includes 7.16 km of concrete road, comprising both internal and access roads, which have been fully complete.</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 26.60 km of DBST road totaling 32.60 km of road improvement</p>

No.	Level 2 Results Framework Indicators (Outputs and Outcomes)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Methods / Comments	Actually planned / realized (Lao PDR)
				<p>of which 32.32km completed consisting of 6.00 km of Kaeng Yui Access Road and 26.32km of Western Loop Access including Bridge.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal is scheduled to be signed in October 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 65.6 km road will be improved under these 5 Civil Works packages of which 62.1km (94.7%) fully 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 and is fully completed. This package includes 20m<sup>3</sup>/day septage sludge treatment facility.</p> <p>As part of the Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements subproject, a decentralized wastewater treatment facility is being developed with a capacity to treat 160m<sup>3</sup>/day of pre-treated septage water.</p> <p><b>A total capacity of 180m<sup>3</sup>/day septage treatment has been developed by the project (fully completed).</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 25 ha catchment area of flood protection and drainage improvement.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal is scheduled to be signed in October 2024. The revised DED based on revised scope includes 50</p>

No.	Level 2 Results Framework Indicators (Outputs and Outcomes)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Methods / Comments	Actually planned / realized (Lao PDR)
				ha of catchment area of flood protection and drainage improvement.  <b>The project will construct flood protection and drainage for a total of 75.5 ha catchment.</b>
	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 has been completed and contract TIIGP2-LAO-W03 was signed on 23 July 2021 and is ongoing. Contract TIIGP2-LAO-W03a has commenced in November 2024. <b>Resulting number of households with reduced flood risk is 3,965 (125 for W01, 75 for W02, 268 for W03, 10 for W04 and 3,487 for W03a) which is 77% of targeted households numbers with reduced flood risk.</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 has 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 30 September 2024 is presented in Annex 6. The time period covered by the plan has been adjusted to reflect the extended grant closing date from 30 June 2025 to 30 June 2026, approved by ADB on 4 September 2024.

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 December 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 December 2024, the Project has spent the amount \$15.162 million through the advance account. The amount of \$0.823 million for Nov Dec 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 December 2024, upon settlement of the compensation to affected people/households of the project, the ceiling of the advance account was reduced from \$2.300 million to \$1.470 million. The bank accounts of the advance account including the PIU subaccounts have a balance of \$0.647million.

### **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 APFS for FY 2024 has been prepared and will be submitted to SAO by end January 2025.

Progress on implementation of the Project Financial Management Action Plan as of 31 December 2024 is presented in Annex 7. Progress on implementing the Time Bound Action Plan on APFS Audit Findings as of 31 December 2024 is presented in Annex 8. The Internal Audit Report as of 31 December 2024 is presented in Annex 15.

## **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:

<b>Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services</b>							
<b>Contract Number</b>	<b>General Description</b>	<b>Estimated Value<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Contract Value<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Procurement Method</b>	<b>Advertisement Date</b>	<b>Date of ADB Approval of Contract Award</b>	<b>Comments</b>
TIIGP2-LAO-G06	Equipment for ASEAN Tourism Standards in Subproject Areas (Community-based tourism, Homestay Standard in Phoukaonang Village, Thoulakhom District and Donxayoudom Village, Keooudom District, Vientiane Province)		\$ 14,995	Shopping			PCSS 0094
TIIGP2-LAO-G06	Equipment for ASEAN tourism standards in subproject areas (CBT Standard and Homestay Standard in Nadouang Village, Vang Vieng District, Vientiane Province)		\$ 14,999	Shopping			PCSS 0095
TIIGP2-LAO-G06	Design, produce, and install informational signage for Tad Gneung Waterfall in Champasak Province and Pou Kham Cave/Blue Lagoon 1 in Vientiane Province.		\$ 4,994	Shopping			PCSS 0097
TIIGP2-LAO-G08	Produce and install tourism information signage for Luang Prabang City in Luang Prabang Province, Keo Oudom District in Vientiane Province, and Khong District in Champasack Province.		\$ 39,996	Shopping			PCSS 0098
TIIGP2-LAO-G09	Equipment and furniture for shophouse owners at Nam Ngum 1 Marina/Recreation Area in Keo Oudom District, Vientiane Province.		\$ 49,995	Shopping			PCSS 0099
TIIGP2-LAO-G09	Equipment, furniture, and kitchenware at the Kaeng Nyui waterfall site in Vang Vieng District, Vientiane Province.		\$ 19,998	Shopping			PCSS 0100
TIIGP2-LAO-G09	Equipment for site management, including waste management, for Nam Ngum 1 Recreation Areas in Keo Oudom District, Vientiane Province.		\$ 49,986	Shopping			PCSS 0101

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
TIIGP2-LAO-W03a	Vang Vieng Urban Renewal	\$2,600,000	\$ 1,883,118.02	NCB		3 Dec 2024	PCSS 0093
	Business plan development facilitation for micro and small size businesses in the		\$ 9,100.02	Shopping			PCSS 0085
	Sengsavang Marina, Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir, Keo Udom district, Vientiane province		\$ 21,769.65	Shopping			PCSS 0096

<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 30 September 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
TIIGP-LAO-C22	National Community Liaison Officer	\$32,000	\$33,200	ICS		21 Nov 2024	PCSS 0092

<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 30 September 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 Q4 2024, the environmental specialists of PMCES Consultant undertook the following field inspections of the ongoing construction works:

	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024
W01	-	-	-
W02	3-Oct	7- Nov	-
W03	4 & 24-Oct	8-Nov	17 & 24-Dec
W03a	24-25 Oct	-	17 & 18-Dec
W04	25-26 Oct	-	24 & 25-Dec

### Health and Safety Improvements:

During Q4 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 . 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	Deferred to Q1 2025.	Final compensation was paid in Jan 2025.
TIIGP2-LAO-W03a	DDR disclosed	N/A	No documents pending
TIIGP2-LAO-W03	EGDRP Disclosed	Disclosed but to be updated	Extra compensation Jan 2025 and (planned) April 2025.
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 17 July 2023. The 12-months Defects Liability Period for the subprojects ended on 30 June 2024.

The contractor has cleaned-up all the road construction sites and Nakhasang port, the camp on Don Khone, and Nakhasang camp, and the contractor has rehabilitated the borrow pits and handed the sites over to the landowners.

**Social safeguards:** The turning area for vans/buses at the Nakasang port is being used by the Village a paid parking area, and revenues are used to pay for solid waste collection in the

port. This arrangement is inconsistent with the original agreement during the consultation between the project, district, village and villagers, however, the District has agreed to this arrangement.

**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.

During Q2 2023, extraction of rock at a section along the new road under construction previously proposed by the contractor was rejected and instead it was agreed with the contractor that rock for the ongoing construction work should be supplied from an existing quarry in Vang Vieng.

During Q4 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.	<p>Contractor to install a baffle in the middle of pond. This will increase the flow distance and thus the sedimentation</p> <p>The contractor shall regularly remove deposited sediments from the sedimentation pond</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>Q1 2024, the baffles previously installed in the sediment pond were broken and the discharged wastewater was dirty.</p> <p>Q2 2024, the contractor has improved the baffles to ensure that the wastewater is treated.</p> <p>Q3 2024, the batching plant will only be operated for short intermittent periods for the remaining minor concrete placement work.</p> <p>Q4, the concrete works has been completed and the batching will be removed in Q1-2025.</p>	30 March 2025
2.	The slope at the mixing plant is exposed to erosion.	Carry out slope protection including reshaping and grass planting	<p>Pending</p> <p>Natural revegetation of the slope to the reservoir has created a buffer zone supporting filtering of the wastewater discharged from the sedimentation pond</p>	30 March 2025

	Findings	Corrective Actions	Status / Outcome	Due Date
3.	<p>The proper built-up of the spoil disposal site at km 3+060 to km 3+300 is delayed.</p> <p>There are exposed steep surfaces and transverse cracks indicating instability.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The upper platform shall have a stable surface underlain by compacted soil layers and with runoff being drained to the roadside drains.</p>	<p>Partly Resolved</p> <p>The lowest layer has been constructed by installing big rocks and reshaping the toe</p> <p>Natural revegetation of the slope during this rainy season has reduced the risk of excessive erosion.</p> <p>The spoil disposal site shall be re-built as designed with rock gabion wall at the toe, compaction of soil, terracing and revegetation of the engineered batters.</p> <p>Q3-Q4 2024, the contractor expects to rebuild the disposal site in March 2025.</p>	Q1 2025
4	Untidy conditions at the contractor's workshop with uncontrolled hazardous waste	Clean-up waste and hazardous materials at the workshop	<p>Pending</p> <p>In Q4, the contractor has cleaned up regularly but not sufficiently and improper management of hazardous waste has still been observed at the workshop area.</p>	Dec 2024
5.	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 and not in compliance with EMP requirements including lack of use of Personal Projective Equipment (PPE).	<p>To provide and insure that the workers wear the correct PPE and ensure implementation of appropriate occupational health and safety measures</p> <p>Q4 2024, the contractor has provided PPE and safety when working at height has improved, however not consistently, the contractor shall</p>	Resolved (construction completed)	Dec 2024

	Findings	Corrective Actions	Status / Outcome	Due Date
		regularly check the health and safety measures and ensure that the workers wear the correct PPE and that safety measures are followed when working at height.		

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:** The final compensation payment (Phase 4, for the period 1 July to 31 November 2024) is being processed (payment will be in Jan 2025). The site re-opened on 1 December and all affected businesses have returned to the site and commenced operation.

**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 Q4 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.	<p>Batching Plant</p> <p>Wet concrete waste had been dumped close to the edge of the slope leading to Nam Lao River.</p> <p>Risk of water polluting with cement-laden wastewater.</p>	<p>Ensure that wet concrete waste is only dumped in the concrete waste pond and not on the ground outside the pond.</p> <p>Regularly clean-up the concrete waste pond.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>The concrete wastewater pond has been cleaned and covered by soil in Q4 2024. The batching will be removed by 10 Feb 2025</p> <p>The cleanliness at the batching plant should be done in Feb 2025</p>	Q4 2024
2.	<p>Cement silo at the Batching Plant</p> <p>The dust pipe from the top of the silo to the dust collector on the ground is broken.</p> <p>Risk of air pollution with cement dust during filling of the silo.</p>	<p>Repair the dust pipe.</p> <p>Q4 2024, the cement silo is cleaned and not been used since Dec 2024.</p>	resolved	30 Dec 2024
3.	<p>Kang Yui Waterfall construction site</p> <p>The contractor has cleared an access track 4-8 m wide and 500 m long through the Village Conservation Forest to the waterfall site for transporting steel beams for the viewpoint platform.</p> <p>Na Douang Village Authorities have issued</p>	<p>The contractor shall prepare a rehabilitation plan and submit it to PMCES for review and approval.</p> <p>Upon PMCES' approval, the contractor shall implement the rehabilitation plan strictly in accordance with PMCES instructions</p>	<p>partly resolved</p> <p>Contractor to continue the rehabilitation work and to growth big trees where it's close to the stream</p> <p>PMCES will carry out frequent</p>	Q1 2025.

	Findings	Corrective Actions	Status / Outcome	Due Date
	<p>permission to construct the access track on 13 June 2024.</p> <p>The access track was cleared on 15 June 2024 and is planned to be used until October 2024</p>	<p>Q3-Q4, the contractor has planted bamboo grass seed to the track area. .</p>	<p>monitoring of the ongoing rehabilitation work</p>	
4.	<p>Kang Yui Waterfall construction site</p> <p>The presence of child labor and young workers being involved in hazardous work as excavator's operation work at the construction which it's unacceptable.</p>	<p>PMCES to provide briefing to the contractor on standardized recruitment procedures (provide evidence of clearly defined policies and procedures for age verification e.g., checking ID documents, in-person interviews, etc.)</p> <p>Contractor's hiring to be carried out by trained personnel and not informally. Prevent all forms of child labour.</p> <p>Contractor to highlight minimum age for general work and hazardous work in work contracts.</p> <p>PMCES/Contractor to consult with Labor Inspectors, Ministry of Labor, and Employment to carry out the Training and Assessment.</p>	<p>PMCES has consulted with the PIU, the social welfare district office and the contractor</p> <p>9 Jul 2024, the Social Welfare Office of Vang Vieng District explained the key labour law requirements to the contractor</p> <p>PMCES field inspection and interviews with workers confirmed that the contractor does not hire young or child labour.</p> <p>15 Jul 2024, PMCES received the completed labour information forms (including information about health checks) to document compliance with Labor Law requirements and provide information about hazardous work.</p> <p>Training and assessment carried out by Labor Inspectors</p>	<p>The contractor provides accident insurance but not social welfare insurance, but they cover medical expenses</p>
5.	<p>Unsafe working conditions for working at height at the construction of the viewpoint at Kaeng Yui Waterfall</p>	<p>Contractor to prepare a health and safety plan for the construction of the viewpoint for review and approval by PMCES</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>The contractor provided training about working at height in Q22024,</p>	

	Findings	Corrective Actions	Status / Outcome	Due Date
		Implement safety measures for working at heights (e.g. scaffolds, walkways, stairs with guardrails and use of fall arrest systems)	during Q4 2024 working at height has been completed.	

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

Activity	Progress	Plan
Confirm full time employment of an Environmental, Health and Safety Officer	Confirmed	-
Conduct work hazard assessment at your construction sites and report the results to PMCES by 30 September 2022	Completed in Dec-2022	-
Develop safety procedures and measures for hazardous construction activities and submit these to PMCES for review and approval by 10 October 2022	Completed in Dec-2022	-
Develop and implement health and safety training on all safety procedures for the personnel and any subcontractors	Completed in Sep-2022	-
Undertake emergency response drill	Completed in Sep-2022 and August 2023	
Update the CEMP	Completed in Dec-2022	-

**Social Safeguards:** Construction work at Kaeng Yui requires the site to remain closed to tourists. An additional phase of compensation has been paid to the community tourism group for loss of income for the period September 2024 to March 2025. A further phase of compensation is now anticipated because construction is not expected to be completed by March 2025.

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

**Environmental safeguards:** The IEE/EMP for the sub-project were completed and cleared by ADB in February 2024,.The contractor submitted the first draft CEMP to PMCES Consultant on 18 Dec 2024. Following several rounds of comments and revisions, the contractor submitted the final draft CEMP on 30 January 2025 and 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.	Fabrication site and Camp area. The waste management onsite at the proposed camp area specially no	The contractor shall properly manage both solid and wastewater on the fabrication site. Ensure that wet concrete waste is only	Resolved The concrete wastewater pond has been cleaned and covered by soil in Q4 2024.	15 Feb 2025

	Findings	Corrective Actions	Status / Outcome	Due Date
	waste bins, and wastewater spillage on the ground;	dumped in the concrete waste pond and not on the ground outside the pond.  Regularly clean-up the concrete waste pond.	The cement mixer will be removed by 10 Feb 2025.  The concrete mixing area will be closed in Feb 2025	
2.	The none-compliance on the Environmental Health and safety were found during the construction road as the following;  1. Poor traffic management onsite as such no flag man manages during peak traffic  2. Not sufficient of traffic signs board installation, no proper construction management onsite were found onsite.  3. The construction material has laid-down on the ground along both side of road-drainage work	1. A full support on the traffic managed staffs at the construction site specially provide flag man and local traffic police who could gave a signal and safe of public users on the road.  2. To provide more safety signal and visible taps where there is necessary to avoid any accident occurrence onsite.  3. To managed all the construction material and not allowed to put onsite.	Partly  The constructor is ongoing improve the traffic management during the construction by providing more visible tap along the construction drainage  PMCES construction and safeguards to regularly monitor onsite.	30 Jan 2025
3.	Poor traffic management onsite with lack of flagmen to direct traffic.  Insufficient traffic signs, warning signs and barriers  The construction material has laid-down on the ground along both side of road-drainage work	To provide flag men to direct traffic at the construction sites.  To provide more safety and warning signs and visible tapes.  To provide barriers separating work area from traffic.	Partly resolved  The contractor has moved material so that is does not obstruct traffic and the contractor has placed warning tape along construction sites, however there is still a lack of barriers separating work area from traffic	30 Jan 2025

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
Environmental health and safety training program carried for contractor staffs and workers.	Ongoing	16 Jan 2025
The HIV -aids training for workers in the camp (this should be done by Public health district authorities in Vang Vieng District).	Ongoing	15 Feb 2025

**Social Safeguards:** Social safeguard requirements were reviewed during a contract kick-off meeting on 24 October, and stakeholder consultation meeting was held on 24 December with community leaders to present the construction work plan and methodology, and EMP measures to mitigate construction disturbance. A Community Liaison Officer has been mobilized to site and is acting as a bridge between the contractor, PIU and local businesses to mitigate temporary construction disturbance. The GRM training, planned for December, has been rescheduled to January 2025

**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 seven rounds of groundwater quality monitoring (December 2021, July 2022 and March 2023, July 2023, December 2023, March and Oct 2024). The key results of the groundwater quality monitoring are summarized below:

- PW03: Ammonia increased from an average of about 0.1 mg/L during Q4 2021 - Q1 2023 to an average of about 3.5 mg/L during the period from Q3 2023 – Q4 2024
- PW01, PW02, PW03: Faecal Coliform increased from about 2 MPN/100 ml in Q4 2021 – Q3 2022 to varying between moderate levels about 50 MPN/100 ml to high levels about 1,100 MPN/100 mL in Q1 2023 and Q1 2024 increasing to >160,000 MPN/100 mL in Q4 2024 in PW03 and BH13.
- PW02 and PW03: Lead increased from not detected in Q4 2021 to an average of about 0.5 mg/L in Q1 2024 and about 1 mg/L in Q4 2024 exceeding the groundwater quality standard of 0.01 mg/L 100 times.
- Other heavy metals were detected at low concentrations or not detected.

Analyses of leachate sampled on 27 October 2024 from each of the leachate treatment ponds show increasing concentrations of BOD5 and COD through the treatment system. Heavy metals were not detected in any of the leachate samples.

During Q4 2024, PMCES Consultant has inspected the implementation of the EMP/CEMP. The main findings from the inspections include:

	Findings	Corrective Actions	Status / Outcome	Due Date
1.	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. The tank installation has no secondary containment and the tank is located too close to combustible materials (waste)	<p>Construct a safe fuel storage facility based on the following design requirements:</p> <p>Impervious surface surrounded by a wall free of cracks and holes creating a space with a volume that is at least 110% of the tank volume.</p> <p>Loading and unloading area consisting of a concrete apron that drains into a tank from which any spills shall be removed and safely disposed of.</p> <p>Roof over the tank and the loading/unloading apron.</p> <p>No combustible materials (including waste, wood, paper, plastic) shall be present within a distance of 20 m from the border of the facility.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>The contractor has emptied the fuel tank and will remove it from the landfill site</p>	Feb 2025
2.	<p>Poor management and periodically no management of incoming waste (Cell 5) and lack of maintenance of landfill infrastructure leading to discharge of contaminated stormwater.</p> <p>Placement of waste covering the open stormwater ditch along the northern border of Cell 5 has resulted in a high amount of leachate in the stormwater pond.</p> <p>Although the stormwater pond was emptied it has filled-up again at the end of June 2024, resulting in discharge to the rice field next to the landfill.</p> <p>Although previously, the leachate pipes in Cell 5</p>	<p>Improve waste compaction and waste cell build-up.</p> <p>Relocate waste dumped on top of the stormwater ditch to Cell 5.</p> <p>The stormwater drains shall be cleaned up regularly.</p> <p>Ensure that all raw leachate goes through the leachate treatment process.</p> <p>Ensure that processed leachate does not escape the landfill (until analyses show that effluent limits are complied with and no risk to surface water quality).</p> <p>Cell 5 must be dewatered using a set of temporary</p>	<p>Two temporary pumping wells have been installed in Cell 5 and dewatering of the cell has been ongoing from 15 Aug 2024 until end of Nov 2024 with leachate being pumped to the anaerobic pond and from the final pond into the site for Cell 2.</p> <p>Waste is scattered on the top of Cell no. 5 is urgently request the operator using the bulldozer</p>	<p>Start in rainy season of 2024 and complete closure of Cell 5 by the end of the 2024/2025 dry season</p>

	Findings	Corrective Actions	Status / Outcome	Due Date
	<p>have been repaired and the ponded water in the southern part of the cell was drained out to the leachate pond system, built-up of leachate in Cell 5 was still observed at the end of June beginning of July 2024 indicating malfunction of the leachate collection system possibly due to clogging, damaged pipes and/or heavy rain combined with slow infiltration.</p>	<p>pumping wells installed in the cell.</p> <p>Close monitoring of the liquid level in Cell 5 and inspection of the embankment for signs of seepage or overflow.</p> <p>Undertake surface water, groundwater and leachate quality monitoring has been done in Oct 2024..</p> <p>Continue tipping in Cell 5 to the extent practicable and start preparing for closing the cell so that it can be safely closed as soon as the liquid has been pumped and drained out</p> <p>Cell 5 should be fully closed not later than at the end of the dry season 2024/2025</p> <p>In Dec 2024, Cell no.5 still not dispose waste properly there is still waste scattered on the top of Cell no. 5 which it's not acceptable practices.</p>	<p>Aeration systems have been installed in pond no. 2 and in the final storage pond Nov-Dec 2024 in the aerobic pond</p> <p>Reeds planted in the wetland died.</p>	
3.	<p>Regular monitoring of groundwater quality and surface water quality of stream receiving runoff from the landfill.</p> <p>Need to check the leachate treatment process and the strength of the treated leachate</p>	<p>Conduct sampling and analyses of groundwater, surface water and leachate from each of the leachate ponds</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>Sampling carried out in Oct 2024</p>	31 Oct 2024
4.	<p>Waste pickers are not wearing appropriate PPEs</p>	<p>The operator shall ensure that the waste pickers wear appropriate PPE including a mask, gloves and high visibility jackets when they are working onsite</p>	<p>The waste pickers have been trained on health and safety and received PPE, but the waste pickers are not always using the PPE</p>	
5.	<p>Cows and other domestic animals are scavenging the waste</p>	<p>The operator shall prevent cows and other domestic animals from entering the landfill</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>Landfill site has provided gate with a security</p>	Q4 2024

	Findings	Corrective Actions	Status / Outcome	Due Date
			guy on the entrance, no cow and animal in the landfill.	
6.	Poor hygienic condition for waste pickers, flies, and odor. Lack of maintenance and clean-up of litter on internal roads, and in ditches, gutters and on slopes	The operator shall clean up litter and maintain the site infrastructure regularly Provide regular soil cover of incoming waste to reduce flies and vermin, malodour, dust and risk of landfill fires	Partly resolved The operator in landfill is under ongoing receiving a training service on waste management and how to use the bulldozer, tucks and excavator in the landfill.	Feb 2025
7.	May 2024: The fence around the leachate ponds has not been completed. Gates have not been installed. There were windblown litter in the leachate ponds and the stormwater ponds.	Each of the leachate ponds shall be provided with two ladders (as previously agreed in July 2023). The leachate ponds and the stormwater ponds shall be cleaned up. Gates in the fence around the ponds shall be installed	Partly resolved A ladder has been installed in each pond Waste litter in the ponds has been cleaned up Installation of gates is pending	Dec 2024
8.	Safety for waste pickers and their children during waste tipping and sorting of waste	No children to be allowed at the landfill site Control that waste tipping always takes place at a marked designated site and that no waste pickers are present within that site during waste tipping or bulldozing / compaction Contractor to document implementation of the required measures	Partly resolved Q3-Q4 2024, PMCES team has provided training on the health and safety awareness onsite to waste pickers, and no allowance children in the landfill site, Operator has to regular check and ensure no children collect waste in the landfill.	Feb 2025

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

Activity	Progress	Plan
Confirm full time employment of an Environmental, Health and Safety Officer	Confirmed	-
Conduct work hazard assessment at your construction sites and report the results to PMCES by 30 September 2022	Completed in Mar-2023	-
Develop safety procedures and measures for hazardous construction activities and submit these to PMCES for review and approval by 10 October 2022	Completed in Jan-2023	-
Develop and implement health and safety training on all safety procedures for the personnel and any subcontractors	Completed in Nov-2022	-
Undertake emergency response drill	Completed in Oct-2022	-

**Social safeguards:** Eight households with farmland behind the solid waste facility have requested assistance from the project to improve farm access. Currently, access requires passing through the landfill facility, which raises operational safety concerns. A meeting was held with PIU and UDAA on 25 December, where it was agreed that a survey would be carried out to seek alternative access routes for these farmers.

