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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	–	Asian Development Bank
AFD	–	Agence Française de Développement
BOL	–	Bank of Lao PDR
CPC	–	Committee for Planning and Cooperation
CSP	–	country strategy and program
GDP	–	gross domestic product
GMS	–	Greater Mekong Subregion
HIPC	–	highly indebted poor country
IMF	–	International Monetary Fund
Lao PDR	–	Lao People's Democratic Republic
NPEP	–	National Poverty Eradication Programme
PIP	–	Public Investment Program
PRGF	–	Poverty Reduction Growth Facility
SMEs	–	small and medium-sized enterprises
SOCB	–	state-owned commercial bank
TA	–	technical assistance

NOTES

- (i) The fiscal year (FY) of the Government ends on 30 September.
- (ii) In this report, "\$" refers to US dollars.

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I. CURRENT DEVELOPMENT TRENDS AND ISSUES

A. Recent Political and Social Developments

1. Political stability has been sustained. The leadership structure was established in March 2001. While the political leadership still remains with the generation that helped establish the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) almost 27 years ago, the country has gradually moved toward on its economic reform agenda. The National Assembly election was held on 24 February 2002. Most of the newly elected National Assembly members are younger and better educated than the previous members. The National Assembly is expected to accelerate public sector and economic reforms needed by a changing society and a market-based system.

2. The Government is devolving its strategic planning and budgeting functions to the provinces and districts. Well-prepared and effectively implemented decentralization can help the development process reflect local situations and cultural and ethnic differences. However, the current institutional framework may not clearly define new subnational-level responsibilities or solve the resource imbalance among different provinces. Local technical capacity is not fully adequate to take on these responsibilities, while national coordination and monitoring capacity remains weak.

3. Political and economic ties with neighboring countries have become stronger. Heads of state and senior officials of neighboring countries meet more frequently than before. Senior officials, and communities in the Mekong region increasingly recognize the importance of trade with neighboring countries. Tourism has increased substantially in recent years. A major challenge facing the Lao PDR is to realize the benefits of regional cooperation while minimizing the negative social and environmental impacts of development.

4. The disparity in socioeconomic development is growing between the lowland communities and those in the uplands. Most uplanders still depend on traditional subsistence agriculture and have limited access to health, education, transport, electricity, and markets. The scattered and remote populations, diverse ethnic groups and cultures, and mountainous terrain make it difficult to equitably share development benefits. The Government emphasizes poverty reduction through the strengthening of national integration, rural development, stabilization of shifting cultivation, and elimination of opium production. A strategic and integrated approach with prioritized policies and programs is required to achieve and sustain broad-based development and poverty reduction. The country's progress toward the Millennium Development Goals and Targets is in Appendix 1, Table A1.1.

B. Economic Assessment and Outlook

5. Economic performance remained steady in 2001 and the early part of 2002 with gross domestic product (GDP) growth estimated at 5.5% in 2001, compared to 5.9% in 2000.¹ This performance is strong considering the regional slowdown and the low level of economic growth in Thailand—the Lao PDR's major trading partner. Industry remained the fastest-growing sector, with growth of 8.5%. The service sector, which accounts for about a quarter of the economy, also grew steadily at around 6% in 2001, compared with 6.2% in 2000. Agriculture grew at an estimated rate of 3.9% in 2001, less robust than in previous years. The agriculture sector employs around 85% of the population and accounts for approximately half of GDP. The outlook for 2002 and 2003 is generally positive, with 5.8–6.0% economic growth driven by new

¹ The Government puts GDP growth rate for FY2001 at 5.7%.

investments in the hydropower and mining sectors, provided a global economic recovery eventuates.

6. The Government and Bank of Lao PDR (BOL) have generally maintained strict policies to lower inflation. BOL has largely stopped financing the Government deficit. Price levels remained relatively stable, with inflation of 7.8% in 2001, which is a significant reduction from the hyperinflation rates of about 87% in 1998 and 134% in 1999. While the foreign exchange rate was volatile in mid-2001 and mid-2002, it has largely stabilized at KN9,500–KN10,000 per dollar. In April 2001, the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility (PRGF) was approved. IMF completed its first review of the performance of the Lao PDR under the PRGF and approved the second tranche release in February 2002. If the Government maintains prudent monetary and fiscal policies, low inflation rates could be sustained in 2003. Several years of relatively low inflation should help further stabilize the kip and reduce foreign currency use in domestic transactions.