Waste pickers continue to operate at the site. The Institutional Strengthening team is leading planning for training and access to long-term employment for existing waste pickers.

**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

<b>Semi-annual Integrated Safeguards Monitoring Report</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Status</b> <i>(Under preparation; Submitted on [date]; Comments from ADB being addressed; Approved)</i>
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	Submitted 20 August 2024; approved 26 September 2024
Report 10: Jul-Dec 2024	31 January 2025	Under preparation
Report 11: Jan-Jun 2025	31 July 2025	
Report 12: Jul-Dec 2025	31 January 2026	
Report 13: Jan-Jun 2026	30 June 2026	

## 9. Gender Action Plan Implementation Status

The project is categorized as Effective Gender Mainstreaming.

Progress of implementing the GAP can be summarized as follows:

	<b>Achieved</b>	<b>On track</b>	<b>Not yet achieved</b>
9 Activities	5 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9)	4 (1, 2, 3, 4)	0
25 Targets	10 (2, 3, 4, 8, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 24)	15 (1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 21, 22, 23, 25)	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:**

<b>Contract</b>	<b>Estimated Amount</b>
TBD based on 2025 workplan	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

### Main activities planned for Q1 2025:

#### 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 defects liability period was ended on 30 June 2024. The contractor repaired all defects identified and the Inspection Committee found no defects and the Defects Liability Certificate was issued. The Civil Works file was closed in Q3/2024. No activities for Q1/2025.

The primary focus for Q1 2025 is to complete the outstanding defects and finishing works of the civil works under contract TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements. All civil works have been substantially completed. The Defects Liability Period commenced on 01 October 2024 and is scheduled to be completed by 30 September 2025. Defects lists have

been prepared, with milestone dates set for rectification. The Defects Liability Certificate will not be issued until all identified defects have been fully repaired.

For packages of TIIGP2-LAO-W03 focus in Q1 2025 will be on: (i) V2-subproject including the installation of road traffic signs (guidepost and handrail) and protection of box culverts at Km 3+010, Km 4+825 and Km 5+994 for Kaeng Yiu access road, and Kaeng Yui waterfall landscaping improvement (parking area, footpath, changing hut, viewing deck and walking bridge No. 3); (ii) V3-subproject including 2<sup>nd</sup> sealing coat of roads R1, and R2, RC pipe culverts installation on bridge road BR1; and (iii) Nam Xong bridge construction including approach road pavement of BR1 and BR2, and gabion protection wall at Abutment A1 and A2.

For packages of TIIGP2-LAO-W03a focus in Q1 2025 will be on: The following key activities will be addressed in Q1/2025: **(i)** Method of Statement for Clearing the Drain, **(ii)** Selection and trial for the Pavement Block on footpath **(iii)** Final Approval of the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), **(iv)** Approval of Shop Drawings for Section-A, B, G, J, C1, C3, C4, C5 **(v)** Approval of the Sidewalk Paving Pattern, **(vi)** Approval of Asphalt Adjustment for the 2% Cross Fall and Asphalt Overlay, and **(vii)** Approval of Asphalt Adjustment for Pothole Repairs.

For packages of TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements was completed on 31 May 2024 and is under the defects liability period starting from June 2024 to 31 May 2025. The key activities focused on in Q1 and Q2 of 2025 will include: **(i)** Defects Liability Inspection by the Committee, **(ii)** Issuance of the Defects Liability Certificate, **(iii)** Preparation of the Closure Report, **(iv)** Finalization of Final Accounts & Payment Release, and **(v)** Closure of File.

Summary of activities planned for Q1 2025 is as follows:

<b>TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvement (C1, C2)</b>		
<b>Item of Works</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Defects Liability Period Ended	Nile	File Closed

<b>TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements (V1)</b>		
<b>Item of Works</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Defects Liability Period	Contractor/KFG	01 Nov 2024 to 31 October 2025
Defects Lists with (i) letter reference number 2238/TIIGP2-24 dated 22 Nov 2024, along with, (ii) Letter No. 1752/TIIGP2-24 dated 27 September 2024, and (iii) Request for completion of defects repair as per Letter No. Lao/TIIGP2/560 dated 13 November 2024.	Contractor/KFG	01 Nov 2024 to 31 October 2025
Contractor's commitment letter, reference number 176/KFG, dated 23rd November 2024, regarding the milestone dates for defects re-modification	Contractor/KFG	Milestones date
As –built drawings	Contractor/KFG	
O&M training for the infrastructure facilities	Contractor/KFG	
Routine monthly Defects Repairing Follow-up	Contractor/KFG	

The Defects Liability Inspection by the Committee	Committee/Consultants/Contractor	
The Defects Liability Certificate	EA to Contractor	
The Closure Report	Consultants/EA	
Final accounts and payment release	Consultants/EA/Contractor	
Closure of File	Consultant to EA	
Implementation of Contract	MICT/PCU/PIU/PMCES/Contractor	Jul 2021 – Oct 2025
Health & Safety: (i) Outstanding Issues Only	MICT/PCU/PIU/PMCES/Contractor	Jul 2021 – Oct 2025
Safeguard Monitoring	MICT/PCU/PIU/Social Safeguard Consultants/PMCES	Jul 2021 – Oct 2025
Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)	MICT/PCU/PIU/PMCES/ Social Safeguard Consultants	Jul 2021 – Oct 2025

<b>TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements</b>		
<b>Item of Works</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
11 Priority action plans and updated Work Programm including Personnel's, Equipment's, Organization and S-curve	Contractor/XCR	February 2025
Continue Sub-base and Base courses for BR1	Contractor/XCR	February 2025
Reinforced concrete pavement for Kaeng Yui Access Road (incomplete section at approach road to box culverts)	Contractor/XCR	February 2025
Continuation of RC Pipe Culvert installation	Contractor/XCR	February 2025
Continue construction of building in Kaeng Yui Landscape	Contractor/XCR	February 2025
Shop drawings and approval	Contractor/XCR	February 2025
DBST Pavement in Western Loop (Second sealing)	Contractor/XCR	February 2025
Continue construction of slope protection and retaining wall for Nam Xong Bridge	Contractor/XCR	February 2025
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 – Feb 2025

Safeguard Monitoring	MICT/PCU/PIU/Social Safeguard Consultants/PMCES	Sep 2021 – Feb 2025
Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)	MICT/PCU/PIU/PMCES/ Social Safeguard Consultants	Sep 2021 – Feb 2025

<b>TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban-Renewal</b>		
<b>Item of Works</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Approval of Shop drawings	Contractor/R8CE-LBD JV	Jan – Mar 2025
Approval of CEMP	Contractor/R8CE-LBD JV	Jan – Mar 2025
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	Jan – Mar 2025
Safeguard Monitoring	MICT/PCU/PIU/Social Safeguard Consultants/PMCES	Jan – Mar 2025
Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)	MICT/PCU/PIU/PMCES/ Social Safeguard Consultants	Jan – Mar 2025

<b>TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements (V5)</b>		
<b>Item of Works</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Defects liability	Contractor/CeTeau-PAN JV	Jun 2024 – May 2025
The Defects Liability Inspection by the Committee	Committee/Consultants/Contractor	April 2025
Defects Notice	Consultants/EA	April 2025
The Defects Liability Certificate	EA	May 2025
Final accounts & payment release	Consultants to EA to Contractor	June 2025
The Closure Report	Consultants to EA	June 2025
Closure of File	PMCES/EA	June 2025

Output 2: Capacity to implement ASEAN Tourism Standards strengthened

Focus during Q1 of 2025 will be on (i) consultation with the private sector to raise awareness and increase uptake of ASEAN Tourism Standards (ii) re-certification of expired Green Hotel and Homestay Standards (using certified CBT Villages as 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 2025.

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

In Q1 of 2025, 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, 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) obtaining Central and Provincial Government approval of the Luang Prabang Tourism Management Plan, Nam Ngum 1 Tourism Master Plan, and the Don Det-Don Khone and Surrounding Islands Tourism Master Plan, (iv) 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, finalize interpretation panel texts for Vientiane province and the 4,000 islands, (vi) implementing SME support plans for the project target areas, 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 2025 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.* Support in an inspection on the infrastructure and facilities on the site. Support in the installation of waste management equipment. Provision of training to the management operator, as well as business units on the site. A workshop will be held to provide an overview of the O&M requirements at the site and the responsibilities of the private company (once in place), as well as those of the local government, with the O&M plan annexed to the management contract.

*Subproject V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements.* A workshop will be held to provide an overview of the O&M requirements at the site and the responsibilities of the private company, as well as those of the local government, and the O&M plan will be finalized, which will be annexed to the management contract.

*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.* Ongoing support and on the job training to UDAA in the management of the landfill, including the identification of further training and capacity building needs. There are a number of training will be organized in the first quarter of 2025: (i) excavator operation, (ii) on the job training with combined provided vehicles and equipment (bulldozer, excavator, dump trucks, ground matting, water browser) to practice daily landfill cell operation (compacting, soil covering). (ii) develop daily landfill operation tasks to support landfill operating staffs from UDAA. Continuing to support UDAA in the completion of the contracts for the PPP arrangements for the MRF and other facilities. Finalization of equipment requirements for the MRF and other facilities, as well as waste collection, Development of specifications and support to procurement. After the contracts between UDAA and private operators are signed, the training on contract management will be delivered.

To address the overall budget deficit for environmental services in Vang Vieng, in parallel, options for environmental/tourist tax will be further explored with UDAA and District authorities, following consultations with relevant line-ministries at national level, supported by the project's legal advisor, tourism and institutional specialists.

#### **Planned disbursements:**

For Q1 2025, the following withdrawal applications (WA) are foreseen:

12. Replenishment of Advance Account:

- a. WA #125 (SOE Nov 2024): \$250,345.74
- b. WA # 127 (SOE Dec 2024): \$572,848.11
- c. WA # xxx (SOE Jan 2025): \$200,000 (estimate)

13. Direct payments:

- a. WA #xx direct payment \$100,000 (estimate) (IPC Package W04 G22778)
- b. WA #xx direct payment \$300,000 (estimate) (IPC Package W02 G23079)
- c. WA #xx direct payment \$300,000 (estimate) (IPC Package W03 G0001)
- d. WA#xx direct payment \$376,623 (20% advance) Package W03a

**14. Issues and Recommendations**

- (i) A social safeguards review mission took place 13 May to 4 June 2024. Below are the agreed time bound actions included in the Aide Memoire, with a status update as of 31 December 2024.

Issues	Actions	Responsibility	Timeline	Progress as of 31 December 2024 and next steps
1. Ceiling of advance account (pass through account at BOL)	Reduce the ceiling to the estimated expenditures to be paid through the advance account for the forthcoming 6 months	EA, ADB	WA00108	Ceiling of advance account was reduced from \$3.2 million to \$1.867 million. This was further reduced to 1,470,387.26 in October 2024
2. TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements	Improve the access to the house of AH to prevent flooding	EA	30 Jun 2024	Backfill was completed on 7 August 2024.
3. TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvement	<p>3.1 Finalise the mechanism to ensure compensation is paid in line with the entitlement matrix to account for continued delay in loss of livelihood.</p> <p>3.2 Payment of compensation for July and Aug 2024</p> <p>3.3 Finalise communication plan for AHs (construction timeline and schedule for AHs to return to marina)</p> <p>3.4 Transition plan (construction</p>	EA	<p>10 Jun 2024</p> <p>30 Jun 2024</p> <p>14 Jun 2024</p> <p>12 Jul 2024</p>	<p>3.1 The project has made payment, however the amount for which contractor is responsible will be settled in final account of contract. This has been communicated to the contractor in writing.</p> <p>Phase 4 compensation - has been paid for the period July-November 2024. The site re-opened on 1 December so this is the final compensation payment.</p>

	and AH return on site)			
4. TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements.	Provide safe and secure access to community members. Consult with the community to find solutions and update ADB	EA	5 July 2024	Meeting with PIU and UDAA on 25 December agreed to seek alternative farm access routes that do not require passage through the waste facility. Social Safeguards Specialists will provide guidance on safeguard requirements.
5. Addressing labor issues in W03 construction site	Implement a remedial action plan in Appendix 7	EA, Contractor	Immediately	Action taken by EA & Contractor, with monitoring by Environment specialist. No further issues have been reported.
6. Recruitment of International Consultant	Finalize the recruitment and mobilization	EA	5 Jul 2024	Contract was signed 3 <sup>rd</sup> of July 20024 and consultant was mobilized immediately after.

(i) The latest ADB Review Mission took place from 12-20 August 2024. Below are the agreed time bound actions included in the Aide Memoire, with a status update as of 31 December 2023.

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Due date</b>	<b>Progress as of 31 December 2024 and next steps</b>
1. TIIGP2-LAO-W02: the EA completes payment of the additional compensation to AHs for 4 months (July-October 2024)	30 Sep 2024	A payment request has been submitted for the period July to November 2024, aligning with the updated construction schedule, payable early Jan 2025.
2. TIIGP2-LAO-W02: the EA finalizes DED and safeguard due diligence of permanent boat parking, and improvement of the house next to glass building and commence procurement process	15 Oct 2024	Safeguard due diligence is pending completion of the DED
3. TIIGP2-LAO-W02: selection of the site management company or have a backup plan for soft opening until site management company selected	31 Oct 2024	Tender documents ready, pending approval by provincial authorities. Interim O&M arrangements are in place.
4. TIIGP2-LAO-W03: the EA completes payment of additional compensation to Na Duang tourism community group for 5 months (Sept 2024 to Jan 2025)	30 Sep 2024	A Payment request has been submitted for the period September 2024 to March 2025. A further payment is anticipated due to ongoing construction delays (to be confirmed by PMCES).
5. TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: the EA submits BER to ADB for review	31 Aug 2024	Completed. Submitted on 30 August 2024
6. TIIGP2-LAO-W04: recruit a master trainer to support/coach UDAA staff on landfill operations	31 Oct 2024	Planned with delay: Recruit and onboard a landfill operations master trainer in the first quarter of 2025 to coach UDAA staff, initiate training in the first quarter of 2025, monitor progress, adjust as needed, and plan for ongoing development.

7. TIIGP2-LAO-W04: the PMCES completes financial analysis with potential revenue streams from tourism businesses for the landfill operations	15 Oct 2024	Ongoing, with delay: Collating data and testing data with GGI effort in the same area, and in parallel work is ongoing regarding the introduction of environmental/tourist tax.
8. The EA completes confirmation of data for target 2,3,6,12,21 on GAP	30 Sep 2024	Completed for 2, 3, and 12. Confirmation for targets 6 and 21 ongoing .
9. Implement financial management action plan (item 5.2, 5.3, 5.5 in Appendix 6)	31 Dec 2024	Completed. Progress reported in Annex 7: Project Financial Management Action Plan progress as of 31 December 2024
10. Field a reconnaissance mission of the proposed GMS Smart and Sustainable Tourism Infrastructure for Inclusive Growth Project	Q4 2024	Completed. Mission undertaken 25 November to 9 December 2024

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## Annex 1: Progress of civil works by subproject as of 31 December 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>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</p>
<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.	<p><b>The present status of the project is as follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Civil Works Completed</b></li> <li>• <b>Defects Liability Period has been passed in Q3/2024</b></li> <li>• The Civil Works File for TIIGP2-LAO-W01 was closed on Sep 2024</li> </ul>
<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 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><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, 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>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</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>

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
		<p>The Variation Order No.2 was cost implication to the project due to modification of design. The total contract amount will increase by \$661,734.14 (14.17% of the original contract amount), from \$4,669,065.14 to \$5,330,799.28. approved by ADB on 22 December 2023.</p> <p>The Intended Completion Date was extended once more from July 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024, as approved by the ADB on July 31, 2024. This extension was due to unforeseen ground conditions at the marina landscape site, which led to the issuance of Variation Order No. 3.</p> <p>The Physical progress as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 is 100.00% (Under the Defects Liabilities Period)</p> <p><b>The present status of the project is as follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works substantially Completed</li> <li>• Certificate of Completion by the Contractor was requested on 23 Nov 2024</li> <li>• The Employer issued the Completion Certificate on 25 Nov 2024 to the Contractor/</li> <li>• The Civil Works Contract has been taken over and the 365 days Defects Liability Period has been started from 1st October 2024.</li> <li>• Final payment at the end of 100% substantial completion was done with 50% retention release.</li> <li>• Outstanding Defects List have been prepared and regularly following up.</li> <li>• Outstanding Defects List have been prepared and regularly following up.</li> <li>• All 7.16km including 0.73km Marina access road has been completed</li> </ul>
<p><b>Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements</b></p>		
<p><b>V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements</b></p>	<p><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.</p>	<p><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> <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>
<p><b>V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements</b></p>	<p><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 south end of town; and (iii) provide bio-engineered river bank protection and improve the footpath/cycle track between the</p>	<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>Works commenced on 1st September 2021, with a 24-month contract and an initial completion date of 1st September 2023</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 because of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021-2022 and the</p>

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
	new bridge and Huay Yae village.	<p>delayed in testing of bored piles of Nam Xong Bridge which was the Variation Order No. 1 with internal cost adjustments.</p> <p>The Intended Completion Date was again extended from 2nd September 2024 to 28th February 2025, as approved by ADB dated 21 August 2024 due to the impact of the unforeseen ground conditions of the Kaengyui Landscape Site, which constituted Variation Order No. 2 with internal cost adjustments without altering the original contract amount of USD 8,829,630.71 but to revise quantities of some work items and adjust the corresponding budget.</p> <p>The Physical progress as of 31<sup>st</sup> December is 86.74% (Target 96.98%)</p> <p><b>The present status of the project is as follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaeng Yui (Road+Landscape+Building) : 85%</li> <li>• NamXong Bridge: 95.00%</li> <li>• Western Loop: 90.00%</li> <li>• Kaeng Yui access road: 95%</li> <li>• Lanscape+ Building : 70%</li> <li>• 32,32km Road has been completed out of 32.32 (5km second layer of double Bituminous Surface Treatment is outstanding)</li> </ul>
<b>Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal</b>		
<b>V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal</b>	<p><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>	<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>Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a had been on hold pending physical completion of Contracts TIIGP2-LAO-W02 and TIIGP2-LAO-W03 of 50% as recommended by the ADB during the Midterm Review mission in May 2022. This criteria was met in Q2 2023, and rescoping has been taken place in Q3 2023, and DED to reflect revised design, safeguards documents, as well as bidding documents were prepared aiming for issuance of invitation for bids by Q2 2024, contract award by Q3 2024 and commencement of works by Q4 2024. The expected contract period is 15 months, and so an extension of the project is needed, as the construction period will run beyond the current grant closing date (30 June 2025). The EA has received approval of MOF as well as ADB to extend a 12-month project extension.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
		<p>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.</p> <p>The bidding documents were submitted to ADB for review and approval. ADB approved the documents in early June 2024, and they were subsequently issued and advertised in the Vientiane Times on 7, 10, and 11 June 2024. The bid opening took place on 8 July 2024, and ADB provided No Objection to the Bid Evaluation Report (BER) on 19 September 2024. The Notification of Intention to Award was issued on 20 September 2024, and the Letter of Acceptance was sent on 25 September 2024. The contract award is expected in October 2024. The commencement of Civil Works has been commenced on 1st November 2024.</p> <p><b>The present status of the project is as follows:</b></p> <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 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>• DED clearance certificate by DPWT/Vientiane Province on 04 November 2020</li> <li>• Modified DED and BD Submission by PMCES on 29 February 2024</li> <li>• Modified IEE and EMP Submission by PMCES on 06 February 2024</li> <li>• Due Diligence Report (DDR) Submission by PMCES on 06 February 2024</li> <li>• ADB approved the bidding documents on 16 May 2024 2024.</li> <li>• Bidding documents were advertised on Vientiane Time newspaper on 7, 10 and 11 June 2024.</li> <li>• Site visit was taken on 19 Jun 2024</li> <li>• Pre-bid meeting was taken on 21 Jun 2024</li> <li>• Bid opening on 8 July 2024</li> <li>• BER submission was on 30 Aug 2024 to ADB for review and approval</li> <li>• ADB No Objection to the BER on 19 Sep 2024</li> <li>• Notification of Intention of Award on 20 Sep 2024</li> <li>• The Letter of Acceptance was on 25 Sep 2024</li> <li>• Contract signing was on 17 Oct. 2024</li> <li>• The site possession was given on 21 October 2024.</li> <li>• The Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued on 25 October 2024.</li> <li>• The Civil Works commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024.</li> </ul>