7. To control inflation, the Government has kept a prudent course in budget management. In 2001, current revenues accounted for 14.4% of GDP. Total expenditures were around 22.5% of GDP in 2001. The Government has met the budget gap of 8% of GDP largely with grants and concessionary loans. Although recurrent expenditures have increased over the past 2 years, capital investment accounted for 65% of the total budget, which constrained spending in the social sectors as well as operation and maintenance of existing assets. The Government plans to more closely assess the recurrent expenditure requirement for new capital expenditures beginning with the Public Investment Program (PIP) of FY2002. Fiscal decentralization with insufficient institutional capacity has raised uncertainties about effectiveness of collecting revenues and managing expenditures. The Government does not have timely information on the distribution of spending by sectors, which seriously hampers planning. In May 2002, the Government issued a prime minister's decree on PIP preparation and monitoring to address weaknesses in the PIP process. If the country accomplishes fiscal decentralization with minimal disruption, Government revenues are expected to reach 15–16% of GDP in 2003. Meanwhile, expenditures are forecast to remain at 21–22% of GDP in 2003.

8. In 2001, the trade deficit remained at about 13.0% of GDP, and the current account deficit increased to around 7.0% from 5.8% in 2000. While the total value of exports increased from \$393 million in 2000 to \$425 million in 2001, imports increased from \$591 million in 2000 to \$653 million in 2001. In 2001, foreign direct investment was estimated at \$30 million, close to the 2000 level. There are prospects for a substantial rise in foreign direct investment in 2002 and 2003. The value of approved foreign direct investment during the first 4 months of 2002 already reached \$58, compared to 2001 annual approval of \$54 million. Gross official reserves were maintained at \$136 million or equivalent to 2.5 months of imports.

9. The Lao PDR is officially classified as a highly indebted poor country (HIPC). However, the Government does not intend to seek debt relief under the HIPC initiative. Approximately half of the Lao PDR's debt is with the Russian Federation, carried on the books at an unrealistically high exchange rate, and mostly not being serviced. The governments of the Lao PDR and Russian Federation are renegotiating the terms of the ruble debt, which could significantly reduce the Lao PDR's foreign debt. While the current public debt service level of about 11% of exports is considered manageable, debt sustainability should be carefully assessed and monitored. IMF is conducting a debt sustainability study.

C. Implications for the Country Strategy and Program

10. A full Country Strategy and Program (CSP) (2002-2004) was prepared in September 2001, following considerable consultation with stakeholders. The CSP's strategic thrust and priority areas remain valid. The recent stable socioeconomic development will facilitate the CSP's implementation. ADB will focus on implementing the CSP in close coordination with the Government and other development partners.

II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTRY STRATEGY AND PROGRAM

A. Progress under the Poverty Partnership Agreement

11. The Government of the Lao PDR and ADB signed a poverty reduction partnership agreement in September 2001. It lays out a short-, medium-, and long-term vision to reduce poverty in accordance with the Millennium Development Goals, and identifies detailed indicators to monitor the implementation of the CSP and poverty reduction initiatives.

12. The Government is finalizing a national poverty eradication programme (NPEP). The NPEP will be considered the poverty reduction strategy paper and will be presented at the next roundtable meeting in about March 2003. The Government has recently adopted an official definition of poverty and criteria to identify and monitor poverty. The Government is conducting the 2002–2003 expenditure and consumption survey. ADB has supported the Government's efforts to set up a system to quantitatively and qualitatively monitor poverty reduction, and to strengthen the institutional capacity of the National Statistics Center and local authorities.

13. Economic growth is assisting to reduce poverty in the Lao PDR. While quantifiable indicators are not readily available, consultations with concerned officials and stakeholders have indicated that primary and lower secondary net enrollment rates and female participation in primary school are up, and that rural access roads and water supply have increased. Community-based rural development is increasingly promoted to tackle rural poverty. Successful community initiatives require closer partnership between government agencies and community-based organizations.