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical Progress as of 31 Dec 2024 is 1.89% falling short of targets 10.50%</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> 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> <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>The Civil Works Contract extended again in order to complete the testing, running and commissioning of leachate and storm water system from 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024.</p> <p>The Physical progress as of 31<sup>st</sup> December is 100% (Under the Defects Liabilities Period)</p> <p><b>The present status of the project is as follow:</b></p>

Subproject	Location and Description	DED and Implementation Progress
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical progress is 100%</li> <li>27 main activities completed out of 27 planned activities</li> <li>The Civil Works Contract is handed over on 1st June 2024.</li> <li>The official ceremony took place on 19 July 2024.</li> <li>The defects liability is for 365 days scheduled to end 31 May 2025.</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)			
<b><u>TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements</u></b>	<b>7,227,529</b>	<b>3,964,308.36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,964,308.36</b>
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>	<b>6,142,686</b>	<b>4,669,065.14</b>	<b>661,734.14</b>	<b>5,330,799.28</b>
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>	<b>9,658,377</b>	<b>8,829,630.71</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,829,630.71</b>
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>	<b>1,015,501</b>	<b>1,883,118.02</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,883,118.02</b>
V4. Vang Vieng Urban Renewal;	1,015,501	(Contracted Cost with Road No. 8 Construction Enterprise and LBD Road Bridge and Architecture Construction Sole Co., Ltd, Joint Venture)		
<b><u>UpdateTIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements</u></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>22,502,282.31</b>	<b>771,224.04</b>	<b>23,273,506.35</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)	1) 2016, 2019, 2023, 2024
2) Ban Hua Don Deng (Don Deng Island), Pa Thoumphone District, Champasak Province (6 Homestays)	2) 2017, 2019, 2023
3) Ban Don Kho (Don Kho Island), Xanasomboun District, Champasak Province (9 Homestays)	3) 2017, 2019, 2023, 2024
4) Ban Nayang Tai, Nambak District, Luang Prabang Province (19 Homestays)	4) 2023
5) Ban Nong Luang, Champasak Province	5) 2024
<b><u>Clean Tourist City</u></b>	
1) Luang Prabang City, Luang Prabang Province	1) 2018, 2022
2) Pakse Champasak	2) 2022
<b><u>Community-Based Tourism</u></b>	
1) Ban Nong Luang (Dong Huasao National Protected Area), Paksong District, Champasak Province	1) 2017, 2023
2) Tad Gneung Waterfall, Champasak Province	2) 2023
3) Nathong Village, Vang Vieng District	3) 2023
4) Nayang Tai Village, Luang Prabang Province	4) 2023
5) Tha Paen Village, Luang Prabang Province	5) 2024
6) Shanghai Village, Pak Ou District, Luang Prabang Province	6) 2024
7) Nam Et-Phou Louey, Hua Meuang District, Huaphan	7) 2024
8) Konglor Village, Khammouane Province	8) 2024
9) Nalan Neua Village, Luang Namtha Province	9) 2024
<b><u>Clean Public Toilet</u></b>	
1) Phousi mountain tourist site, Luang Prabang City, Luang Prabang Province	1) 2019 (expired)
2) Tad Nyeuang waterfall site, Paksong District, Champasak Province	2) 2019, 2024
3) Khone Phaphaeng waterfall site, Khong District, Champasak Province	3) 2019 (expired)
4) Public Toilet, Vat Phou Champasak Lao 2nd World Heritage, Champasak Province	4) 2023
5) Public Toilet, Kuangsi Waterfall, Luang Prabang Province	5) 2023
6) Public Toilet, Tham Nang Fa Tourist Site, Vientiane Province	6) 2023, 2024
7) Public Toilet, Tham Non, Vientiane Province	7) 2024
8) Public Toilet, Vat Mai, Luang Prabang Province	8) 2023
9) Public Toilet, Vat Xieng Thong, Luang Prabang Province	9) 2023, 2024
10) Public Toilet, Mekong River Bank (Phon Heuang village), Luang Prabang Province	10) 2023
11) Public Toilet, Electric Car Station, Luang Prabang Province	11) 2023
12) Public Toilet, Kuangsi Waterfall (2)	12) 2023
13) Public Toilet, Vat Phra Thong Samsi, Vientiane Province	13) 2023
14) Public Toilet, Nuanta Gas Station, San Sum Village, Vientiane Province	14) 2023
15) Public Toilet, Vat Kang, Vientiane Province	15) 2023
16) Public Toilet, Nam Ngum Dam 1, Vientiane Province	16) 2023
17) Public Toilet, Tad Fane Waterfall, Champasak Province	17) 2023
18) Nong Sa Phang Lenh Park, Vientiane Capital	18) 2024
19) Mountain View Restaurant, Luang Namtha Province	19) 2024
<b><u>Green Hotel</u></b>	
<b>Champasak Province</b>	
1) Champasak Palace, Pakse City	1) 2008 (expired)

2) Mekong Paradise Resort Hotel (paradise Resort)	2) 2010, 2024
3) Champasak Grand, Pakse City	3) 2010, 2024
4) Khon Phapheng Resort, Khong District	4) 2010 (expired)
5) Pakse Hotel, Pakse City	5) 2010, 2024
6) La Folie Lodge, Champasak	6) 2012, 2024
7) Athena Hotel (Souphatra), Pakse City	7) 2014, 2024
8) River Resort, Pakse City	8) 2014, 2024
9) Sisouk Resident, Pakse City	9) 2016, 2024
10) Arawan Riverside Hotel, Pakse City	10) 2016, 2024
11) Bachieng Resort, Bachieng District	11) 2018, 2024
12) Paksong Danngarm Hotel	12) 2020, 2024
13) Pon Arina, Hotel Khong District	13) 2022
14) Sengaloun Donkhone Hotel	14) 2024
15) Dondet View Hotel	15) 2024
16) Golden Dondet Hotel	16) 2024
17) Sounsavanh Villa Hotel	17) 2024
18) Le Sidong Hotel	18) 2024
<b>Luang Prabang Province</b>	
1) Phou Vao, Luang Prabang City	1) 2008, 2014, 2024
2) Souvannaphoum, Luang Prabang City	2) 2008, 2012, 2014, 2022
3) The Grand Luang Prabang, Luang Prabang City	3) 2008, 2014, 2022
4) 3 Nagas Hotel, Luang Prabang City	4) 2010 (expired)
5) Luangxay Resident, Luang Prabang City	5) 2012, 2024
6) Santi Resort and SPA, Luang Prabang City	6) 2014, 2024
7) LPB View	7) 2016, 2024
8) Mounng Luang Hotel	8) 2024
9) Kiridara Hotel, Luang Prabang City	9) 2016 (expired)
10) Sofitel Luang prabang, Luang Prabang City	10) 2018, 2024
11) Avani Hotel, Luang Prabang City	11) 2018, 2024
12) Pullman Hotel, Luang Prabang City	12) 2018, 2024
13) Maison Darabua Hotel	13) 2020, 2024
14) Suphatra Hotel	14) 2024
15) Rose wood Hotel	15) 2024
16) Ang Thong Hotel	16) 2024
17) Victoria Xiengthong Palace Hotel	17) 2024
18) Mekhong View Hotel	18) 2024
19) My Ban Lao Hotel	19) 2024
20) Amantaka Hotel	20) 2024
21) Songthuiye Hotel	21) 2024
22) Satri House Hotel	22) 2024
<b>Vang Vieng</b>	
1) Riverside Boutique Resort	1) 2016, 2024
2) Thavy Souk Hotel	2) 2018 (expired)
3) Inthira Hotel, Vang Vieng	3) 2020, 2024
4) Amari Hotel	4) 2022
5) T Mark Resort	5) 2024
6) Songthuiye Namngum Bridge Resort	6) 2024
7) S Vang Vieng Boutique Hotel	7) 2024
<b>Vientiane Province</b>	
1) Long Ngum Resort	1) 2022
2) Densavanh Resort	2) 2024
<b>Spa</b>	
1) SPA at Kiridara Hotel, Luang Prabang City Expired	1) 2019 (expired)
2) SPA at Avani Hotel, Luang Prabang City Expired	2) 2019 (expired)
3) Pullman Spa, Pullman Luang Prabang, Luang Prabang Province	3) 2023
4) Le Spa, Sofitel Luang Prabang, Luang Prabang Province	4) 2023
5) Sanakeo Boutique Hotel and Spa, Luang Prabang Province	5) 2023
	6) 2023

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6) Angsana Spa, Maikson Souvannaphoum, Luang Prabang Province</li> <li>7) Amantaka Resort, Luang Prabang</li> <li>8) Senses Spa, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Vientiane Capital</li> <li>9) My Ban Lao, Luang Prabang</li> <li>10) Mekong Spa, Phou Vao Hotel, Luang Prabang</li> <li>11) Dala Spa, Vientiane Capital</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7) 2024</li> <li>8) 2024</li> <li>9) 2024</li> <li>10) 2024</li> <li>11) 2024</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>MICE Venue</u></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> <li>7) Le bel ae, LPB</li> <li>8) Vonethaving Restaurant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) 2018, 2024</li> <li>2) 2020, 2024</li> <li>3) 2020, 2024</li> <li>4) 2022</li> <li>5) 2022</li> <li>6) 2024</li> <li>7) 2024</li> <li>8) 2024</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>ASEAN Sustainable Tourism Award</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Phou Si Mountain, Luang Prabang City - Urban Tourism Award</li> <li>2) Tree Top Explorer, Paksong District, Champasak Province - Rural Tourism Award</li> <li>3) Wat Xieng Thong, Luang Prabang City – Urban Award</li> <li>4) Wat Phou, Champasak – Rural Award</li> <li>5) Tad Nyeuang waterfall site Champasak – Urban Award</li> <li>6) Koungsi Waterfall – Rural Award</li> <li>7) Tad Nyeuang waterfall site Champasak Restaurant Rural Award</li> <li>8) Bio Bamboo Restaurant LPB – Urban Award</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) 2018 (expired)</li> <li>2) 2018 (expired)</li> <li>3) 2020 (expired)</li> <li>4) 2020 (expired)</li> <li>5) 2022</li> <li>6) 2022</li> <li>7) 2024</li> <li>8) 2024</li> </ul>

### 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 4 of 2024 (1 October – 31 December 2024)**

Budget Code	Activity	Date	Location	Objective	Implementing agency	Participants (Total)	Participants (Women)	Results/ outcome/ Comments	Budget (Kip/Us)
2.04.03.1	Organize tourism standard secretariat meeting with tourism departments concerned to review the implementation of ASEAN tourism standards. Vang Vieng, VTP, 13-16/11/2024	13-16/11/2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To review the implementation	Tourism standards secretariat/PCU	33	10	Successfully implemented	35,960,000
2.04.03.1	Participate in seminar exchange lessons learned on the implementation of tourism standards in Lao PDR and consultation meeting on drafting tourism development plan of Lao PDR for 2026 - 2030. VTE, 18-22/11/2024	18-22/11/2024	VTE	To exchange lessons learned	Tourism standards secretariat/PCU	80	21	Completed as plan	141,230,000
2.07.03	Promote ASEAN standards in the II Beautiful Luang Prabang Festival (Rice Culture and Art Exhibition). LPB, 12-16/12/2024	12-16/12/2024	LPB	To promote	Tourism standards secretariat/PCU	13	3	Completed as plan	27,890,000
2.07.03	Publish posters/panels of ASEAN tourism standards. VTE, 16-30/12/2024 Akaphap Printing	16-30/12/2024	VTE	To promote ASEAN tourism standards	Tourism standards secretariat/PCU	0	0	45 panels	44,104,500
2.07.03	Organize second planning meeting and conduct the survey to collect data/information in preparation for the implementation of the smart tourism project, Tourism Development Department in collaboration with the National Information Agency, South Korea. Vientiane province, 29-31/12/2024	29-31/12/2024	VTP	To collect information	Tourism Development Department/ TDD, PCU	16	5	Completed as plan	17,140,000
2.08.02.a	Field visit to assess ASEAN Homestay and Community-Based Tourism Standards in Champasak province, 16-28/10/2024	16-28/10/2024	CPS	To assess ASEAN homestay and CBT standards	CPS-PIU, TDD	70	37	Assessment completed	28,231,000
2.08.02.a	LPB-PIU organize training on sales and services of almsgiving for both domestic and foreign visitors/tourists. LPB, 18-19/11/2024	18 - 19/11/2024	LPB	To improve knowledge and skills	LPB-PIU	50	34	knowledge and skills improved	12,240,000
2.08.02.a	Provide hospitality training for local guides/staff at tourist attractions in Luang Prabang, 25 - 27/11/2024	25 - 27/11/2024	LPB	To improve knowledge and skills	LPB-PIU	50	23	knowledge and skills improved	18,510,000
2.08.02.a	LPB-PIU Organize training to improve quality on visitor services for communities in Meuang Ngoi district, LPB, 1-6/12/2024	01 - 06/12/2024	LPB	To improve service quality	LPB-PIU	54	28	Service quality improved	53,250,000

Budget Code	Activity	Date	Location	Objective	Implementing agency	Participants (Total)	Participants (Women)	Results/ outcome/ Comments	Budget (Kip/Us)
2.08.02.a	Meeting, field assessment to propose for awards on ASEAN community-based tourism and homestay standards for Ban Nathong and Ban Naduang Vang Vieng district, 1-4/10/2024	01-04/10/2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To assess ASEAN CBT & homestay standards	VV-PIU/OICT	60	25	Completed as plan	20,878,000
2.08.02.a	Provide hospitality training for ASEAN community-based tourism and homestay standards target villages at Ban Naduang, Ban Nathong and Ban Nadao in Vang Vieng, VTP, 9-15/10/2024	09-15/10/2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To build capacity	Vang Vieng - OICT	60	30	Completed as plan	29,167,000
2.08.02.a	Field assessment to propose for awards on ASEAN community-based tourism and homestay standards for Vientiane province, 7-13/10/2024	7-13/10/2024	VTP	To assess ASEAN homestay and CBT standards	VTP-PIU	50	22	Completed as plan	35,966,000
2.08.02.a	Final field assessment to propose for awards on ASEAN community-based tourism and homestay standards for Ban Nathong, Vang Vieng district, 1-4/10/2024	1-4/10/2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To assess ASEAN homestay and CBT standards	TDD/PCU	14	5	Target provinces assessed	18,120,000
2.08.02.a	Final field assessment to propose for awards on ASEAN community-based tourism and homestay standards for Vientiane province, 7-13/10/2024	7-13/10/2024	VTP	To assess ASEAN homestay and CBT standards	TDD/PCU	14	5	Target provinces assessed	36,760,000
2.08.02.a	Final field assessment to propose for awards on ASEAN community-based tourism and homestay standards for Champasak province, 7-13/10/2024	16-28/10/2024	CPS	To assess ASEAN homestay and CBT standards	TDD/PCU	16	3	Target provinces assessed	47,480,000
2.08.02.a	Field assessment on ASEAN public toilet standard in Champasak, Vientiane and Luang Prabang provinces, 20-23/12/2024 and 25-30/12/2024	20-23/12/2024 and 25-30/12/2024	CPS, VTP, LPB	To assess ASEAN public toilet	TDD/PCU	21	6	Completed as plan	69,816,000
2.08.02.c	LPB applies for Geen Destination TOP 100 Stories - The World's Most Sustainable Tourism Destinations for 2024	2024	LPB	To upgrade the quality of LPB tourism to international standards	LPB-PIU	10	3	Ongoing	14,800,000
2.08.02.c	VV-PIU participate in the exchange lessons learnt on preparing to submit nominations for the ASEAN Tourism Standards Awards in Luang Prabang, 13-16/12/2024	13-16/12/2024	LPB	To exchange lessons learnt	VV-PIU	16	8	Completed as plan	36,000,000

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2.08.02.c	VTP-PIU participate in the exchange lessons learnt on preparing to submit nominations for the ASEAN Tourism Standards Awards in Luang Prabang, 13-16/12/2024	16/12/2024	LPB	To exchange lessons learnt	VTP-PIU	10	5	Completed as plan	35,780,000
2.08.02.c	PCU is supporting the improvement of tourism standards to propose the awards in early 2025. Vientiane Province, 20-26/12/2024	20-26/12/2024	VTP	To support the implementation of tourism standards	TDD/PCU	16	4	Completed as plan	34,040,000
3.01.a	LPB-PIU organize provincial DMN review and planning meeting, 30/11/2024	30/11/2024	LPB	To report the implementation progress	LPB-PIU	39	15	Completed as plan	17,960,000
3.01.a	Organize national DMN meeting and Champasak province and survey to develop additional tour programmes., Champasak, 17-23/11/2024	17-23/11/2024	CPS	To review the progress & planning for next steps	TDD/PCU	16	7	Completed as plan	36,000,000
3.01.a	PCU follow up the implementation of provincial DMN in Champasak province, 24-29/11/2024	24-29/11/2025	CPS	Follow up the implementation	National DMN secretariat	22	8	Completed as plan	45,000,000
3.02.01	Organze skills training on food and beverage services for target villages in Vang Vieng (1. field survey to collect information 6-7/11/2024; Training on food and beverage services 8-9/11/2024) - 1st payment 70%)	6-7/11/2024;	Vang Vieng, VTP	To improve skills on food & beverage services	TDD/PCU	40	28	Service quality improved	100,000,000
3.02.01	Participate in skills training on food and beverage services for Naduang village 6-9/11/2024, Vang Vieng	6-9/11/2024,	Vang Vieng, VTP	To improve knowledge and skills	TDD/PCU	6	2	Service quality improved	27,600,000
3.02.01	Follow up training on food and beverage services (Monitoring and evaluation after training implemented 15-16/11/2024) - 2nd payment	15-16/11/2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To assess the service quality	TDD/PCU	20	13	Service quality improved	43,000,000
3.02.02	Tuition fees for master's degree program at the Faculty of Forestry, National University of Laos for the academic year 1/11/2024-31/6/2026 (TDD staff)	1/11/2024-31/6/2026)	VTE	To upgrade knowledge and skills	TDD/PCU	1	0	Ongoing	37,380,000
3.02.02	Upgrade English skills term 3, 09/05/2024 - 06/08/2024 for Tourism Development Department Staff	11/09-10/12/2024	Vientiane College, VTE	To upgrade English language skills	TDD/PCU	2	1	Completed as plan	760
3.04.01	CPS-PIU organize stakeholders meeting to address issues in the tourism sector in Champasak district, CPS, 11-12/12/2024	11-12/12/2024	CPS	To address issues in the tourism sector	PIU/DICT	26	14	The issues & solutions identified	18,311,000
3.04.01	LPB-PIU organize meeting between public-private stakeholders to address issues in the tourism sector. LPB, 11/11/2024	11/11/2024	LPB	To address issues in the tourism sector	LPB-PIU	65	14	The issues & solutions identified	29,460,000

Budget Code	Activity	Date	Location	Objective	Implementing agency	Participants (Total)	Participants (Women)	Results/ outcome/ Comments	Budget (Kip/Us)
3.04.01	VV - PIU organize meeting between public-private stakeholders to address issues in the tourism sector and field inspection in the project target areas, Vang Vieng 17-20/12/2024	17-20/12/2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To address issues in the tourism sector	VV-OICT/PIU	64	30	The issues & solutions identified	19,726,000
3.04.01	PIU organize meeting between public-private stakeholders to address issues in the tourism sector and field inspection in the project target areas, 15-18/12/2024	15-18/12/2024	VTP	To address issues in the tourism sector	VTP-PIU	45	22	The issues & solutions identified	18,000,000
3.04.01	Organize meeting between public-private stakeholders to address issues in the tourism sector and prepare plan for 2025, Vang Vieng 03-09/12/2024	03-09/12/2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To identify the solutions and prepare plan 2025	TDD/PCU	16	8	The solutions & plan for 2025 identified	35,980,000
3.04.01	Organize public-business consultation meeting to review visa policy. Vang Vieng 17-19/12/2024	17-19/12/2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To review the visa policy	TDD/PCU	7	2	Completed as plan	9,609,000
3.04.03	VTP-PIU/DICT organize dissemination meeting and announcing the Provincial Governor's agreement on water activity management (boat trip at Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir, Keo Oudom District) and Lao PDR water activity standard. VTP, 09-11/12/2024	09-11/12/2024	VTP	To solve the problem of noise pollution and drug issues	VTP-PIU	35	14	Completed as plan	51,880,000
3.04.03	PCU and key public-private stakeholders introduce on water activity and zipline standards in Vang Vieng, 12-16/12/2024	12-16/12/2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To introduce the water activity and zipline standards	TDD/PCU	15	5	Completed as plan	27,026,000
3.04.03	PCU work with stakeholders in charged for water activity standard in Vang Vieng, 20-28/12/2024	20-28/12/2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To work with relevant agencies on water activity standards	TDD/PCU	15	5	Completed as plan	47,182,000
3.04.04	PCU and departments concerned participate in consultation meeting to finalize tourism master plan for Nakasang, Don Det - Don Khone and Surrounding Islands 2025 - 2035. Champasak province, 17-18/11/2024	17-18/11/2024	CPS	To finalize the tourism master plans	TDD/PCU	4	2	Completed as plan	16,920,000
3.04.04	Representatives of national project steering committee participate in consultation meeting to finalize tourism master plan for Nakasang, Don Det - Don Khone and Surrounding Islands 2025 - 2035, CPS, 17-22/11/2024	17-22/11/2024	CPS	To finalize the tourism master plans	TDD/PCU	14	4	The tourism master plan improved	36,400,000

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3.04.04	Organize consultation meeting to review tourism masterplan for Luang Prabang World Heritage Town. LPB, 12-16/12/2024	12-16/12/2024	LPB	To improve the content	TDD/PCU	23	10	Completed as plan	40,170,000
3.05.01	The public-business sectors survey/inspect tourism routes/circuits and services at the international border checkpoints linked to neighboring countries at the 1st Lao-Thai International border checkpoint in Vientiane, the 3rd in Thakhek and the Lao-Vietnam in Bualapha Districts, Khammouan Province, 1-7/10/2024	01-07/10/2024	VTE, KM	To inspect tourism circuits	TDD/PCU	11	5	The tourism circuits inspected	26,990,000
3.05.02.2	Design and produce souvenir products for Visit Lao Year. Luang Prabang, 01/08/2024 – 10/09/2024	01/08/2024 – 10/09/2024	LPB	To promote Visit Lao Year	LPB-PIU			Completed as plan	89,925,000
3.05.02.2	Design and produce souvenir products for Visit Lao Year. Luang Prabang, 05-20/12/2024	05-20/12/2024	LPB	To promote Visit Lao Year	LPB-PIU			Completed as plan	15,994,000
3.05.03.1	Activities to promote tourism in the Ok Phan Sa Festival 2024 in Pakse under DMN plan. Champasak, 17-18/10/2024.	17-18/10/2024	CPS	To promote tourism	CPS-PIU	50	28	Cultural tradition preserved	29,491,000
3.05.03.1	Private/business sector participate in the 9th ASEAN Traditional Textile Exhibition and Seminar at Land Mark Hotel in VTE, 4-6/11/2024	4-6/11/2024	VTE	To exhibit Lao traditional textile	TDD/PCU	3	3	Lao textiles promoted	5,540,000
3.05.03.1	Participate in consultation meeting and exchange lessons learned from tourism implementation in the Asia-Pacific region between the Executive Board of the Asian Development Bank and member countries. Thailand, 10-13/11/2024	10-13/11/2024	Thailand	To exchange lessons learned	TDD/PCU	1	1	Lessons exchanged	100
3.05.03.1	Attend the Tourism Resilience Summit in Senai, Japan, 8-12/11/2024	8-12/11/2024	Japan	To exchange lessons learned	TDD/PCU	1	1	Lessons exchanged	4,031
3.05.03.1	Participate in the World Sustainable Tourism Seminar (GSTC 2024), Consultation meeting on drafting tourism strategy plan after 2025 (for 2026-2030) and Seminar on ASEAN Cruise Tourism. Singapore, 12-17/11/2024	12-17/11/2024	Singapore	To draft the tourism strategy plan for 2026-2030	TDD/PCU	2	2	The strategy plan drafted	3,070.00
3.05.03.1	Attend the 7th CLMV Tourism Ministerial Meeting and the 6th ACMECS in Myanmar, 26-30/11/2024	26/30/11/2024	Myanmar	To attend the 7th CLMV & 6th ACMECS	TDD/PCU	2	1	Completed as plan	3,306.00

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3.05.03.1	Private/business sector participate in the 9th ASEAN Traditional Textile Exhibition and Seminar at Land Mark Hotel in VTE, 4-6/11/2024	4-6/11/2024	VTE	To support handicraft association	TDD-PCU	3	3	Lao textiles promoted	7,300
3.05.03.1	Participated in the 54th Greater Mekong Sub-region Tourism Cooperation Committee Meeting and other related meetings. Thailand, 16-20/12/2024	16-20/12/2024	Thailand	To cooperate tourism promotion among GMS member countries	TDD-PCU	2	2	Tourism strategy identified	3,510
3.05.03.2	CPS-PIU organize consultation meeting with key stakeholders to prepare for tourism promotion activity - Pakse Half Marathon, Champasak province, 11-12/11/2024	11-12/11/2024	CPS	To prepare for the sport event	CPS-PIU	49	24	The event prepared	37,050,000
3.05.03.2	CPS-PIU/DICT participate in tourism promotion activity in Champasak district (Wax Castle Prosession at Boun Pheng Thad/ Stupa Event), Champasak province, 14-15/11/2024	14-15/11/2024	CPS	To promote local culture	CPS-PIU	35	14	To promote cultural event	26,739,000
3.05.03.2	CPS-PIU/DICT and DMN participate in Pakse Half Marathon to promote tourism in Champasak, 16-17/11/2024	16-17/11/2024	CPS	To promote sport tourism	CPS-PIU	40	19	Sport tourism promoted	18,441,000
3.05.03.2	CPS-PIU organize consultation meeting to finalize tourism master plan for Nakasang, Don Det - Don Khone and Surrounding Islands 2025 - 2035 and presentation on waste management in Don Det - Don Khone Islands. Champasak province, 17-22/11/2024	17-22/11/2024	CPS	To review the tourism master plan for SPD	TDD,PCU,PIU	30	12	The plan improved	53,743,000
3.05.03.2	CPS-PIU organize tourism promotion conference connecting 4 southern provinces to link CBT among southern provinces of Laos. Paksong District, Champasak Province, 17-20/12/2024	17-20/12/2024	CPS	To promote tourism linkage among Southern provinces	CPS-PIU	55	16	Tourism circuits identified	73,314,000
3.05.03.2	Support LPB provincial DMN to organize tourism promotion activities and exhibition in LPB City, 18/10/2024	18/10/2024	LPB	Support the participation of tourism stakeholders	LPB-PIU	100	55	Tourism activities promoted	54,000,000
3.05.03.2	LPB-PIU support DMN in the project target areas participate in the cycling event to promote culture and visit the II Beautiful Luang Prabang Festival. LPB, 14-15/12/2024	14 - 15/12/2024	LPB	To promote cultural tourism	LPB-PIU	100	60	The DMNs	90,850,000

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3.05.03.2	LPB-PIU/DICT support raw materials and prizes in the II Beautifull Luang Prabang Festival (Rice Culture and Art Exhibition). Luang Prabang, 14-15/12/2024	14 - 15/12/2024	LPB	To promote and support local products	LPB-PIU	100		The local products promoted	71,000,000
3.05.03.2	Support national DMN (tourism business sector), PCU and PIUs participate in cycling event to promote culture and visit the II Beautifull Luang Prabang Festival (Rice Culture and Art Exhibition), LPB, 13-16/12/2024	13 - 16/12/2024	LPB	Participate in exchange lessons learned	LPB-PIU	50	28	Completed as plan	70,440,000
3.05.03.2	Public-private consultation workshop on tourism development plan for 2026-2030 and to review visa policy for visitors. VTE, 04-05/11/2024	4-5/11/2024	VTE	To draft tourism development plan for 2026-2030	PCU	47	20	Completed as plan	35,924,000
3.05.03.2	PCU, Tourism standards and DMN secretariats participate in the cycling activity to promote local culture and visit the II Beautifull Luang Prabang Festival (Rice Culture and Art Exhibition - Ban Xang Khong), 13-16/12/2024	13-16/12/2024	LPB	To promote cultural tourism event	TDD	14	6	Cultural event promoted	46,060,000
3.05.03.2	Support national DMN, PCU and Champasak PIU to participate in the cycling activity to promote local culture and visit the II Beautifull Luang Prabang Festival (Rice Culture and Art Exhibition - Ban Xang Khong), 13-16/12/2024	13-16/12/2024	LPB	To promote local culture	TDD/PCU	16	9	Completed as plan	81,000,000
3.05.03.2	Funding to support the Luang Prabang Ultra Malathon, 19-20/10/2024 (subcontract - Green Adventure Travel Sole Co.,Ltd)	19-20/10/2024	LPB	To promote tourism in LPB	PCU/National Tourism Consultant	0	0	Completed as plan	105,000,000
3.05.03.2	Funding to support Pakse Half Malathon, 16-17/10/2024 (subcontract - Green Adventure Travel Sole Co.,Ltd)	16-17/11/2024	CPS	To promote tourism in CPS/Southern Laos	PCU/National Tourism Consultant	0	0	Completed as plan	125,000,000
3.05.03.2	Organize stakeholders consultation meeting at national level and target provinces on tourism promotion activities and visa policy for 2024. VTE, 23-25/12/2024	23-25/12/2024	VTE	To identify tourism activities and assessment visa policy	PCU	48	18	The activities and visa policy assessed	53,906,000
3.07.02.a	CPS-PIU/DICT organize meeting to review content of enterpretation and directional signs in Siphandon areas, Khong district, Champasak province, 14-16/12/2024	14-16/12/2024	CPS	To review/improve the content	PIU, DICT/Tourism Division	20	9	Content improved	35,960,000

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3.07.02.a	Organize meeting to review content of interpretation and directional signs in Luang Prabang, 20/11/2024	20/11/2024	LPB	To review/improve the content	LPB-PIU	39	18	Content improved	17,960,000
3.08.a	Provide training for women entrepreneurs to improve the quality, skills development for craft entrepreneurs to become souvenir products for visitors. Champasak district, Champasak province, 27-30/11/2024	27-30/11/2024	CPS	To improve quality of	CPS-PIU	53	30	To improve skills	34,340,000
3.08.a	CPS-PIU/DICT organize training for women to improve the quality of skills development for craft entrepreneurs to become souvenir products (souvenirs for visitors). Paksong district, VTP, 24-28/12/2024	24-28/12/2024	CPS	To train and upgrade female entrepreneurs in skills development	CPS-PIU, OICT	54	31	Completed as plan	64,515,000
3.08.a	LPB-PIU organize training for local tour guides for personnel/staff in the tourism sector, Ngoi District, Luang Prabang province, 22-30/10/2024	22-30/10/2024	LPB	To build capacity	LPB-PIU	35	17	Skills improved	45,800,000
3.08.a	LPB-PIU organize training on first aid for tourism service providers in Meuang Ngoi district, LPB, 17-19/12/2024	17-19/12/2024	LPB	To build capacity for tourism service providers	LPB-PIU	45	24	Skills improved	21,600,000
3.08.a	VV-PIU organize training on food preparation skills, food and beverage services in Ban Naduang CBT, 7-10/11/2024	09-15/10/2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To improve knowledge and skills	VV-PIU/OICT	60	25	Completed as plan	5,040,000
3.08.a	VTP-PIU organize the consultation meeting with the shophouse owners on the allocation of shophouses/ stores at the Nam Ngum 1 recreation area. Keo Oudom district, VTP, 8-10/10/2024	8-10/10/2024	VTP	To agree on the allocation of the shophouses	VTP-PIU	40	18	Completed as plan	13,318,000
3.08.a	Training on business plan development for shophouse owners at Nam Ngum 1 recreation area, Keo Oudom district, VTP, 14-21/10/2024	14-21/10/2024	VTP	To empower local people operating business in the Nam Ngum 1 reservoir recreation area	VTP-PIU	35	22	Completed as plan	35,956,000
3.08.a	Meeting to assess the readiness for pilot assessment for standards on installation the septic tanks for the tourist boat and boat restaurants at Nam Ngum 1 recreation area, Keo Oudom district 23-25/10/2024	23-25/10/2024	VTP	To inspect techn	VTP-PIU	25	14	Completed as plan	12,370,000

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3.08.a	Assessment meeting after the installation of the septic tanks on tourist boats and boat restaurants at Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir recreation area. Keo Oudom district, VTP, 4-6/11/2024	4-6/11/2024	VTP	To inspect technical standards	VTP-PIU	22	10	Completed as plan	12,370,000
3.08.a	VTP-PIU organize training on preparing for the opening/operating of business services and meeting to develop the temporary management plan with tourist boat service group/ association at Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Area. Keo Oudom dist., VTP, 13-15/11/2024	13-15/11/2024	NN1/VTP	To develop the temporary management plan	VTP-PIU	16	7	Completed as plan	35,960,000
3.08.a	Tourism Development Department/MICT participate in the consultation meeting with the shophouse owners on the allocation of shophouses/ stores at the Nam Ngum 1 recreation area. Keo Oudom district, VTP, 8-10/10/2024	8-10/10/2024	VTP	To provide support to the shophouse owners	TDD/PCU	20	6	The shophouses, boat restaurants & tourist boats improved	17,712,000
3.08.a	Training on the use of environmentally friendly local products, enhance the experience and create an impression for visitors for the Boat Association (Ban Nakasang), SMEs and homestay in Don Det - Don Khone - Don Xom). Khong district, CPS, 17-21/12/2024 (1st payment)	17-21/12/2024	CPS	To provide training for local businesses	TDD/PCU	40	23	knowledge and skills improved	107,030,000
3.10.01	VV-PIU join the project EA/PCU to follow up the implementation progress of Vang Vieng landfill management plan. Vang Vieng district, 5-7/11/2024	5-7/11/2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To follow up the progress	VV-PIU	46	18	Completed as plan	35,546,000
3.10.01	Participate in consultation meeting on temporary management model/ plan for Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Area, Keo Oudom district, VTP, 5-9/11/2024	5-9/11/2024	VTP	To discuss on temporary management model/ plan	TDD/PCU	16	3	Completed as plan	28,246,000
3.10.01	Consultation meeting to draft/develop the temporary management plan for Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Area, Keo Oudom district, VTP, 25-30/11/2024	25-30/11/2024	VTP	To draft the temporary management plan	TDD/PCU	9	2	The temporary management plan drafted	17,985,000

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3.10.01	PCU and VTP-PIU organize consultation meeting to introduce the temporary management of tourism infrastructure and facilities at Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Area. Keo Oudom District, VTP, 7-11/12/2024	7-11/12/2024	VTP	To introduce the the temporary management	TDD/PCU	23	4	The temporary management introduced	36,528,000
3.11.01	Consultation meeting on temporary management model for Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Area, Keo Oudom district, VTP, date 6-7/11/2024	11/07/2024	VTP	To agree on temporary management model	VTP-PIU	35	17	Completed as plan	26,960,000
3.11.01	VTP-PIU organize 3rd assessment meeting to prepare the redness for tourist boat operators and boat restaurants at Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Area, Kaeo Oudom District, VTP, 13-15/11/2024	15/11/2024	VTP	To inspect the technical & tourist boat standards	VTP-PIU	20	12	Completed as plan	12,370,000
3.13.01	VTP - PIU organize training on temporary management for Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Area. 29/11-03/12/2024	12/03/2024	VTP	To prepare for the management of the NN1 Reservoir Recreation Area	VTP-PIU	15	6	Completed as plan	12,660,000
3.13.01	VTP-PIU organize hospitality training on food and beverage services for businesses at Nam Ngum 1 Recreation Area, Keo oudom district, VTP, 12-14/12/2024	14/12/2024	VTP	To improve service quality	VTP-PIU	20	13	Completed as plan	11,540,000
3.13.01	VTP-PIU organize training on product arrangement/ layout, service and sales skills for Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Area. Keo Oudom district, VTP, 19-21/12/2024	21/12/2024	VTP	To improve service quality	VTP-PIU	25	16	Completed as plan	11,620,000
3.13.01	The MICT-O&M team inspect the rediness of tourist boat before operating the Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Area for visitors. Keo Oudom district, VTP, 10-16/11/2024	10-16/11/2024	VTP	To inspect the rediness before operating	TDD/PCU	5	1	Completed as plan	16,668,000
4.06.02	VV-PIU participate in the handover of equipment - excavator and tipper truck to Vang Vieng Landfill Administration and Management Office. Vang Vieng, VTP, 4/12/2024 (subcontract)	12/04/2024	VTE	To participate in the handover of equipment - excavator and tipper truck	VV-PIU	4	1	Completed as plan	2,924,000
4.06.02	VTP-PIU organize training on the use of wastewater treatment systems for W02 subproject site (Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Areas), Keo Oudom district, VTP, 20/12/2024	20/12/2024	VTP	To train on the use of wastewater treatment systems	VTP-PIU	14	6	Completed as plan	5,110,000

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4.06.03	Vientiane province PIU join the project EA/PCU follow up the civil works progress at Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Area Marina and Vang Vieng subproject sites. 1-2/11/2024, VTP	01-02/11/2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To follow up the progress	VV-PIU	30	8	Completed as plan	3,780,000
4.06.03	VV-PIU follow up the civil works progress at the subproject sites in Vang Vieng, Vientiane province: TIIGP2-LAO-W03, TIIGP2-LAO-W04 and TIIGP2-LAO-W03a. Dates: 04, 08, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29/11/2024	04, 08, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 November 2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To follow up the civil works progress	VV-PIU	15	5	Ongoing	12,600,000
4.06.03	VV-PIU follow up and inspect civil works progress for TIIGP2-LAO-W03, TIIGP2-LAO-W04 and TIIGP2-LAO-W03a subproject sites in Vang Vieng. Dates 03, 06, 09, 12, 17, 19, 23, 26, 30/12/2024	03, 06, 09, 12, 17, 19, 23, 26, 30 December 2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To follow up the civil works progress	VV-PIU	15	4	Ongoing	17,010,000
4.06.03	VTP-PIU participated in the signing ceremony of the Vang Vieng town road improvement subproject (W03a), Vientiane province, 17/10/2024	17/10/2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To participate as the witnesses to the construction of the subproject site - W03a	VTP-PIU	10	2	Completed as plan	2,600,000
4.06.03	Vientiane province PIU join the project EA/PCU follow up the civil works progress at Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Area and Vang Vieng subproject sites. Date 1-2/11/2024, VTP	11/02/2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To follow up and inspect	VTP-PIU	15	6	The standards inspected	4,080,000
4.06.03	VTP-PIU/DICT join the ADB mission team and TDD/MICT regarding survey and information/data collection to prepare for new project (GMS SSTIIGP) in Feuang district, Vientiane province, 24-26/11/2024	26/11/2024	Feuang district, VTP	To survey and collect information/data for new project	VTP-PIU	23	10	Completed as plan	13,010,000
4.06.03	VTP-PIU/DICT follow up the preparation work before handing over the project (W02), handing over equipment to the temporary management group at Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Area. Keo Oudom District, VTP, 1-2/12/2024	12/02/2024	Thailand	To prepare for reopening/operating	VTP-PIU	11	4	Completed as plan	1,440,000
4.12.01	CPS-PIU participate in project annual review meeting 2024 and planning meeting for 2025. VTE, 4-7/12/2024	4-7/12/2024	VTE	To review the progress of 2024 & planning for 2025	CPS-PIU	5	2	Completed as plan	30,100,000
4.12.01	LPB-PIU participate in project annual review meeting 2024 and planning meeting for 2025. VTE, 4-7/12/2024	4-7/12/2024	VTE	To review the progress of 2024 & planning for 2025	LPB-PIU	5	3	Completed as plan	21,120,000

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4.12.01	VV-PIU participate in project annual review meeting 2024 and planning meeting for 2025. VTE, 4-7/12/2024	4-7/12/2024	VTE	To review the progress of 2024 & planning for 2025	VV-PIU	17	7	Completed as plan	22,131,000
4.12.01	VTP-PIU participate in project annual review meeting 2024 and planning meeting for 2025. VTE, 4-7/12/2024	4-7/12/2024	VTE	To review the progress of 2024 & planning for 2025	VTP-PIU	10	5	Completed as plan	16,300,000
4.12.01	Organize planning workshop and field survey to collect information to prepare the implementation of the project regarding "smart tourism" of Tourism Development Department technical staff with the National Information Agency, South Korea. Feuang district, Vientiane province, 04-08/11/2024	04-08/11/2024	VTP	To discuss plans and conduct surveys to collect data/information in preparation for the implementation of "smart tourism project"	TDD/PCU	16	7	Completed as plan	26,920,000
4.12.01	PCU organize project review meeting for 2024 and planning meeting for 2025. VTE, 05-06/12/2024	05-06/12/2024	VTE	To review the progress of 2024 & planning for 2025	TDD/PCU	75	27	Completed as plan	86,858,000
4.12.01	Project EA/PCU follow up the civil works at Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Area, before handing over ceremony. Keo Oudom District, VTP, 30/11-01/12/2024	30/11-01/12/2024	VTP	To inspect for rediness before handing over ceremony	TDD/PCU	29	9	Completed as plan	36,100,000
4.12.01	Design and decorate the exhibition booth (1 booth, size 4x4 m) at Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Areas. 4-7/12/2024 (F - Design)	4-7/12/2024	VTP	To promote the subproject site	TDD/PCU	4	1	Completed as plan	6,000
4.13.02	Implementation of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) on boat - road safety, First Aid, cleanliness and orderly for women in Nakasang, Don Det - Don Khone Islands, Khong district, CPS, 10-12/10/2024	10-12/10/2024	CPS	To raise awareness about the laws and regulations	CPS-PIU	12	6	The women in target villages awared	17,310,000
4.13.02	Implementation of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) on boat - road safety, First Aid, cleanliness and orderly for women at Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Areas. Keo Oudom district, VTP, 12-13/12/2024	13/12/2024	VTP	To raise awareness about the laws and regulations	VTP-PIU	25	19	The women in target villages awared	8,960,000
4.13.03	LPB-PIU/DICT host the exchange lessons learned activity of the project implementation for CPS-PIU, VTP-PIU, VV-PIU and PCU. Luang Prabang, 15-17/11/2024	15-17/11/2024	LPB	To exchange lessons learned	LPB-PIU	20	9	Completed as plan	17,720,000