B. Progress in the Country Strategy and Program Focus Areas

14. **Rural Development and Market Linkages.** With the help of considerable investment in irrigation systems over the past years, rice production increased by 50% during the 1990s, and reached 2.3 million tons in 2001. While remote and mountainous areas still face seasonal food shortages, the country overall has been self-sufficient in rice since 1999. This achievement opens up the opportunity to move beyond subsistence farming to more commercial agricultural activities. This is a matter that is being given close attention by the Government. To facilitate this development, the identification of niche markets and enhanced market linkages are critical. A more supportive enabling environment will be required to encourage private investment in commercial agriculture development. Rural finance and the remaining rural infrastructure constraints must be solved, productivity increased by strengthening research and extension, and rural market linkages enhanced through urban and small-towns development. ADB will continue to help the Government address these challenges.

15. **Human Resource Development.** The United Nations Development Programme 2001 *Human Development Report* reported that the country's human development index in 1999 was 0.476, and ranked the Lao PDR 131st among 174 developing countries. Government reports

and a recent reproductive health survey conducted by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities indicate that social development has progressed considerably. The adult literacy rate increased from 50% to 74% in the last decade, infant mortality declined from 104 to 75 per 1,000 live births during 1995-2000, and life expectancy increased from 50 years in 1995 to 55 years in 2000. However, the country's human development still remains among the lowest in the world. The Government's strategy is to achieve universal primary education by 2015 and primary health care for all by 2020, in line with the Millennium Development Goals. To achieve these targets, capital and recurrent expenditures must be balanced, and gender and regional disparities remedied. The Government has increased education expenditure from 9% of total expenditure in 2001 to about 12% in 2002. The Government aims to increase education expenditure up to 15% and health expenditure to 10% in 2005. ADB will continue to help the Government improve coverage, quality, and relevance of basic education, primary health care services, and water supply and sanitation.

16. Sustainable Environmental Management. In 2001, the Government and ADB prepared the Environment and Social Program Loan to improve environment and social safeguards in the development process, with particular emphasis on the energy and transport sectors. The main features included: (i) implementing decrees for the Environment Protection Law, and Water Resources and Water Law were issued; (ii) the Prime Minister endorsed the environmental impact assessment guidelines; (iii) preliminary draft guidelines on involuntary resettlement and compensation are undergoing public consultations; (iv) the principles of third-party monitoring were endorsed; and (v) the principles for establishing an environment fund were developed. Ecotourism is expected to be an important factor in future economic development and requires better management of the country's rich natural resources and sociocultural environment. The Prime Minister issued a decree on forestry production in May 2002 and the Government is introducing a holistic river basin development and integrated water resources management approach with ADB's help. The Government also emphasizes urban and small-towns development as an environmentally sustainable development measure.

17. Private Sector Development. The private sector produces most agriculture output and about 75% of the service sector output. More private investments are expected in hydropower, mining, forestry, specialized commercial agriculture, and tourism. However, the small and fragmented domestic market, untapped entrepreneurship, weak physical and legal infrastructure, poor contract enforcement, and cumbersome bureaucratic requirements have hampered private sector development. Some recent steps to improve the business environment for the private sector include (i) issuance of implementing decrees for the Foreign Investment Law and the Bankruptcy Law; (ii) introduction of a one-stop approval system to simplify the foreign direct investment approval procedure; (iii) delegation of authority to the Deputy Prime Minister, who is also the President of Committee for Planning and Cooperation (CPC), to approve investments of less than \$10 million in priority areas; (iv) strengthening of the Business Improvement Committee under the Prime Minister's Office and issuance of a prime minister's decree on state-owned enterprise reform in May 2002; and (v) establishment of the Lao Trade Promotion Center to facilitate dissemination of information on business procedures, business-related law and regulations, and the export market. An ADB-assisted workshop to discuss obstacles to private sector development was held in March 2002 with government officials, the private sector, and development partners. The workshop recommended developing a pro-business environment by streamlining licensing and registration, improving access to finance, promoting asset securitization, providing a level playing field for enterprises, and strengthening the Chamber of Commerce. In May 2002, the Deputy Prime Minister and President of CPC chaired dialogue meetings with the private sector. The Government has also committed to wide-

ranging financial sector reforms, which are also critical for private sector development. The Government has in principle agreed with ADB and the World Bank on a restructuring plan for state-owned commercial banks (SOCBs), which will be a centerpiece of the proposed 2002 banking sector reform program loan.