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4.13.03	VTP-PIU and key stakeholders join the 100% inspection's mission before handing over ceremony at Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Area (W02 subproject site). Keo Oudom district, VTP, 19/11/2024	19/11/2024	VTP	To inspect the civil works	VTP-PIU	25	12	Completed as plan	5,610,000
4.13.03	PCU Prepare and participate in the signing ceremony of the Vang Vieng town road improvement subproject (W03a), Vientiane province, 16-17/10/2024	16-17/10/2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To participate signing ceremony	TDD/PCU	25	7	Signing ceremony held	39,420,000
4.13.03	Support National Project Steering Committee to inspect/ supervise the civil works progress at Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Area in Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng (subproject sites), VTP, 22-26/10/2024	22-26/10/2024	Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng	To follow up the civil works progress	TDD/PCU	16	4	Ongoing	26,960,000
4.13.03	The project EA/PCU and NPSC inspect and supervise the civil works for contracts: TIIGP2-LAO-W02, TIIGP2-LAO-W03, TIIGP2-LAO-W04, Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng districts, VTP, 22-24/10/2024	22-24/10/2024	Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng	To follow up the civil works progress	TDD/PCU	10	3	Ongoing	8,979,000
4.13.03	Follow up the implementation progress of project activities in Keo Oudom district, VTP, 18-19/10/2024	19/10/2024	Keo Oudom, VTP	To follow up the remaining/outstanding activities	TDD/PCU	7	1	Ongoing	4,500,000
4.13.03	Meeting with the procurement committee and follow-up and inspect of civil works for contract number: TIIGP2-LAO-W03a in Vang Vieng, 25-28/10/2024	25-28/10/2024	VTP	To follow up the procurement procedures	TDD/PCU	13	4	Inspected before signing the contract	18,975,000
4.13.03	Project EA/PCU follow-up and inspect the civil works for Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Area in Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng districts, 29-31/10/2024	29-31/10/2024	Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng	To follow up the civil works progress	TDD/PCU	13	4	Ongoing	14,910,000
4.13.03	Follow up the civil works progress at Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Area and Vang Vieng subproject sites. Date 1-2/11/2024, VTP	1-2/11/2024	Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng	To follow up the civil works progress	TDD/PCU	24	8	Ongoing	35,960,000
4.13.03	PCU and TDD-Technical staff go on the field mission to follow up the civil works progress in Vang Vieng and Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Area, VTP, 10-14/11/2024	10-14/11/2024	Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng	To follow up the civil works progress	TDD/PCU	10	4	Ongoing	17,980,000

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4.13.03	PCU participate in exchange lessons learned mission on project implementation supported by ADB. LPB, 14-18/11/2024	14-18/11/2024	LPB	To lead the exchange lessons learned mission	TDD/PCU	8	1	Completed as plan	14,528,000
4.13.03	PCU follow up the implementation progress of the project activities in Champasak province, 24-29/11/2024	24-29/11/2024	CPS	To follow up the implementation of project activities	TDD/PCU	16	6	The implementation assessed	38,648,000
4.13.03	PCU join the ADB mission team regarding survey and information/data collection to prepare for the new projects in Feuang district (Vientiane province), Oudomxay and Luang Namtha provinces, 24-30/11/2024	24-30/11/2024	VTP	To survey and collect information/data for new project	TDD/PCU	11	5	The mission completed	28,816,000
4.13.03	NPSC/Tourism Development Department inspect 100% of civil works before handover W02 subproject site (Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Access Improvement). Keo Oudom, VTP, 3-7/12/2024	3-7/12/2024	VTP	To inspect the completion of 100%	TDD/PCU	23	4	The inspection completed	28,512,000
4.13.03	Prepare and join the MICT's leadership and national project steering committee to attend the W02 project handover ceremony at Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir Recreation Area. Keo Oudom district, VTP, 03-04/12/2024	03-04/12/2024	VTP	To attend the official hand over ceremony	TDD/PCU	52	20	Completed as plan	58,260,000
4.13.04	Consultation meeting on preparation of the implementation of the contract no. TIIGP2-LAO-W03a and site possession to the contractor, Vang Vieng renewal project, Vientiane province, 24/10/2024	24/10/2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To give the site possession to the contractor	VV-PIU	73	28	Completed as plan	26,670,000
4.13.04	Implement gender action plan: Provide information for women on HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases affecting women, combating human trafficking, and preventing child labor; Project consultants involved monitor and encourage contractors to ensure that construction areas have separate toilets for male and female, and provide training on work safety and the safe use of equipment for women in Vang Vieng (TIIGP2-LAO-W03a). Vang Vieng, 14-16/12/2024	14-16/12/2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To provide information for women and contractor for W03a	VV-PIU	86	40	Activities implemented	12,560,000

Budget Code	Activity	Date	Location	Objective	Implementing agency	Participants (Total)	Participants (Women)	Results/ outcome/ Comments	Budget (Kip/Us)
4.13.04	2nd follow up and strengthen the social safeguards work at Nam Ngum 1 marina/recreation area and Vang Vieng subproject sites, Vientiane province, 27-31/10/2024	27-31/10/2024	Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng	Follow up and build capacity for the social safeguards work	TDD/PCU	14	4	Completed as plan	25,396,000
4.13.04	Project EA/PCU follow up the social safeguards work at W02 subproject site in Keo Oudom district, VTP, 10-12/11/2024	10-12/11/2024	Keo Oudom, VTP	Follow up and build capacity for the social safeguards work	TDD/PCU	18	4	Completed as plan	18,000,000
4.13.04	Follow up and strengthen the social safeguards work at Nam Ngum 1 marina/recreation area and Vang Vieng subproject sites, Vientiane province, 12-16/12/2024	12-16/12/2024	Keo Oudom and Vang Vieng	Follow up and build capacity for the social safeguards work	TDD/PCU	22	16	Completed as plan	35,430,000
4.13.04	PCU follow up and build capacity for the social safeguards work in target subproject site. Keo Oudom district, VTP, 17-19/12/2024	17-19/12/2024	Keo Oudom, VTP	Follow up and build capacity for the social safeguards work	TDD/PCU	14	4	Completed as plan	14,280,000
4.13.04	Attending consultation meeting on the allocation of state-owned shophouse/store buildings with the VTP-PIU, resettlement committee and affected people who received the rights (shophouse owners). Keo Oudom, VTP, 17-19/12/2024	17-19/12/2024	Keo Oudom, VTP	To consult with the shophouse owners	TDD/PCU	51	22	The consultation completed	14,360,000
4.14.01	Annual internal audit of the implementation of project activities, financial and accounting systems/aspects of the project. Champasak province, 20-22/11/2024	20-22/11/2024	CPS	To audit the accuracy of financial account transactions and accounting system	PCU.PIU	18	7	Completed as plan	8,980,000
4.14.01	Annual internal audit of the implementation of project activities, financial and accounting systems/aspects of the project. Luang Prabang province, 6-8/11/2024	06-08/11/2024	LPB	To audit the accuracy of financial account transactions and accounting system	LPB-PIU	20	12	Completed as plan	9,000,000
4.14.01	Annual internal audit of the implementation of project activities, financial and accounting systems/aspects of the project. Vang Vieng district, 10-12/12/2024	10-12/12/2024	Vang Vieng, VTP	To audit the accuracy of financial account transactions and accounting system	VV-PIU	35	16	Completed as plan	8,905,000
4.14.01	Annual internal audit of the implementation of project activities, financial and accounting systems/aspects of the project. Vientiane province, 07-09/2024	07-09/12/2024	VTP	To audit the accuracy of financial account transactions and accounting system	VTP-PIU	10	4	Completed as plan	8,970,000

**Annex 5: Progress towards DMF targets and activity implementation as of 31 December 2024**

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline (Lao PDR)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 31 December 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% 2024: Data not yet available
	f. Annual international visitor arrivals in project areas increased (2016 baseline)	820,100	1,263,100	2017: 941,000 2018: 1,210,930 2019: 1,260,051 2020: 289,661 2021: 3,590 2022: 422,198 2023: 997,400 2024: 2,233,971
	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: \$ 615.6 million 2024: \$ 1,347.1 million
	h. Women comprise at least 55% of tourism workers in project areas (2016 baseline)	50%	55%	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> <b>This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan Target 1</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 December 2024 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 31 December 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%	48.6 km	<p><b><u>2 out of 5 awarded packages completed, 2 are ongoing, 1 planned</u></b></p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements was completed in Jul 2023. This package includes <b>21.11</b> km of concrete access roads. The subproject is completed.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements was signed on 26 April 2021. It includes <b>7.16 km</b> of concrete road. The subproject is 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. It includes 6.6 km of concrete road and 26.0 km of DBST road totaling <b>32.60 km</b> of road improvement. So far, 6.3 km concrete road was fully completed and 12.5km DBST is fully completed and 26.0km is partially completed (completed 1<sup>st</sup> layer).</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal was signed in October 2024. This package includes <b>3.15 km</b> of asphalt overlay road improvements. So far, 0 km has been fully completed.</p> <p>Contract Package for package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements was signed on 19 February 2021. It includes 1.55 km of concrete road (0.79 km access road and 0.76km internal roads). <b>1.55km</b> concrete road was fully completed. This subproject is completed.</p> <p><b>A total 65.6 km road will be improved under these 5 Works packages. As of 31 December 2024, 48.6 km (74%) road has been fully completed.</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 December 2024 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 31 December 2024 (Lao PDR)
	1b. 4 ferry ports constructed (2016 baseline)	0	2	10%	2	<p><b>Completed</b> 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 100%.</p> <p><b>A total of 2 passenger/ferry ports have been improved.</b></p>
	1c. 30 m3/day wastewater treatment capacity constructed (2017 baseline)	0 m3/day	15 m3/day	10%	180 m3/day	<p><b>Completed</b> Contract for package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements was signed on 19 Feb 2021 includes 20m3/day septage sludge treatment facility. The subproject is completed.</p> <p>As part of the Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements subproject, a decentralized wastewater treatment facility has been developed with a capacity to treat 160m3/day of pretreated septage.</p> <p><b>A total capacity of 180m3/day septage treatment has been developed by the project (100% complete)</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>On track</b> Contract for package TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements was completed in July 2023, which includes 0.5 ha catchment area of flood protection and drainage improvement.</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 25 ha flood protection and drainage improvement.</p> <p>Contract for Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal was signed in October 2024. The revised DED based on revised scope includes 50 ha flood protection and drainage improvement.</p> <p><b>The project will construct flood protection and drainage for an estimated total of 75.5 ha catchment.</b></p>

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline (Lao PDR)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Weight (%)	Achievement as of 31 December 2024 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 31 December 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%	52%	<p><b>Achieved</b> 208 out of 403 (51.6%) consulted are women. 16 consultations held to date during detailed design preparation of each infrastructure subproject to optimize inclusiveness, gender responsiveness, and employment opportunities during and after construction..</p> <p>This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan Target 3.</p>
2. Capacity to implement ASEAN tourism standards strengthened	2a. 2 national ASEAN tourism standards assessment frameworks and certification boards established with at least 30% women board members (2017 baseline)	0	1	2%	1	<p><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%	52%	<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: <b>Overall, 52% (100 out of 193 certification board members are women)</b></p> <p><b><u>National: 51% (48 women out of 94 members and assessors):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASEAN Green Hotel: 62% (8 women out of 13); dated 21/07/2021</li> <li>• ASEAN Spa Service: 63.63% (7 out of 11); dated 21/07/2021</li> <li>• ASEAN Homestay Standard: 33.33% (3 out of 9); dated 27/08/2021</li> <li>• ASEAN Public Toilet Standard: 44.44% (4 out of 9) (official appointment awaiting signature)</li> <li>• ASEAN Clean City Standard: 47.05% (8 out of 17); dated 11/08/2021</li> <li>• ASEAN CBT Standard 22.22% (2 out of 9) dated 14/09/2021, Not Achieved</li> <li>• ASEAN MICE Standard: 61.54% (8 out of 13); dated 25/06/2021</li> <li>• ASTA: 61.53% (8 out of 13) dated 04/04/2022</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Provinces: 52 (52%) out of 99 members and assessors were women:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Champasak Province: 21 (53%) out of 39 were women;</li> <li>• Vientiane Province: 8 (50%) out of 16 were women;</li> <li>• Vang Vieng District: 15 (53%) out of 28 were women;</li> <li>• Luang Prabang Province: 8 (50%) out of 16 were women.</li> </ul> <p>This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan Target 10.</p>																																
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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	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p> <p>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.</p>																																
	3a-g At least 30% of the public works and tourism site managers reporting increased knowledge are women	0	30%	1%	TBC	<p><b>Not yet achieved</b></p> <p>See 3a. above. Each capacity building activity for public works and tourism site managers on site management and O&amp;M plan will use a quota for at least 30% of female participants.</p> <p><b>This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan Target 21.</b></p>																																

<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 December 2024 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 31 December 2024 (Lao PDR)
	3b. 8 destination management plans and 8 infrastructure O&M plans implemented (2017 baseline)	3	4	5%	7	<p><b>On track</b></p> <p>Five destination management plans completed (Lao PDR, Luang Prabang, Southern Laos, Vang Vieng, and Vientiane Province and under implementation.</p> <p>Seven O&amp;M plans are planned for subproject infrastructure:</p> <p>Preparation of O&amp;M plans for (i) subprojects in Champasak; (ii) Vang Vieng Landfill have been completed. O&amp;M plans for (i) Nam Ngum Marina and (ii) Keng Yui are drafted, and will be finalized in coordination with private sector operators being recruited under PPP arrangements.</p> <p>O&amp;M plans for (i) Western Loop Road and Bridge, and (ii) Keng Yui Access Road are under development.</p> <p>O&amp;M plan for Vang Vieng Urban Renewal subproject will also be prepared once construction for this subproject is underway.</p>
	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%	4,593	<p><b>Achieved</b></p> <p>As of December 2024, 4,593 participants (residents and tourism workers) have participated in destination management training and awareness-raising activities.</p>
	3c-g 50% of residents and tourism workers participated in the training and awareness raising activities are women.	0	50%	1%	47%	<p><b>Not yet achieved</b></p> <p>As of December 2024, 4,593 out of the 9,704 residents and tourism workers who have participated in destination management training and awareness-raising activities were women. (47.3% were 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>

Result Chain	Performance Indicators	Baseline (Lao PDR)	Targets (Lao PDR)	Weight (%)	Achievement as of 31 December 2024 (Lao PDR)	Progress as of 31 December 2024 (Lao PDR)
	3d. At least 500 entrepreneurs (60% women) received SME support services (2017 baseline)	0	300	2%	317	<p><b>Achieved</b> 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 was developed and completed. To date, 317 entrepreneurs received SME support services</p> <p><i>This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan Target 4.</i></p>
	3d-g 60% of entrepreneurs received SME support services are women	0	60%	1%	60%	<p><b>Achieved</b> 317 entrepreneurs received SME support services (191 or 60% were women):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Luang Prabang: 63 out of 99 (64%) entrepreneurs were women</li> <li>- Vientiane Province: 43 out of 46 (93%) entrepreneurs were women</li> <li>- Vang Vieng: 40 out of 81 (49%) entrepreneurs were women</li> <li>- Champasak: 45 out of 91 (49%) entrepreneurs were women</li> </ul> <p><i>This indicator corresponds to Gender Action Plan Target 4.</i></p>
	3e. 2 internet-based tourism knowledge repositories developed (2017 baseline)	0	1	2%	1	<p><b>Achieved</b> 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 December 2024

#### 1. Urban-rural access infrastructure and environmental services improved

<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 December 2024
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 Social Safeguards Due Diligence Report based on revised design reflecting revised scope for this package have been completed in Q2 2024 and included in bidding documents.</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>

Key Activities with Milestones <sup>12</sup>	Progress as of 31 December 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, phase 2, and Phase 3) 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): Completed. Contract signed on 19 October 2024.</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. Substantially completed (under the Defects Liability Period starting 1 October 2024 until 30 September 2025)</li> <li>• Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03: (subprojects V2, V3): Commenced on 1 September 2021.</li> <li>• Package TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: (subproject V4): Commencement planned for November 2024.</li> <li>• Package TIIGP2-LAO-W04: (Subproject V5): Commenced on 19 April 2021. Civil Works Substantially completed (under the Defects Liability Period starting 1 June 2024 until 31 May 2025); 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 December 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 2024-25.</li> <li>• Launch of the Lao ASEAN Tourism Standards website on 15 September 2023.</li> </ul>
2.5.1	Prepare implementation plans for ASEAN Tourism Standards: Q4 2019-Q2 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed, including an updated, more detailed action plan for Vang Vieng Clean Tourist City 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 being implemented through 2024 and 2025</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 and 2024 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>
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.</li> <li>• Tourism masterplan update for Vang Vieng completed in Q3 2023. Tourism Masterplans for Luang Prabang, Nam Ngum and Siphandone are in draft final form, scheduled to be completed incorporating final comments by Q1 2025</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>

Key Activities with Milestones <sup>12</sup>	Progress as of 31 December 2024
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>Implementation of detailed implementation plans for Luang Prabang, Siphandone, Vientiane Province and Vang Vieng ongoing.</li> </ul>
3.6 Design and implement SME training Q2 2020–Q2 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Needs assessments completed related to support for SMEs suffering from the COVID-19 situation, and support provided</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, and for 2025 will focus on affected households in subproject areas, particularly Nam Nugum Marina and Keng Yui Waterfall.</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>Preparation of O&amp;M plans for (i) subprojects in Champasak; (ii) Vang Vieng Landfill have been completed. O&amp;M plans for (i) Nam Ngum Marina and (ii) Keng Yui are drafted, and will be finalized in coordination with private sector operators being recruited under PPP arrangements.</li> <li>O&amp;M plans for (i) Western Loop Road and Bridge, and (ii) Keng Yui Access Road are under development.</li> <li>O&amp;M plan for Vang Vieng Urban Renewal subproject will also be prepared once construction for this subproject is underway.</li> </ul>
3.9 Facilitate public-private partnerships for O&M: Q1 2021-Q2 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruitment of private sector partners to operate the Nam Ngum Marina, Keng Yui Waterfall and the Vang Vieng Landfill are ongoing.</li> </ul>
3.10 Design and implement training programs for infrastructure O&M: Q1 2021–Q2 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training for landfill subproject ongoing.</li> <li>Further training plans being developed, particularly for operation of Nam Ngum Marina, Keng Yui Waterfall.</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>
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>

Key Activities with Milestones <sup>12</sup>	Progress as of 31 December 2024
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>• 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>



No.	Activities	incompleted activities																completed activities (all in past)								(a) Progress (%)	(b) Assigned Weight (%)	(a) x (b) Weighted Progress (%)											
		1 future, orig. plan				3 past, actual, orig. plan				6 past, actual, orig. plan																													
		2 past, orig. plan (not done)				4 past, actual, unplanned				7 past, actual, unplanned																													
																5 future, latest plan																							
		2018				2019				2020				2021				2022				2023				2024				2025				2026					
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2								
<b>A.</b>	<b>Design and Monitoring Framework</b>																																						
	<b>Output 2: Capacity to Implement ASEAN Tourism Standards Strengthened</b>																															9.09%							
	2.1 National ASEAN Tourism Standards adaptation																															100.0%	1.00%	1.00%					
	2.2 Establishment of certification bodies and processes																															100.0%	1.00%	1.00%					
	2.3 Assessor training																															100.0%	1.00%	1.00%					
	2.4 ASEAN Tourism Standards promotion																															92.0%	1.00%	0.92%					
	2.5 Implement ASEAN Tourism Standards and the ASEAN Sustainable Tourism																															86.2%	6.00%	5.17%					
	<b>Subtotal Output 2:</b>																																10.00%	9.09%					
	<b>Output 3: Output 3: Institutional Arrangements for Tourism Destination Management and Infrastructure O&amp;M Strengthened</b>																																7.00%	6.58%					
	<b>Capacity building for tourism destination management</b>																																100.0%	1.00%	1.00%				
	3.1 Destination management network institutional strengthening																															100.0%	1.00%	1.00%					
	3.2 Destination management plan preparation																															100.0%	1.00%	1.00%					
	3.3 Policy, Regulation and Master Planning Support																															100.1%	1.00%	1.00%					
	3.4 Destination Marketing and Promotion Support																															89.7%	1.00%	0.90%					
	3.5 Heritage Interpretation Support																															82.2%	1.00%	0.82%					
	3.6 Tourism-related SME development																															89.8%	1.00%	0.90%					
	3.7 Establish and maintain internet-based tourism knowledge repositories																															96.0%	1.00%	0.96%					
	<b>Capacity building for infrastructure O&amp;M</b>																																3.00%	2.27%					
	3.8 Develop infrastructure O&M plans with sustainable finance mechanisms																															90.0%	1.00%	0.90%					
	3.9 Facilitate Public-Private Partnerships for operations and maintenance																															91.0%	1.00%	0.91%					
	3.10 Infrastructure O&M training																															46.0%	1.00%	0.46%					
	<b>Subtotal Output 3:</b>																																10.00%	8.85%					
<b>B.</b>	<b>Management Activities</b>																																						
	Establish project supervision and management structure																															100.0%	1.00%	1.00%					
	Mobilize consultants and procure equipment																															100.0%	1.00%	1.00%					
	Establish financial management arrangements																															100.0%	1.00%	1.00%					
	Financial management and procurement training																															100.0%	1.00%	1.00%					
	Finalize monitoring arrangements and establish the project website																															100.0%	1.00%	1.00%					
	Conduct project planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting																															92.0%	1.00%	0.92%					
	Implementation of environmental, social safeguards and the gender action plan																															85.7%	4.00%	3.43%					
	<b>Subtotal Management Activities:</b>																																10.00%	9.35%					
	<b>Total</b>																																100.00%	91.01%					

## Annex 7: Project Financial Management Action Plan progress as of 31 December 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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.</li> <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).</li> <li>○ 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</li> </ul>	<b>Completed</b>

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				<p>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 Vang Vieng also the UDAA, to support the implementation of civil works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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).</li> <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.	<p>a. As outlined in the PAM</p> <p>b. MOF, EA, PCU, and PIU staff briefed on funds flow arrangements, advance account opened, and project sub-accounts established.</p>	MOF, EA, PCU, and PIUs assisted by financial management and procurement consultants	Prior to first disbursement.	<p>a. 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>b. 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.	a. Financial management and procurement support consultants mobilized; project accounting and financial reporting systems established, including dedicated accounting software meeting government FM-EMP and ADB	EA, assisted by project consultants PCU and PIU, assisted by project consultants PCU, PIU and ADB	Within six months of project effectiveness	<p>a.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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.</li> <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</li> </ul>	<b>Ongoing</b>

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	requirements, and a progress report template linking financial with physical progress.	EA and MEF ADB		<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 all excel files in the accounting system. The accounting system will create account ledgers and generate financial reports.</li> <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>	
	b. PCU and PIUs attend training on project accounting, including the use of accounting software and compliance with government FM-EMP			<p>b. 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> <li>○ PCU and PIU staff attended the loan disbursement seminar conducted by ADB in May 2024</li> </ul>	
	c. Project disbursement arrangements and procedures established in accordance with			<p>c. The project's disbursement arrangements have been established (following the example of L3156-LAO, with appropriate modifications).</p>	

Planned Action	Output	Responsible Party	Due Date	Describe action taken	Status of compliance
	government FM-EMP regulations and procedures; staff trained in their operation.				
	d. Internal audit function established.			d. 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.	
	e. Independent external auditor appointed.			e. 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 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 FY 2023 APFS was submitted to ADB on 30 June 2024, disclosed in the ADB website. The draft FY 2024 APFS will be submitted to SAO by end January 2025.	
	f. ADB Inception mission Aide-Mémoire confirms suitable financial management system.			f. ADB inception mission AM (para. 17–20)	
5. PCU and PIU staff attend disbursement seminar as part of capacity building.	a. At least 1 staff member from the PCU and each PIU attends ADB's in-country FM/disbursement seminar.	PCU, PIU and ADB	Within one year of project effectiveness	a. 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>
	b. Unresolved issues from previous fiscal years APFSs and APFS fiscal year 2023 management letter issues to be	PCU/PIUs	31 Dec 2024	b. Ongoing discussion and action.	

Planned Action	Output	Responsible Party	Due Date	Describe action taken	Status of compliance
	c. Update project financial management/accounting manual for internal control areas that need strengthening	PCR/PIUs	31 Dec 2024	c. To be updated once approved on the proposed cost norms.	
	d. Financial management training on project closing	ADB, PCU, PIUs	31 Dec 2025	d. To be complied with.	
	e. Internal audit findings or recommendations to be included in project quarterly progress reports.	PCU	Start from Q3 2024 quarterly progress	e. Attached to Q3 2024 report.	
6. Publicizing grievance redress mechanism.	a. Grievance redress mechanism to report suspected procurement related cases of corruption and collusion established and publicized on project website.	EA	Within six months of project effectiveness	Project effectiveness 25 December 2018. a. 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> )	<b>Completed</b>
	b. Contact details of MOF and ADB's office on Anti-corruption periodically advertised in newspapers and on project website.			b. 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	

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 2023 APFS Audit Findings as of 31 December 2024

Year / Number	Priority	Observations and implications	Status as of December 2024	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>	<i>H</i>	The manual on accounting and financial management of the project was not endorsed. There is no manual on management of equipment and vehicles and no monitoring sheet on payment for consultants by showing contract amount, previous payments and remaining amount.	<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.
<b>1.2 Summary and Preparation of Financial Statements</b>				
<i>FY2021</i>	<i>H</i>	Implementation of sub-project in Keo Oudom district, Vientiane province and Luangprabang province were summarized sub-project account and cash account in monthly and yearly basis, but there is no summary on monitoring of expenditures by categories in monthly, quarterly and yearly basis.	<b>Resolved.</b> Summarized by category each month	PCU to continue to monitor to ensure this is done regularly.
<b>1.3 Account Records</b>				
<i>FY2021</i>	<i>H</i>	PCU has recorded disbursements for capacity buildings (A.5) amount of 2.000 US\$ equivalent to 21.562.000 LAK into salary expense (B.1), which was not correct to the allocated expenditures in Project Administration Manual	<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.
<b>1.4 Consulting Services</b>				
<i>FY2021</i>	<i>H</i>	In 2021, sub-project in Keo Oudom district, Vientiane province signed a contract on hiring a project financier and a cashier in amount of 90.000.000 LAK (contract duration are 10 months), noted that the contract has not been registered in Court	<b>Resolved.</b> The 2 contracts were registered in Court.	PCU and PIUs to ensure new contracts are always registered as required.
<b>1.5 Training</b>				
<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	<b>Resolved.</b>	PCU and PIUs to ensure that this per

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		activities organized in the city (categories A5) total amount 6.620.000 LAK.	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.	diem policy is being followed.
<b>1.6 Disbursement of Allowance for contract staff</b>				
<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>H</b>	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.
<b>1.7 Consulting Expenses</b>				
<b>FY2021</b>	<b>H</b>	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. The amount of \$3,58.47 were properly supported.	PCU will ensure all expenditures are properly supported and filed properly.
<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>				
<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>H</b>	<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</li> </ul>	<b>Resolved.</b> - For 2022, Luang Prabang PIU prepared an annual budget plan totalling 284.067,00 US\$, out of which it executed	In addition to reminder, PCU to regularly monitor to ensure that PIUs implement all activities based on approved workplan.

Year / Number	Priority	Observations and implications	Status as of December 2024	Planned actions (responsibility, targeted completion date)
		annual plan 147.395,00 US\$,	206.445.00 US\$, equivalent to 73,67%; - 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, - PCU has reminded PIUs and ensure to implement activities based on approved workplan	Cleared with SAO in FY2023 audit.
<b>2.2 Civil works</b>				
<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>H</b>	- Repair of public in Nuanta Gas Station at Saensoum Vilage, Phonehong District, Vientiane – there was no agreement with owner on sustainability such as maintenance and continuous repairs - TIIGP2-LAO-W02, TIIGP2-LAO-W01, TIIGP2-LAO-W03, TIIGP2-LAO-W04 – low progress vs implementation schedule	<b>Partly Resolved.</b> Nuanta Gas Station has assumed responsibilities for O&M of the public toilets improved with Project support as per minutes of meeting No. 023/MICT/TIIGP2 dated 25/01/2021. - Civil works for TIIGP2-LAO-W0, TIIGP2-LAO-W02, TIIGP2-LAO-W04 are complete and for TIIGP2-LAO-W03 are ongoing following agreed acceleration plan.	Closely monitor progress of contract W03 against acceleration plans and issue official warning letters also outlining the consequences of late completion of works (PCU & PMCES Consultant, ongoing). O&M plans are being prepared to ensure proper maintenance of completed projects.
<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.	<b>Resolved.</b> Since 2022, PCU has not paid these allowances to project staff, and starting October 2023, PIUs have also discontinued this payment. PCU has	No further actions planned.

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			continued to pay the fuel and telephone allowance to National Project Steering Committee 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	Cleared with SAO in FY2023 audit
<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>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.	Cleared with SAO in FY2023 audit.
<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>				

Year / Number	Priority	Observations and implications	Status as of December 2024	Planned actions (responsibility, targeted completion date)
<i>FY 2021</i>	<i>H</i>	In PCU, 17 contracts on hiring project staff and consultants were not registered from court totally 2.066.443 US\$. In 2022, the project signed 26 contracts on capacity building (category A5) amounting to 1.195.034.190 LAK but still not registered.	<b>Resolved.</b> In 2023, the contracts on hiring project staff and individual consultants were registered in Department of Assets, Ministry of Finance. However, contracts with 26 short-term consultants were not registered since already expired. New contracts are being registered.	Cleared with SAO in FY2023 audit.
<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>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.	Cleared by SAO in FY2023 audit
<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>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.	Cleared with SAO in FY2023 audit.

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<b>2 Budget Plan Execution</b>				
<b>FY 2022</b>		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>Resolved.</b> SAO pointed out that any reallocation should be submitted through MPI or MOF and then submit to ADB for approval. The AM of the midterm revision is not a basis to effect the reallocation.	Cleared with SAO in FY2023 audit.
<b>3. Budget Plan execution 2022</b>				
<b>FY 2022</b>		-PCUs implemented 06 activities out of plan totally 100.304 UD\$ and disbursed for 23 activities over annual budget plan totally 228.155 US\$; -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\$; -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\$.	<b>Resolved.</b> 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.	Cleared with SAO in FY2023 audit.
<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: -Ceiling 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; - Ceiling of sub-account 500.000 US\$, ending balance in Dec 2021, May 2022 and Sept 2022 were 8.872,51 US\$, 28.296,88 US\$ and 30.980,08 US\$ respectively then proposed documents for replenishment and did not prepare to reconciliation attached to replenishing documents	<b>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.	Cleared with SAO in FY2023 audit.

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<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.	Cleared with SAO in FY2023 audit.
<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 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.	<b>Resolved</b> Procurement methods and ceilings stipulated in approved Project Procurement Plan and government requirements for advertising adhered to.	Cleared with SAO in FY2023 audit.
<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.	Cleared with SAO in FY2023 audit.
<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	Cleared with SAO in FY2023 audit.

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<b>9. Capacity building</b>				
<b>FY 2022</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PCU implemented activities of capacity building (training) 17 times totally 58.630,39 US\$, equivalent to 1.891.827.250 LAK;</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- Project paid for gathering information and consideration of tourism development plan in Feung district amount of 129.290.000 LAK totally 142.073.000 LAK, the said activities were out of project scope or project target.</li> </ul>	<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 by email dated 22 November 2023..	Cleared with SAO in FY2023 audit.
<b>10. Civil Works</b>				
<b>FY 2022</b>		<p>Through site visiting of civil works of audit team, project team and consultants, noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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\$.</li> <li>- 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..</li> </ul>	<b>Resolved.</b> Shortcomings were corrected in 2023 and cleared with SAO.	Cleared with SAO in FY2023 audit
<b>Time Bound Action Plan on Fiscal Year 2023 APFS Audit Findings as of December 2024</b>				
<b>1.1 Internal Control</b>				
<b>FY 2023</b>		Project Organization Chart – Two project staff of PIU Vientiane Province retired but did not adjust the organization chart and identify specific duties It would be difficult to monitor and assess project staff	<b>Ongoing</b> Project agreed to recommendation	PIU Vientiane to submit
<b>1.2 Budget Plan for 2023</b>				
<b>FY 2023</b>		The Project has exceeded the allocation of capacity building (A5) per PAM by \$15,040.39. The overpayment may affect the implementation of other categories	<b>Resolved.</b> Project agreed to recommendation..	Reallocation of grant proceeds was approved by ADB in September 2024.
<b>2. Replenishment to Cash Account</b>				

Year / Number	Priority	Observations and implications	Status as of December 2024	Planned actions (responsibility, targeted completion date)
<b>FY 2023</b>		PIU Vangvieng has done several replenishment to cash account which has exceeded the allowed ceiling Replenishment is over the budget ceiling.	<b>Ongoing</b> Project agreed to recommendation	PCU to monitor and coordinate with PIU to comply with project financial-accounting manual.
<b>1.3 Compliance audit findings by law and procedure</b>				
1. Procurement				
<b>FY 2023</b>		PCU purchased equipment for tourism homestay in the amount of \$96,852 which are not part of project target Some activity may not be implemented since the budget were used in other activity	<b>Resolved.</b> Project agreed to recommendation	Along the implementation of the project, PCU has extended the scope and submit the request to ADB which were approved.
2. Recurrent Cost				
<b>FY 2023</b>		PCU disbursed to pay translation fee in the amount of \$2,000 but the contract did not indicate the unit price Could not assess whether the price is expensive	<b>Ongoing</b> Project agreed to recommendation	PCU to ensure details of contract prior to signing.
3. Capacity Building				
<b>FY 2023</b>		Overpayment against budget as approved by MICT or the rental and design fees of international tourism exhibition in China by \$3,180.14 Payment of cost of English which is not part of project objective/scope.	<b>Ongoing</b> Project agreed to recommendation. This is part of the approved workplan	This is due to the foreign exchange rate difference. PCU will request MICT to prepare the documents to cover the excess.
4. Management of Construction Contract				
<b>FY 2023</b>		Construction of civil works not implemented as planned (Packages W03 and W02) Delay might affect the budget, resettlement plan, and project activity.	<b>Ongoing</b> Project agreed to recommendation	PMCES in coordination with PCU and PIU are monitoring the issues and delays
<b>5 Fixed Asset</b>				
<b>FY 2023</b>		Project procured 14 units of notebook computer but handed over to division of MICT which are not part of the project scope. This may affect project financing	<b>Resolved</b> This is part of the approved workplan	The computer will be used to collect data nationwide. This is part of the approved workplan.

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

### Goods

Package No.	Description	Mode	Signed	PCSS No.	Amount	\$ Equiv	Name and Consultants	
<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	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	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
TIIGP-LAO-002-10	Office Equipment and Furniture	Shopping	15/Nov/23	0066	USD	5,000	5,000.00	Manysshoke Educational and Office Equipment Supply
<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
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>424,929.47</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

Package No.	Description	Mode	Signed	PCSS No.	Amount		\$ Equiv	Name and Consultants
TIIGP2-LAO-G04-05	Vang Vieng Landfill Management Equipment for cell and MRF operation (Water bowser (towable) with pump and heavy-duty vehicle matting)	Shopping	16/Aug/24	0081	LAK	640,495,000	29,043.44	SteelPro Engineering Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G04-06	Vang Vieng Landfill Management Equipment for cell & MRF operation (Paddle Wheel Aerators, Groundwater monitoring equipment, Landfill gas monitor, Leachate submersible pumps, portable pump and portable diesel pump)	Shopping	16/Aug/24	0082	LAK	508,763,400	23,070.03	Aqua Nishihara Corporation Lao Sole Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G04-07	Vang Vieng Landfill Management Equipment (Crawler type excavator and Tipper truck)	Shopping	2/Oct/24	0090	USD	159,100	159,100.00	Multico Equipment Lao 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
TIIGP2-LAO-G05-06	Equipment to meet the ASEAN homestay standard in Lak40 and Nongluang village, Paksong District, Champasak Province	Shopping	1/Nov/23	0067	USD	9,978	9,978.00	Hengphouvanh Construction Co., Ltd
<b>TIIGP2-LAO-G06</b>	<b>Equipment for ASEAN Tourism Standards Implementation (public sector)</b>	<b>Shopping</b>					<b>265,439.52</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-VTE19	Procurement of equipment to meet (i) ASEAN homestay standard, (ii) ASEAN CBT standard, and (iii) ASEAN public toilet standard in Vientiane Province	Shopping	29/Aug/22	0046	USD	6,970	6,970.00	Singthavixub Construction Co.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-CPS21	Equipment to meet the ASEAN homestay standard in Lak40 and Nongluang village, Paksong District, Champasak Province	Shopping	1/Nov/23	0067	USD	9,978	9,978.00	Hengphouvanh Construction Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-VTC22	Printing of stickers and poster (Chinese and English Version)	Shopping	1/Nov/23	0068	USD	4,500	4,500.00	F-Design Individual

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TIIGP2-LAO-G06-LPB20	Provision of Equipment for Villagers to Implement ASEAN Tourism Standards (Conservation Tourism and Homestay Standards with the Community Participation) in Luang Prabang Province	Shopping	21/Jun/24	0080	USD	29,772	29,771.50	Sokmueangluang Servey-Design Construction and Renovation Co.,Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-CPS21	Equipment to implement ASEAN Community-based Tourism Standard and ASEAN Homestay Standard for Nong Ya Thueng Village, Paksong District; Don Som Village, Khong District, Champasak Province; and ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard at bus station, Pakse District, Champasak Province	Shopping	2/Aug/24	0084	USD	12,994	12,994.00	Hengphouvanh Construction Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-VV04	Equipment for ASEAN Tourism Standards in Subproject Areas (Community-based tourism, Homestay Standard in Phoukaonang Village, Thoulakhom District and Donxayoudom Village, Keouodom District, Vientiane Province)	Shopping	25/Sep/24	0094		14,995	14,995.20	Thaveesup Integrated Construction Sole Co., Ltd
	Equipment for ASEAN tourism standards in subproject areas (CBT Standard and Homestay Standard in Nadouang Village, Vang Vieng District, Vientiane Province)	Shopping	21/Oct/24	0095	USD	14,999	14,999.00	F Survey Design, Consultant and Construction Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G06-VTC23	Design, produce, and install informational signage for Tad Gneung Waterfall in Champasak Province and Pou Kham Cave/Blue Lagoon 1 in Vientiane Province.	Shopping	27/Sep/24	0097		4,994	4,994.00	F-Design Individual
<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
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	WW Import-Export Sole Co Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G07-07	Additional furniture for DMO secretariat	Shopping	15/Mar/21	0004	LAK	29,694,500	2,997.33	Panuvat furniture
TIIGP2-LAO-G07-08	Procurement of equipment for DMO secretariats for national and project target areas	Shopping	11/May/22	0033	USD	22,000	22,000.00	Micro Info Import-Export Sole Co., Ltd
TIIGP2-LAO-G07-09	Equipment for DMO secretarial Luang Prabang	Shopping	27/Sep/23	0069	USD	4,998	4,998.00	SP COM Import-Export Sole Co., Ltd
<b>TIIGP2-LAO-G08</b>	<b>Equipment for Heritage Interpretation</b>	<b>Shopping</b>					<b>99,305.05</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

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TIIGP2-LAO-G08-04	Directional sign design, production, and installation along the National Highway, access to priority tourism locations, and roads connecting to provincial target areas and neighboring countries	Shopping	18/Oct/22	0041	USD	20,000	20,000.00	F-Design Individual
TIIGP2-LAO-G08-06	Produce and install tourist information signs and tourist attraction signs along entrance roads and in tourist attraction sites in Champasak province	Shopping	14/Nov/23	0070	USD	20,000	20,000.00	F-Design Individual
	Produce and install tourism information signage for Luang Prabang City in Luang Prabang Province, Keo Oudom District in Vientiane Province, and Khong District in Champasack Province.	Shopping	4/Oct/24	0098		39,996	39,996.00	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>146,011.27</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
	Equipment and furniture for shophouse owners at Nam Ngum 1 Marina/Recreation Area in Keo Oudom District, Vientiane Province.	Shopping	22/Nov/24	0099		49,995	49,995.00	F Survey, Design, Consultant and Construction Co., Ltd
	Equipment, furniture, and kitchenware at the Kaeng Nyui waterfall site in Vang Vieng District, Vientiane Province.	Shopping	3/Dec/24	0100		19,998	19,998.00	F Survey, Design, Consultant and Construction Co., Ltd
	Equipment for site management, including waste management, for Nam Ngum 1 Recreation Areas in Keo Oudom District, Vientiane Province.	Shopping	6/Dec/24	0101		49,986	49,986.00	F Survey, Design, Consultant and Construction Co., Ltd
<b>TIIGP2-LAO-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-LAO-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>TIIGP2-LAO-G12</b>	Supply and Installation of Prefabricated Aerated Wastewater Treatment System for Nam Ngum Marina Subproject	Shopping	26/Sep/24	0089	USD	100,817	100,817	Aqua Nishihara Corporation Lao Sole Co., Ltd
<b>Total</b>							<b>1,501,511.54</b>	

## Works

Package No.	Description	Mode	Signed	PCSS No.	Amount	\$ Equiv
TIIGP2-LAO-W01	Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements	ICB	30/Dec/19	G21291	USD 3,964,308	3,964,308
TIIGP2-LAO-W02	Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements	ICB	26/Apr/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	23/Jul/21	0001	USD 8,829,631	8,829,631
TIIGP2-LAO-W03a	Vang Vieng Urban Renewal	NCB	17/Oct/24	0093	USD 1,883,118.02	1,883,118.02
TIIGP2-LAO-W04	Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements	ICB	19/Feb/21	G22778	USD 3,156,160	3,156,160
TIIGP2-LAO-W05	Small works for ASEAN Tourism Standards certification bodies	Shopping				4,405.81
TIIGP2-LAO-W06	Small works for AESAN Tourism Standards implementation (public sector)	Shopping				
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-VV03	Renovation of Lom Cave Toilets, Vang Vieng District	Shopping	04/Sept/20	G22466	LAK 265,224,000	28,584.64
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-CPS04	Renovation of Wat Phou Toilets	Shopping	07/Sept/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/Sept/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/Sept/21	0009	LAK 200,645,830	17,950.16
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-VP06	Renovation of Public Toilets at Thongsamsee Temple, Tholakhom District, Vientiane Province	Shopping	28/Sept/21	0010	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/Sept/21	0011	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	0026	LAK 322,861,000	21,462.54
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-11	Improvement of tourist facilities for ASEAN clean tourist city standard and public toilet standard in the project's target sites in Luang Prabang	Shopping	08/Aug/22	0037	USD 76,965	76,965.00
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-12	Improvement of Public Toilets to meet ASEAN standard at the tourist site of Pu Kham Cave, Vangvieng District, Vientiane Province	Shopping	26/Jul/22	0038	USD 33,958	33,958.00
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-13	Improvement to meet ASEAN standards for (i) Homestay at Lingsan Village, (ii) Community Based Tourism at Phon Village, and (iii) Public Toilets at the park near to Nam Gnum Dam at Sengsavang Village, Keoudom District, Vientiane Province	Shopping	05/Aug/22	0039	USD 41,877	41,877.00
TIIGP2-LAO-W06-14	Improvement to meet the ASEAN Standards for (i) Public Toilets in Phousalao Temple, Phothong District, (ii) Community Based Tourism in Nongluang Village, Pakxong District, and (iii) Homestay at Don Deng Village, Pathoumphone District and Don Kho, Sanasomboun District, Champasak Province	Shopping	30/Sept/22	0040	USD 44,000	44,000.00
<b>Total</b>						<b>22,945,439</b>

## Non-consulting Services

Contract Number (PCSS)	Nature of Contract	Description	Supplier Name	Contract Amount USD	Contract Date
0028	NON-CONSULTING SERVICES	Support services for updating of Vang Vieng and Environs Tourism Masterplan and peer review of development proposal(s)	Archineer Associates Survey Design and Consulting Sole Co.,Ltd	96,770.80	13/Jun/22
0036	NON-CONSULTING SERVICES	ASEAN Tourism Standards Promotional Video Production	Smart Class Co.,Ltd	26,685.80	27/Sept/22
0054	NON-CONSULTING SERVICES	Preparation and Implementation of Lao Tourism Marketing Campaign	RDK Group Sole Co.,Ltd	50,000.00	01/Jun/23
0077	NON-CONSULTING SERVICES	Implementation of Laos Tourism Marketing Campaign	RDK Group Sole Co.,Ltd	29,600.00	09/Apr/24
0085	NON-CONSULTING SERVICES	Business plan development facilitation for micro and small size businesses in the Sengsavang Marina, Nam Ngum 1 Reservoir, Keo Udom district, Vientiane province	Enterprise and Development Consultants Co., Ltd (EDC)	9,100.02	03/Oct/24
0096	NON-CONSULTING SERVICES	Training and Coaching for Micro and Small Businesses in Hospitality Skills and Interim Site Management	Consultant Development Hotel and Tourism Sole Co., Ltd	21769.65	12/Nov/24

**Annex 10: Consultant recruitment monitoring table as of 31 December 2024**

Package No.	Description	Mode	Adv Date	No. of Contracts	Estimate (\$ million)	Signed	PCSS No.	Amount
TIIGP2-LAO-C01	Project Management and Civil Engineering Support	QCBS	28/08/2018	1	3,109,134.00	01-Jul-19	G20711	\$ 2,602,460
							G20712	EUR 805,926
TIIGP2-LAO-C02	International Tourism Specialist/Co-Team Leader	ICS	15/11/2018	1	862,223.00	19-Feb-19	G20083	\$ 930,000
TIIGP2-LAO-C03	International Tourism Standards Specialist	ICS	06/06/2019	1	100,876.00	19-Aug-19	G20821	\$ 121,000
TIIGP2-LAO-C04	National Tourism Specialist/Deputy Team Leader	ICS	15/11/2018	1	239,663.00	19-Feb-19	G20084	\$ 242,000
TIIGP2-LAO-C05	International Gender Specialist	ICS	06/06/2019	1	34,500.00	19-Aug-19	G20823	\$ 34,500
TIIGP2-LAO-C06	National Gender Specialist	ICS	06/06/2019	1	49,500.00	19-Aug-19	G20822	\$ 49,500
TIIGP2-LAO-C07	International Financial Management & Procurement Specialist	ICS	15/11/2018	1	71,369.00	20-Feb-19	G20085	\$ 75,000
TIIGP2-LAO-C08	National Financial Management & Procurement Specialist	ICS	15/11/2018	1	23,510.00	19-Feb-19	G20086	\$ 25,000
TIIGP2-LAO-C09	International Monitoring and Evaluation Sepcialist	ICS	06/06/2019	1	45,500.00	29-Aug-19	G20994	\$ 45,500
TIIGP2-LAO-C10	National Monitoring and Evaluation Sepcialist	ICS	06/06/2019	1	53,500.00	13-Nov-19	G21187	\$ 53,500
TIIGP2-LAO-C11	National Internal Auditor	ICS	15/11/2018	1	103,394.00	18-Feb-19	G20087	\$ 102,904
TIIGP2-LAO-C12	Tourism Experts-Variou Resource Persons	SSS	Q2/2019	40	200,000.00			
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-001	SSS		1		23-May-19		\$ 3,150
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-002	SSS		1		23-Jul-19		\$ 2,500
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-003	SSS		1		30-Jul-19		\$ 3,150
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-004	SSS		1		17-Sep-19		\$ 2,100
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-005	SSS		1		22-Oct-19		\$ 2,400
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-006	SSS		1		09-Jan-23	0051	\$ 3,000
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-007	SSS		1		09-Jan-23	0052	\$ 18,743
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-008	SSS		1		01-Sep-23	0056	\$ 10,000
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-009	SSS		1		01-Sep-23	0058	\$ 10,000
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-010	SSS		1		20-Sep-23	0057	\$ 8,975
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-011	SSS		1		01-Mar-24	0064	\$ 10,000
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-012	SSS		1		08-Mar-24	0065	\$ 20,000
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-013	SSS		1		18-Mar-24	0071	\$ 12,175
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-014	SSS		1		01-Apr-24	0072	\$ 8,000
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-015	SSS		1		06-May-24	0074	\$ 5,000
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-016	SSS		1		01-May-24	0075	\$ 8,500
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-017	SSS		1		01-May-24	0076	\$ 6,000
	TIIGP2-LAO-C12-018	SSS		1		17-Sep-24	0087	\$ 3,800
TIIGP2-LAO-C13	International Urban Planning and Design Specialist	ICS	Q4 2019	1	93,290.00	08-Nov-19	G21188	\$ 93,258
TIIGP2-LAO-C14	National Destination Management Specialist	ICS	04-Nov-19	1	57,829.00	24-Apr-19	G20442	\$ 57,829
TIIGP2-LAO-C15	International Tourism Management and Development Specialist	ICS	Q4 2019	1	73,880.00	21-Nov-19	G21189	\$ 73,600
TIIGP2-LAO-C16	International Natural and Cultural Heritage Specialist	ICS	Q4 2019	1	22,311.00	21-Nov-19	G21190	\$ 22,252
TIIGP2-LAO-C17	Natuonal Tourism Destination Development and Mangement Specialist	ICS	Q3 2020	1	128,057.00	10-Sep-20	G22209	\$ 128,000
TIIGP2-LAO-C18	International Social Safeguards Specialist	ICS	Q4 2020	1	70,000.00	07-Dec-20	G22604	\$ 75,000
TIIGP2-LAO-C8a	National Financial Management and Procurement Specialist	ICS	23/Feb/21	1	12,494.00	23-Apr-21	G23034	\$ 12,494
TIIGP2-LAO-C19	National Social Safeguards Specialist 1	ICS	28/May/21	1	47,000.00	16-Jun-21	G23267	\$ 52,000
TIIGP2-LAO-C20	National Social Safeguards Specialist 2	ICS	28/May/21	1	25,000.00	16-Jun-21	G23268	\$ 22,080
TIIGP2-LAO-C21	National External Monitor (Social Safeguards)	ICS	13/Jul/22	1	39,000.00	29-Aug-22	0029	\$ 42,000
TIIGP2-LAO-C18a	International Social Safeguards Specialist	ICS	15/May/24	1	63,000.00	03-Jul-24	0079	\$ 60,000
TIIGP2-Lao-C22	National Community Liaison Officer	ICS		1	32,100.00	20-Nov-24	0092	\$ 33,200
	<b>Total</b>				<b>5,557,130.00</b>			

## Annex 11: Utilization of consulting services as of 31 December 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-Dec-24	Balance (pm)	Notes
<b>TIIGP2-LAO-C01: Project Management and Civil Engineering Support (Firm)</b>									
<b><i>International</i></b>									
1 International Civil Engineer - Co-Team Leader	Mr. Mrityunjoy Ghosh	54	05/Aug/19	41	66	31/Dec/25	63.85	2.15	
2 International Environmental Specialist	Mr. Peter Gammelgaard Jensen	6	12/Aug/19	6	14	31/Dec/25	11.81	2.19	Replacement
3 International Social Safeguards Specialist (Resettlement & Indigenous People)	Mr. Nils Gardek	6	05/Aug/19	6	4.7	31/Dec/24	4.74	0.00	Position discontinued, closed
4 International Institutional Development Specialist	Mr. Steven Long	4	05/Aug/19	4	11	31/Dec/25	9.50	1.50	Replacement
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>70</b>		<b>57</b>	<b>95.7</b>		<b>89.90</b>	<b>5.84</b>	
<b><i>National</i></b>									
1 National Lead Civil Engineer	Mr. Phomma CHANTHIRATH	54	07/Sept/19	41	74.3	31/Dec/25	62.19	12.11	Replacement
2 National Environmental Specialist	Ms. Phaylin BOUNMANYVONE	12	05/Aug/19	12	32	31/Dec/25	29.36	2.64	Replacement
3 National Social Safeguards Specialist (Resettlement & Indigenous People)	Mr. Misa PHOUTHILATH	12	05/Aug/19	12	9	31/Dec/24	9.00	0.00	Position discontinued, closed
4 National Institutional Development Specialist	Mrs. Baythone Lovanxay	12	22/Jun/20	12	18	31/Dec/25	12.00	6.00	Replacement
5 Resident Engineer 1 (W01 C1 Nakasang + C2 Don Det-Don Khone)	Mr. Vongdeth Frichitthavong		22/Jun/20	24	37.5	31/Dec/24	36.66	0.84	Replacement
6 Resident Engineer 2 (W02 Nam Ngum)	Mr. Xayavath Chanthavongsa		11/Sept/19	24	54	31/Dec/24	53.98	0.00	Replacement; closed
7 Resident Engineer 3 (W04 VV Landfill + W03 Vang Vieng)	Mr. Lueyang SISOMBONG		15/Jun/21	22	42	31/Dec/24	41.93	0.07	New Position
8 Construction Supervisor 1 (W03 - V3 Western Loop)	Mr. Vilath KHAMVONGSA			24	32.3	31/Dec/24	32.27	0.00	Replacement; closed
9 Construction Supervisor 2 (W04 Landfill)	Mr. Anikone THAMMAVONG		01/Jun/21	24	28.6	31/Dec/24	28.63	0.00	Replacement; closed
10 Construction Supervisor 3 (W03 Kang Yui)	Mr. Bounxom VONGSOUTCHAY		13/Sept/21	20	28.4	31/Dec/24	28.37	0.00	Replacement; closed
11 Construction Supervisor 4 (W01-C2 Don Det-Don Khone)	Mr. Phoumano Khodpanya		15-Jun-20	20	18	31/Dec/24	18.03	0.00	Replacement; closed
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>90</b>		<b>235</b>	<b>374.1</b>		<b>352.42</b>	<b>21.66</b>	
<b>Summary</b>									
<i>Total International</i>		70		57	95.70		89.90	5.84	
<i>Total National</i>		90		235	374.10		352.42	21.66	
<b>Grand Total TIIGP2-LAO-C01: PMCES Consultant</b>		<b>160</b>		<b>292</b>	<b>469.80</b>		<b>442.32</b>	<b>27.50</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-Dec-24	Balance (pm)	Notes	
<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	61.5	30/Jun/26	51.68	9.82	
2	TIIG2P-LAO-C03: International Tourism Standards Specialist	Mr Ross Alexander Corbett	8	19/Aug/19	7	19.5	30/Jun/26	17.62	1.88	
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	Closed
4	TIIGP2-LAO-C07: International Financial Management & Procurement Specialist	Ms Nida Azada CALMA	5	19/Feb/19	5	20.5	30/Jun/26	17.80	2.70	
5	TIIGP2-LAO-C09: International Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist	Ms. Irene Villapando (through Ramboll)	3	28/Aug/19	2.5	2.8	30/Jun/26	2.22	0.58	Replacement
6	TIIGP2-LAO-C13: International Urban Planning and Design Specialist	Mr Craig Czarny	-	8/Nov/19	lump-sum	lump-sum	31/Oct/24	lump-sum	-	Closed
7	TIIGP2-LAO-C15: International Tourism Management and Development Specialist	Mr Paul Rogers	-	21/Nov/19	lump-sum	lump-sum	31/Dec/22	lump-sum	-	Closed
8	TIIGP2-LAO-C16: International Natural and Cultural Heritage Specialist	Ms Ester van Steekelenburg	-	8/Nov/19	lump-sum	lump-sum	31/Dec/22	lump-sum	-	Closed
9	TIIGP2-LAO-C18: International Social Safeguards Specialist	Mr Paul van Strijp	-	7/Dec/20	4	19	31/Dec/24	19.55	0.00	New position (moved from PMCES) - closed
10	TIIGP2-LAO-C18a: International Social Safeguards Specialist	Mr. Jethro Stern	-	3/Jul/24	3	5.5	30/Jun/26	0.99	4.51	Replacement for TIIGP2-LAO-C18
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>72</b>		<b>77.5</b>	<b>134.3</b>		<b>115.35</b>	<b>19.5</b>	
<b>National</b>										
1	TIIGP2-LAO-C04: National Tourism Specialist - Deputy Team Leader	Ms Phongisth DAVADING	54	19/Feb/19	54	65	30/Jun/26	55.93	9.07	
2	TIIGP2-LAO-C06: National Gender Specialist	Ms Sipaseuth Chanthapanya	12	19/Feb/19	12	15	31/Dec/24	15.00	0.00	Closed
3	TIIGP2-LAO-C08: National Financial Management & Procurement Specialist	Mr Kim XAISANA	6	19/Feb/19	6	6	31/Dec/20	5.94	0.06	Closed
4	TIIGP2-LAO-C08a: National Financial Management & Procurement Specialist	Mr Somphone Siriphanh	-	19/Apr/21	3	9	31/Dec/24	7.00	2.00	Replacement for TIIGP2-LAO-C08 - Closed
5	TIIGP2-LAO-C10: National Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist	Dr Vivath Sauvaly	12	13/Nov/19	11	35	30/Jun/26	31.07	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-Dec-24	Balance (pm)	Notes
6 TIIGP2-LAO-C11: National Internal Auditor	Mr Lomphet PHONGSVANH	-	18/Feb/19	30	43.5	30/Jun/26	32.55	10.95	
7 TIIGP2-LAO-C12: Tourism experts - various resource persons	Various								18 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	59.4	30/Jun/26	47.89	11.51	New position
10 TIIGP2-LAO-C19: National Social Safeguards Specialist 1	Mr Misa Phouthilath	-	16/Jun/21	10	46.5	30/Jun/26	38.41	8.04	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>Closed</i>
12 TIIGP2-LAO-C21: National External Monitor (Social Safeguards)	Ms Vongchanh INDAVONG	-	29/Aug/22	3.64	3.64	30/Jun/26	1.36	2.28	New position
13 TIIGP2-LAO-C22: National Community Liaison Officer	Mr Vongdeth Frichitthavong	-	20/Nov/24	9.09	9.09	31/Dec/25	0.36	8.73	New position
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>84</b>		<b>175.73</b>	<b>299.09</b>		<b>242.51</b>	<b>56.58</b>	
<b>Summary CBS Individual Consultants</b>									
<i>Total International</i>		<i>72</i>		<i>77.50</i>	<i>134.30</i>		<i>115.35</i>	<i>19.50</i>	
<i>Total National</i>		<i>84</i>		<i>175.73</i>	<i>299.09</i>		<i>242.51</i>	<i>56.58</i>	
<b>Total CBS Individual Consultants</b>		<b>156</b>		<b>253.23</b>	<b>433.39</b>		<b>357.86</b>	<b>76.08</b>	
<b>Project Summary</b>									
Total International		142		134.50	230.00		205.25	24.75	
Total National		174		410.73	673.19		594.93	78.26	
<b>Project Grand Total</b>		<b>316</b>		<b>545.23</b>	<b>903.19</b>		<b>800.18</b>	<b>103.01</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
3. Summary of Training (relates to Labor issue of W3)

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

Item	Timing	Activities	Responsible Implementor	Progress as of 30 September 2024	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 30 September 2024	Plan
		maintenance and cleaning of the mixing plant. 1. Electricity safety training at mixing plant. 2. Emergency/training on first aid and safety for workers 3. Construction safety training 4. Safety working at height training for bridge construction. 5. Electricity safety at bridge construction		Action 4. not required as there is no bridge construction under this package. Action 5. 30 Oct 2022 and Mar 2023  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 Action Done on 21 Nov 2024 for the Health and Safety training and working at Height training  W03 Completed: 1. Sep 2022 2. May 2022 3. 22 Sep 2022 4. 22 Sep 2022 5. 07 Aug 2023 6. Done on the Health and safety training carried in Q2 2024.  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	
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	Completed

Item	Timing	Activities	Responsible Implementor	Progress as of 30 September 2024	Plan
				W04: 29 Oct 2022	

## 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 30 December 2024

	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	April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024	September 2024
W01	Project completion	Project completion	Project completion	Project completion	14 to 17-May	Project completion	Project completion	Project completion	Project completion
W02	-	14-Feb	20-Mar	9-April	27-May	-	18-Jul	9-Aug	13-Sep
W03	-	13-Feb	19 & 20 - Mar	10-April	28-May	-	9 & 17-Jul	8-Aug	11-12-Sep
				1 to 2- April	-	19 June & 25-26 June	-	-	-
W04	-	13 Feb	19,20 & 31 - Mar	10-April	10-May & 24 May	19-June	2-Jul	-	-

	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sep2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024
W01	-	-	-	-	-	-
W02	18-Jul	09-Aug	13-Sep	03-Oct	07- Nov	-
W03	09 and 17-Jul	08-Aug 14-Aug	11-12-Sep	04 and 24-Oct	08-Nov	17 and 24-Dec
W03a	-	-	-	24-25 Oct	-	17 and 18-Dec
W04	2-Jul	15-Aug	-	25-26 Oct	-	24 & 25-Dec

### 1. Summary of Training (relates to Labor issue of W3)

No.	Item	Responsibilities	Plan
1.	<p><b>Kang Yui Waterfall construction site:</b> the presence of child labor and young workers being involved in hazardous work as excavator's operation work at the construction which it's unacceptable.</p> <p>Training and assessment carried out by Labor Inspectors, Ministry of Labor, and Employment</p>	Completed Training in Q4 2024	-

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

**Project Title:** Grant 0599-LAO: Second Greater Mekong Subregion Tourism Infrastructure for Inclusive Growth Project  
**Country:** Lao PDR  
**Project No.:** 49387-002  
**Type of Project (Loan/Grant/TA):** Grant  
**Approval date:** 31 August 2018  
**Project Implementation Duration:** 25 December 2018 – December 2025. Grant closing date is 30 June 2026  
**Gender Category:** Effective Gender Mainstreaming (EGM)  
**Project Impact:** Sustainable, inclusive, and more balanced tourism development achieved.  
**Project Outcome:** Tourism competitiveness of secondary towns increased.

**Status of GAP implementation:**

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

	Achieved	On track	Not yet achieved
9 Activities	5 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9)	4 (1, 2, 3, 4)	0
25 Targets	10 (2, 3, 4, 8, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 24)	15 (1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 21, 22, 23, 25)	0

Gender Action Plan (GAP) <sup>13</sup>	Progress to date (up to December 2024)	Issues and Challenges <sup>14</sup>
<b>Outcome</b>		
<b>Target 1:</b> Women account for at least 55% of tourism workers <sup>15</sup> in project areas <sup>16</sup> . (2016 baseline: Lao PDR 50%) (DMF outcome indicator d)	<b>On-track</b> As of December 2023, female workers account for 58% of the total workforce in Lao PDR's tourism and hospitality sector. <sup>17</sup> Champasak Province: 61.8% Vientiane Province: 67.4% Vang Vieng District 49.5%	(i) the project team and National Tourism Specialist will discuss with DICT to discuss with tourism businesses units to

<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> A tourism worker is defined as a person employed in tourism and hospitality industry, including hotels, resorts, guesthouses, restaurants, tourist attractions, entertainment venues, tour companies, travel agents, or as a tour guide or at a tourism-related handicraft business.

<sup>16</sup> The project target areas are defined as the provinces of Champasak, Luang Prabang and Vientiane Province

<sup>17</sup> Tourism Sector Survey, conducted by Project 4 PIUs in December 2023.

Gender Action Plan (GAP) <sup>13</sup>	Progress to date (up to December 2024)		Issues and Challenges <sup>14</sup>															
	Luang Prabang Province: 56.3% Aggregate for the four target sub-project areas : 58 %		enhance employment opportunities for women; (ii) In DMN meetings, the project team/consultants will raise this issue to encourage the tourism businesses to hire more women.															
<b>Output 1: Urban-rural access infrastructure and urban environmental services improved.</b>																		
<b>Objective 1: Strengthen women’s voice in project design.</b>																		
<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.	<b>Achieved</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.  The project has five works packages/sub-projects, as follows:  (i) Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W01: Nakasang and Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements: 1) Sub-project C1: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation 2) Sub-project C2: Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements (ii) Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W02: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements 1) Sub-project V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements (iii) Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W03: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvements and Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvements 1) Sub-project V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvement 2) Sub-project V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvement (iv) Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W03a: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal 1) Sub-project V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal (v) Works Package: TIIGP2-LAO-W04: Vang Vieng Landfill Improvements 1) Sub-project V5: Vangvieng Solid Waste Management Improvements  <b>Details of consultation listed below:</b> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Works Package</th> <th>Sub-project</th> <th>Number of Consultation</th> <th>Status</th> <th>Consultations</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <th>date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Works Package	Sub-project	Number of Consultation	Status	Consultations					date						The project M&E and the deputy project team leader specialist (who handle gender works) will coordinate with the social safeguard specialist and the O&M specialist to update the number of consultations regarding employment opportunities implemented during and after construction for the C1, C2, and V 3 subprojects.
Works Package	Sub-project	Number of Consultation	Status	Consultations														
				date														

Gender Action Plan (GAP) <sup>13</sup>	Progress to date (up to December 2024)					Issues and Challenges <sup>14</sup>				
	(i) TIIGP2-LAO-W01	1. C1:Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation	2	Completed	17,18-Oct-18					
		24-Oct-19								
	(ii) TIIGP2-LAO-W02	2. C2: Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements	2	Completed	17,18-Oct-18		25-Oct-19			
		(iii) TIIGP2-LAO-W03		3. V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements	3		Completed	19-Oct-19	19-Aug-21	20-May-22
	4. V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvement		2	Completed			20-Oct-19	19-Aug-21		
	5. V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvement			2			Completed	16-Aug-19	17-Sep-19	
	(iv) TIIGP2-LAO-W03a	6. V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal	2		Completed		20-May-22	20-Sep-23		
	(v) TIIGP2-LAO-W04	7. V5: Vangvieng Solid Waste Management Improvements		3	Completed		19-Jun-18	13-Oct-18	20-Aug-21	
			<p>The main result of consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) women suggested that the project support on market information for selling fish</li> <li>(ii) (Women need support on establishing women group for fish processing</li> <li>(iii) (Most of women from Sengsavang village and Sokpakeo village work on services in restaurant in Namngnum Tourism area, women requested project to support on training of restaurant services.</li> <li>(iv) Women suggested that if job available in the project area, the project should inform them and</li> <li>(v) 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>							

Gender Action Plan (GAP) <sup>13</sup>	Progress to date (up to December 2024)					Issues and Challenges <sup>14</sup>														
<p><b>Target 3:</b> At least 50% of people consulted are women.</p> <p>(DMF output indicator 1f)</p>	<p><b>Achieved</b>  Project conducted total 16 consultation meetings with 119 (46%) out of 261 people consulted were women. Details as mentioned in target 2 above.  Details as the following</p>					<p>The project M&amp;E and the deputy project team leader specialist (who handle gender works) will coordinate with the social safeguard specialist and the O&amp;M specialist to update the number of men and women participants attending the consultations regarding employment opportunities implemented during and after construction for the C1, C2, and V 3 subprojects.</p>														
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(i) TIIGP2-LAO-W01 1. C1: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation 2. C2: Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements		20, 21-Jun18	12	5	42															
		24-Oct-19	21	17	81															
		17,18-Oct-18	37	7	19															
		25-Oct-19	49	39	79															
(ii) TIIGP2-LAO-W02 3. V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements		19-Oct-19	12	8	67															
		19-Aug-21	21	9	43															
		20-May-22	6	6	100															
(iii) TIIGP2-LAO-W03 4. V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvement 5. V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvement		20-Oct-19	18	11	61															
		19-Aug-21	21	9	43															
		16-Aug-19	17	2	12															
		17-Sep-19	25	5	20															
(iv) TIIGP2-LAO-W03a 6. V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal		20-May-22	19	19	100															
		20-Sep-23	72	33	46															
(v) TIIGP2-LAO-W04 7. V5: Vangvieng Solid Waste Management Improvements		19-Jun-18	12	4	33															
		13-Oct-18	38	21	55															
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<b>Total</b>		16	403	208																

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<b>Objective 2. Promote women's economic employment and safety.</b>							
<p><b>Target 4:</b> At least 300<sup>18</sup>entrepreneurs (60% women) receive SME support services (2017 baseline: 0)</p>	<p><b>Achieved</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 was developed and completed in Q2, 2024 To date, 317 entrepreneurs received SME support services (191 or 60% were women):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Luang Prabang: 63 out of 99 (64%) entrepreneurs were women</li> <li>- Vientiane Province: 43 out of 46 (93%) entrepreneurs were women</li> <li>- Vang Vieng: 40 out of 81 (49%) entrepreneurs were women</li> <li>- Champasak: 45 out of 91 (49%) entrepreneurs were women</li> </ul> <p><b>This indicator corresponds to DMF 3d-g</b></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) and TIIGP2-Lao-W03a (V4).</p> <p><b>As of December 2024</b>, the total unskilled workers hired is 2 (40%) out of total 5 unskilled workers were women. Other one sub-project (sub-project V4): Vang Vieng Urban Renewal), the construction has just been started</p> <p>Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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, 2 women (40%) out of 5 local unskilled workers were women.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>						<p>The project M&amp;E and the deputy project team leader specialist (who handle gender works)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>

<sup>18</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 )

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<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 as suitable worker safety training, equipment.</p>	<p><b>On-track</b>            There were 1 operated contractor and 2 camps. All 2 camps are separated access to water and sanitation facilities for women and men and separate quarters, as well as suitable worker safety training, equipment.</p> <p>As details:  <u>Vang Vieng District: 2 camps</u>            sub-project V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvement and sub-projects V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvement,            - 1 contractor, 2 camps</p>	<p>The project M&amp;E and the deputy project team leader specialist (who handle gender works) will continue to coordinate with PIU and contractors to maintain this requirement, particularly for the subproject TIIGP2-LAO-W03a once the construction commences.</p>
<p><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<sup>19</sup>, all operated contractors provided gender-responsive information on HIV/AIDS, STI, human trafficking and child labor exploitation prevention information to workers in all camps construction.</p> <p>The contractors provided this information together with communities IEC campaign.</p>	<p>The project M&amp;E and the deputy project team leader specialist (who handle gender works) 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:</p>

<sup>19</sup> IEC facilitator team includes IGS, NGS and GFPs.

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	<p>(i) Kaeng Yui Waterfall: total 3 vendors (rotation based, there is no owner, so it cannot identify men and women vendors)</p> <p>(ii) Nam Ngum Reservoir: total 28 vendors (19 vendors were household base and 9 vendors women headed of household)</p> <p>(iii) Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation: total 10 vendors.</p>	<p>(i) Follow up whether all vendors (male and female) return to improved market space after construction of each sub project areas;</p> <p>(ii) If some vendors (especially female) do not want to return to improved market space after construction the reasons will be identified</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 M&amp;E specialist will collect data on</p> <p>(i) No. of the newly constructed shop of each sub project areas</p> <p>(ii) the name list of the owners/operators of newly constructed shop of each sub project areas and</p> <p>(iii) continue coordinating with PIU and social safeguard team to ensure that at least 80% (80 women) of newly constructed shop owners/operators are women of each sub project areas. After construction completed</p>
<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</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</li> </ul>	<p><b>Suggestion</b> The project M&amp;E and the deputy project team leader specialist (who handle gender works) will visit the sites to confirm. Infrastructure subproject</p>

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<p>kiosks, road safety instruction, and others identified during consultations.</p>	<p>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).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>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>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 carefully considered and consultations held with affected men and women. The updated resettlement plan now specifies that the first-year rent will be waived and year 2-3 user charges will be reduced by 50%, to ensure affordability and allow time for the businesses to build up and generate sufficient revenue to afford the full rental fee which will kick in in year 5.</li> </ul>	<p>The project M&amp;E and the deputy project team leader specialist (who handle gender works) 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>
<p><b>Objective 4. Ensure women’s equal participation in gender-sensitive IEC programs to mitigate tourism’s social risks.</b></p>		
<p><b>Target 8:</b> 50% of IEC facilitators trained by the project are women.</p>	<p><b>Achieved</b>  There were 10 gender focal persons composed of 5 male and 5 female (50 %) 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.</p>	<p>.</p>

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<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> 470 (51%) out of 921 participants attended the IEC campaigns were women from communities around 5 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> <li>(v) Vientiane Province: subproject V5: Vang Vieng Solid Waste Management Improvement: the selected agenda on waste management - 279 (55%) out of 510 were women</li> </ul> <p><b>For the next IEC campaigns will focus on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(vi) 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>(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>Comment The M&amp;E specialist organize communities' campaign for the remain 2 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> 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>	

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	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).	
<b>Output 2: Capacity to implement ASEAN Tourism Standards strengthened</b>		
<b>Objective 5. Promote women's leadership.</b>		
<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> 100 (52%) out of 193 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 13 were women; 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>• <b>ASEAN CBT Standard 2 (22%) out of 9 were women- dated 14/09/2021 Not Achieved</b></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><u>Provinces: 52 (52%) out of 99 members and assessors were women:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Champasak Province: 21 (53%) out of 39 were women;</li> <li>• Vientiane Province: 8 (50%) out of 16 were women;</li> <li>• Vang Vieng District: 15 (53%) out of 28 were women;</li> <li>• Luang Prabang Province: 8 (50%) out of 16 were women.</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 30% as follows:</p> <p>(i) National members and assessors include more women in the (a) ASEAN CBT Standard</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> 56 (52%) out of 107 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> </ul> </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% as follows:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ASEAN MICE Standard: 0% (0 out of 2); -Not Achieved</li> <li>- ASTA: 100 % (1 out of 1)</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>- <b>ASEAN Public Toilet Standard: 1 (33%) out of 3 was woman- Not Achieved</b></li> <li>- ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard: 100% (2 out of 2);</li> <li>- <b>ASEAN CBT Standard 2 (22%) out of 9 were women -Not Achieved</b></li> <li>- ASEAN MICE Standard: 20 (67% out of 30 were women.</li> <li>- <b>ASTA: 3 (30%) out of 10 were women- Not Achieved</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Provinces: 17 (51%) of 33 were women:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Champasak Province: 5 (55%) out of 9 were women</li> <li>- Vientiane Province: 4 (50%) out of 8 were women;</li> <li>- Vang Vieng District: 4 (66%) out of 6 were women;</li> <li>- Luang Prabang Province: 4 (40%) out of 10 were women;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>(ii) National Trainers include more women in (a) ASEAN Public Toilet Standard; (b) ASEAN CBT Standard; (c) ASTA</p>
<p><b>Target 12:</b> At least 45% of ASEAN tourism awards selection panel members are women (2017 baseline: 0).</p>	<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>100 (52%) out of 193 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 13 were omen; dated 21/07/2021.</li> <li>• ASEAN Spa Service: 7 (64%) out of 11 were women; dated 21/07/2021.</li> <li>• <b>ASEAN Homestay Standard: 3 (33%) out of 9); dated 27/08/2021. Not Achieved</b></li> <li>• <b>ASEAN Public Toilet Standard: 4 (44%) out of 9); dated 07/12/2021. Not Achieved</b></li> <li>• ASEAN Clean City Standard: 8 (47%) out of 17 were women; dated 11/08/2021.</li> <li>• <b>ASEAN CBT Standard 2 (22%) out of 9 were women- dated 14/09/2021 Not Achieved</b></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><u>Provinces: 52 (52%) out of 99 members and assessors were women:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Champasak Province: 21 (53%) out of 39 were women;</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 45% as follows:</p> <p>National tourism awards selection panel members include more women in the (a) ASEAN Homestay Standard; (b) ASEAN Public Toilet Standard; (c) ASEAN CBT Standard.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vientiane Province: 8 (50%) out of 16 were women;</li> <li>• Vang Vieng District: 15 (53%) out of 28 were women;</li> <li>• Luang Prabang Province: 8 (50%) out of 16 were women.</li> </ul>	
<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 December 2024, 1751 (43%) out of 4,078 are women participated in ASEAN tourism standards training. Women participants from business sectors account for 837 (out of 1,949 women). The participants from business sectors of each sub-sector are calculated based on the following %: Green hotel 80%, SPA 75%, Tourist city 40%, ASTA 40%, Public toilet 35%, CBT and homestay 15%, MICE 80% and Tourism Standard in general 50%.	<p>Comments: The project gender specialist/M&amp; E specialist will continue to coordinate with PCU and PIU to ensure that for the upcoming ASEAN tourism standards training at least 40 % of women participants in ASEAN tourism standards training for businesses are women.</p> <p>(The activity proposal should define at least 40% 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>		
<b>Target 14:</b> At least 3,000 <sup>20</sup> residents and tourism workers (50% women) participated in destination management training and awareness-raising activities. (2017 baseline: 0)  (DMF output indicator 3c)	<b>On-track</b> As of December 2024, 4,593 out of the 9,704 residents and tourism workers who have participated in destination management training and awareness-raising activities were women. (47.3% were women)	<b>Suggestion:</b> The the project M&E and the deputy project team leader specialist (who handle gender works) will inform PIUs to encourage more women to participate in destination

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		<p>management training and awareness-raising activities by conducting the activities in suitable time and comfortable place for women</p> <p>(The activity proposal should define at least 50% of the expected female participants.)</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 positions are held by women (2017 baseline: 34%). (In financing agreement 30%)</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> <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 December 2024, 1,578 (47%) out of 3,323 participants among PCU and PIU staff, who attended technical and project management training are women.</p>	<p>The project M&amp;E specialist will continue to coordinate with PCU and PIU to ensure that for the upcoming technical and project management training, at least 30% of PCU and PIU staff that attend are women.</p>

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			(The activity proposal should define at least 30% of the expected female participants.)						
<b>Objective 8. Promote women’s representation in destination management network (DMN) and infrastructure O&amp;M entities.</b>									
<b>Target 19:</b> DMN managers comprise at least 30% women (2017 baseline: ~30%).	<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>								
<b>Target 20:</b> Women comprise at least 40% of total DMN membership (2017 baseline: ~30%).	<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></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>This indicator corresponds to DMF 3a-g</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Works Package</th> <th>Sub-project</th> <th>Number of public works and tourism site managers</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Works Package	Sub-project	Number of public works and tourism site managers				<p>Suggestions:</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</p>
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				Total	Female	% of Female	<p>actual) of each sub-project areas.  - At least 30% of 90 public works and tourism site managers are women.</p>
(i) TIIGP2-LAO-W01	1. C1: Nakasang Access Road and Port Rehabilitation						
	2. C2: Don Det-Don Khone Access Improvements						
(ii) TIIGP2-LAO-W02	3. V1: Nam Ngum Reservoir Access Improvements						
(iii) TIIGP2-LAO-W03	4. V2: Kaeng Yui Waterfall Access Improvement						
	5. V3: Western Loop Rural Access Road and Bridge Improvement						
(iv) TIIGP2-LAO-W03a	6. V4: Vang Vieng Urban Renewal						
(v) TIIGP2-LAO-W04	7. V5: Vangvieng Solid Waste Management Improvements						
Total							
<b>Target 22:</b> Community tourism groups involving women and youth (at least 40% women and girl's membership) are established or	<b>On- track</b> <b>There are 401 (61.97%) out of 647 community tourism groups that are women (for Champasak and Luang Prabang, Vang Vieng, Vientiane Province)</b> <b>Champasak Province:</b>					The project national gender specialist and gender focal persons will continue to:	

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strengthened in all sites with community-managed tourist attractions.	<p>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></p> <p>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></p> <p>3) <b>Tad Young Water fall</b> -Tourist attraction site. Organic Vegetable Production Group, <b>46 (87%) out of 53 are women</b></p> <p><b><u>Luang Prabang province</u></b></p> <p>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></p> <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>(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</p> <p>(ii) go to the sub-project areas to work with PIU gender person to encourage women participation in all sites with community-managed tourist attractions (at least 40% women and girl's membership).</p>
<b>Target 23:</b> At least 50% of participants in tourism-related service training are women (2017 baseline: ~70%).	<p><b>On-track</b>  <b>As of December 2024. 1,466 (54%) out of 2,725 participants in tourism-related service training are women.</b></p>	<p>Comments:  The project gender specialist/M&amp; E specialist will continue to coordinate with PCU and PIU to ensure that for the upcoming tourism-related service trainings, at least</p>

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		50% of participants are women. (The activity proposal should define at least 50% of the expected female participants.)
<b>Objective 9. Improve gender mainstreaming capacity to implement and monitor the GAP and report gender impacts.</b>		
<b>Target 24:</b> 50% of 10 gender focal persons appointed to PCU, and PIUs are men. <sup>21</sup>	<b>Achieved</b> Of the total 10 gender focal persons, 5 (50%) were female and 5 (50%) were men. - Four (4) male and 4 female focal persons at the PIU and - One female and one male focal person at the national level.	.
<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.	<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.  The contract of the first National Gender Specialist (NGS), who served the post since TIIGP1, was used up after several contract variations until December 2021 and was no longer extended. The tasks of the NGS are taken over by the M & E Specialist who has gender experience. The MICT Gender Focal person is also tapped to support provincial gender training.  They consulted with the PCU officers, the PMCES Consultant and M&E consultants. During the IGS' first in-country mission, she provided gender orientation training to PCU members and project consultants (18 attended, 10 were women) on 21 Oct. 2019. This was followed by a series of gender consultation workshops on 9-10 Oct 2019 with PIU-Vang Vieng, Ban Naduang and Ban Phon Vieng (target sub-project sites) and Sengsavang village authorities. A total of 103 participated, 40 (39 %) of whom were women.  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,	

<sup>21</sup> The project established one PCU and 4 PIUs

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	<p>monitor and document towards the mid-term project review. A total of 86 participated, 55 (64%) of whom were women.</p> <p>A series of trainings in gender-responsive tourism was conducted in the provinces from June 13 – 30 2022 and Vientiane capital on 1 July 1 2022</p>	
<p><b>Activity 8:</b> GAP targets and actions are reflected in annual project work plans and reported in quarterly progress reports.</p>	<p><b>Achieved</b></p> <p>The project’s annual workplan for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 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, 2022, 2023, 2024 based on the GAP.</p>	<p>Gender Specialist continue coordinating with project consultants to ensure that GAP targets and actions are reflected in annual project work plans and reported in quarterly progress reports</p>
<p><b>Activity 9:</b> PPMS includes sex-disaggregated indicators and templates to track GAP progress, implementation, and project benefits.</p>	<p><b>Achieved.</b></p> <p>The PPMS and baseline report were submitted to ADB in Q2 2020. PPMS was finalized. The National Gender Specialists support the monitoring of GAP indicators and alignment and report on GAP progress accordingly.</p> <p>The PPMS includes sex-disaggregated indicators and templates to track GAP progress, implementation, and project benefits.</p>	
<p><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>	<p><b>On-track</b></p> <p>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 Q3 – 2024 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>(ii). All 3 human impact stories will be completed by Q4-2024</p>	<p>The project ender specialist will coordinate with project consultants to</p> <p>(i) Identify three human impact stories by Q2 – 2025</p> <p>(ii) All 3 human impact stories completed Q3-2025</p>



## Annex 14: Status of compliance with Grant Covenants as of 31 December 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 . APFS for FY 2023 was submitted on 30 June 2024.</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 2022 APFS was disclosed on the ADB</li> </ul>

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		<p>website, with delay, in October 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 2023 APFS was disclosed in the ADB website in July 2024</li> </ul>
4	<p>Section 4.02. (c) The Recipient shall enable ADB, upon ADB's request, to discuss the financial statements for the Project and the Recipient's financial affairs where they relate to the Project with the auditors appointed pursuant to subsection (a)(iii) hereinabove, and shall authorize and require any representative of such auditors to participate in any such discussions requested by ADB. This is provided that such discussions shall be conducted only in the presence of an authorized officer of the Recipient, unless the Recipient shall otherwise agree.</p>	Compliant
5	<p>Section 4.03. The Recipient shall enable ADB's representatives to inspect the Project, the Goods and Works, and any relevant records and documents.</p>	Compliant
	<p><b>Grant Agreement Schedule 4</b></p>	
6	<p><u>Implementation Arrangements</u> The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the detailed arrangements set forth in the PAM. Any subsequent change to the PAM shall become effective only after approval of such change by the Recipient and ADB. In the event of any discrepancy between the PAM and this Grant Agreement, the provisions of this Grant Agreement shall prevail.</p>	Compliant
7	<p><u>Environment</u> The Recipient shall ensure that the preparation, design, construction, implementation, operation and decommissioning of the Project and all Project facilities comply with (a) all applicable laws and regulations of the Recipient relating to environment, health and safety; (b) the Environmental Safeguards; and (c) all measures and requirements set forth in the IEE, the EMPs, and any corrective or preventative actions set forth in a Safeguards Monitoring Report.</p>	Compliant
8	<p><u>Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement</u> The Recipient shall ensure that all land and all rights- of-way required for the Project are made available to the Works contractor in accordance with the schedule agreed under the related Works contract and all land acquisition and resettlement activities are implemented in compliance with (a) all applicable laws and regulations of the Recipient relating to land acquisition and involuntary resettlement; (b) the Involuntary Resettlement Safeguards; and (c) all measures and requirements set forth in the RP, and any corrective or preventative actions set forth in the Safeguards Monitoring Report. Without limiting the application of the Involuntary Resettlement Safeguards or the RP, the Recipient shall ensure that no physical or economic displacement takes place in connection with the Project until: (a) compensation and other entitlements have been provided to affected people in accordance with the RP; and (b) a comprehensive income and livelihood restoration program has been established in accordance with the RP.</p>	<p>Compliant</p> <p>All subprojects have up to date safeguards instruments in place including RP and CCRs.</p>
9	<p><u>Indigenous Peoples</u></p>	Compliant

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	The Recipient shall ensure that the preparation, design, construction, implementation and operation of the Project and all Project facilities comply with (a) all applicable laws and regulations of the Recipient relating to indigenous peoples; (b) the Indigenous Peoples Safeguards; and (c) all measures and requirements set forth in the IPP, and any corrective or preventative actions (i) set forth in a Safeguards Monitoring Report, or (ii) subsequently agreed between ADB and the Recipient.	
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: (a) comply with the measures relevant to the contractor set forth in the IEE, the EMPs, the RP and the IPP (to the extent they concern impacts on affected people during construction), and any corrective or preventative actions set forth in a Safeguards Monitoring Report; (b) make available a budget for all such environmental and social measures; (c) provide the Recipient with a written notice of any unanticipated environmental, resettlement or indigenous peoples risks or impacts that arise during' construction, implementation or operation of the Project that were not considered in the IEE, the EMPs, the RP and the IPP; (d) adequately record the condition of roads, agricultural land and other infrastructure prior to starting to transport materials and construction; and (e) reinstate pathways, other local infrastructure, and agricultural land to at least their pre- project condition upon the completion of construction.	Compliant  IEE/EMPs, RPs and EGDRPs are included in Works bidding documents and contracts, and contracts include provisions that require contractors to make available budget and comply with these documents, and to promptly report any safeguards risk or impacts.
12	<u>Safeguards Monitoring and Reporting</u> The Recipient shall do the following: (a) submit semi- annual Safeguards Monitoring Reports to ADB and disclose relevant information from such reports to affected persons promptly upon submission; (b) if any unanticipated environmental and/or social risks and impacts arise during construction, implementation or operation of the Project that were not considered in the IEE, the EMPs, the RP and the IPP, promptly inform ADB of the occurrence of such risks or impacts, with detailed description of the event and proposed corrective action plan; and (c) report any actual or potential breach of compliance with the measures and requirements set forth in the EMPs, the RP or the IPP promptly after becoming aware of the breach.	Compliant.
13	<u>Prohibited List of Investments</u> The Recipient shall ensure that no proceeds of the Grant are used to finance any activity included in the list of prohibited investment activities provided in Appendix 5 of the SPS.	Compliant
14	<u>Labor Standards, Health and Safety</u> The Recipient shall ensure that the core labor standards and the Recipient's applicable laws and regulations are complied with during Project implementation. The Recipient shall include	Compliant

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	<p>specific provisions in the bidding documents and contracts financed by ADB under the Project requiring that the contractors, among other things: (a) comply with the Recipient's applicable labor law and regulations and incorporate applicable workplace occupational safety norms; (b) do not use child labor; (c) do not discriminate workers in respect of employment, sex and occupation; (d) do not use forced labor; (e) allow freedom of association and effectively recognize the right to collective bargaining; and (f) disseminate, or engage appropriate service providers to disseminate, information on the risks of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, to the employees of contractors engaged under the Project and to members of the local communities surrounding the Project area, particularly women.</p> <p>The Recipient shall strictly monitor compliance with the requirements set forth in paragraph 10 above and provide ADB with regular reports.</p>	
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</p>

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

**Annex 15: Internal Audit Report as of 31 December 2024**