18. **Governance and Capacity Building.** Over the last 5 years, the Lao PDR has introduced several important steps to increase the efficiency of public services including: (i) issuance of guidelines on Public Administration Reform in 1998; (ii) establishment of the Central Committee for Government Organization Improvement under the Prime Minister and provincial committees during 1998–2000; (iii) establishment of the National Audit Office in 1998; (iv) issuance of a prime minister's order on anticorruption in 1999; (v) restructuring of central agencies and ministries during 1999–2001; (vi) issuance of a prime minister's decree on decentralization in 2000; (vii) transferring of the personnel management functions from the Lao People's Revolutionary Party (Organizational Committee) to the Prime Minister's Office (Public Administration Department) in 2001; (viii) review and increases in civil servants' salaries during 2000–2002; and (ix) development and implementation of a new performance evaluation system for civil servants during 2000–2002. The last three are important steps to enhance professionalism in public service delivery. However, the structure and capability of public service is still far below that is required to realize the country's potential. Further public sector reform is necessary to improve efficiency and transparency of the public sector; provide an adequate legal and institutional framework for private sector development; and remove constraints impeding dynamic economic and social development. A Government dialogue meeting with donors is planned in September 2002 to discuss these and other key governance issues.

19. **Geographical Focus.** To enhance the development impact of projects and ensure their close monitoring, ADB's interventions will focus primarily on the northern provinces, which are among the poorest in the country, and on the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) East-West Corridor, in coordination with other development partners. ADB will process in 2002 an advisory technical assistance to assist the preparation of a northern region development plan. The TA will focus on the development constraints and opportunities in the northern region and assist in identifying priority investments (both public and private). The findings will have a major bearing on ADB's future loan and TA program.

20. **Subregional Cooperation.** In 2002, the Government appointed a GMS Minister for subregional cooperation and the ADB GMS program has been discussed at cabinet meetings. Recently, the Prime Ministers of the Lao PDR, Cambodia, and Viet Nam discussed the establishment of a Viet Nam–Lao PDR–Cambodia development triangle. This is a reflection of the growing awareness at the highest political levels of the crucial importance of linking with rest of the GMS region and beyond to achieve significant and sustainable poverty reduction. ADB is preparing two important GMS projects for 2002 approval, namely: GMS: northern economic corridor project, in close cooperation with the governments of Thailand and the People's Republic of China, and the GMS: Mekong River tourism infrastructure development project. These projects are expected to help stimulate economic and social development, particularly in the northern region of the country.

C. Highlights in Coordination of External Funding and Partnership Arrangements

21. ADB has closely coordinated its policy dialogue and operations with other major development partners, particularly the World Bank and IMF. ADB, IMF, and the World Bank are jointly preparing a public expenditure review and are working closely in the reform of the banking and financial sector. The SOCB restructuring plan to be covered under ADB's proposed banking sector reform program will complement the conditions outlined in the IMF's PRGF and the World Bank's Financial Management Adjustment Credit. ADB, together with the World Bank and IMF, has helped the Government engage in dialogue with the private sector. ADB's Resident Mission has facilitated donor coordination within the country through participation at the monthly United Nations country team meetings, assisting to organize the quarterly local donor coordination meetings, and active participation in various sectoral donor coordination meetings.

22. In 2001, ADB mobilized cofinancing for the Vientiane Urban Infrastructure and Services Project (\$4.4 million equivalent from Agence Française de Développement [AFD]) and the Second Education Quality Improvement Project (\$9.6 million from the Swedish International Development Agency). A number of potential cofinanciers have been identified and approached for future cooperation: AFD (capacity building for river basin development and urban development); European Union (capacity building for banking); Food and Agriculture Organization (livestock) Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries Fund (rural access roads and small airports); Nordic Development Fund (rural electrification and urban development) and United Nations International Drug Control Programme (rural access roads and rural development).

III. PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT ISSUES

A. Portfolio Performance

23. In 2001, the ADB Resident Mission took the lead in portfolio monitoring, including the fielding of the Country Portfolio Review Mission and quarterly portfolio review meetings with the Government. The overall portfolio performance of ADB projects in the Lao PDR improved during 2001: 18 (94.7%) of 19 ongoing projects were classified as satisfactory compared to the ADB average of 78.4% in 2001. Submission of audited financial statements significantly improved, with 63.6% of projects submitting on time, compared to only 25.0% in 2000. Contract awards reached \$52 million or 87.9% of projection in 2001, with a contract award ratio of 25.5%, higher than the ADB-wide average of 14.9%. Disbursement reached \$44.7 million or 119.3% of projection in 2001, and the disbursement ratio was 18.9%, similar to the average for Asian Development Fund countries. Start-up performance continued to improve. Monitoring systems for awarding contracts and preparing audited financial statements are in use. However, there remains scope to improve compliance with loan covenants. At the initiative of the Government, a monitoring system on loan covenant compliance is being prepared. During the Country Portfolio Review Mission in 2001, ADB and the Government agreed on a time-bound action plan to improve portfolio performance, including (i) establishment of project implementation units before loan approval, (ii) early recruitment of consultants, (iii) strengthening of the procurement office in the Ministry of Finance and executing agencies, (iv) streamlining of project financial flow, (v) provision of adequate counterpart funds, and (vi) closer monitoring of portfolio performance.

B. Performance Monitoring and Evaluation

24. In the last year, three projects have been post-evaluated. Two projects including the Forth and Fifth Road Improvement Projects were classified as highly successful, and the Financial Sector Program Loan as partly successful. No project was classified as unsuccessful over the last five years. Lessons learned from the postevaluation will be appropriately reflected in the formulation and implementation of future projects and programs.

IV. COUNTRY PERFORMANCE AND ASSISTANCE LEVELS

A. Lending Level Proposed

25. In accordance with the performance-based allocation policy, the Government and ADB developed country-specific triggers for selection of low, base, and high lending scenarios: macroeconomic performance, financial sector reform and private sector development, environmental and social management, and portfolio performance (Appendix 1, Table A1.12). The first country performance assessment in November 2001 found that the Lao PDR met the overall performance level under the base case scenario. The assessment noted that the World Bank also considered the current performance of the Lao PDR at the base case. The national loan program for 2003-2005 comprises 10 projects amounting to approximately \$161 million or an average \$53 million annually, compared with the annual indicative planning figure of \$45 million–\$55 million, as a base case scenario. In addition, two GMS projects in the telecommunication and power sectors amounting to \$35 million are included in the program period, subject to resource availability. By volume, core poverty or poverty intervention projects make up about 50% of total projects. By number, 32% of the projects have economic development as an objective; 18% each, environment and private sector development; 7% each, human resource development, gender and development, good governance, and regional cooperation; and 4%, social protection. By sector and number, transport and communications account for 30%; social infrastructure, agriculture and natural resources, and energy, 20% each; and finance, 10%. The proposed lending program is in Appendix 1, Table A1.10.

B. Nonlending Program

26. The indicative technical assistance (TA) program, of about \$4.5 million annually, focuses on quality project preparation, governance and capacity building, and policy development support. The proposed economic, thematic, and sector work program provides strategic and operational guidance on ADB's involvement in priority areas and crosscutting issues (Appendix 1, Table A1.11).

C. Summary of Changes to Lending and Nonlending Program

27. The lending program for 2002-2004 was adjusted to reflect the status of projects being prepared and resource availability: (i) a TA loan amounting to \$5 million was included in 2002 to facilitate implementation of the proposed banking sector reform program (formerly financial sector development program); (ii) the indicative loan amounts were changed following changes of scope during the design phase for the proposed smallholder development (in 2002; from \$15 million to \$12 million), the proposed GMS: northern economic corridor (in 2002: from \$20 million to \$35 million), and the proposed northern area rural power distribution (in 2003: from \$15 million to \$30 million); (iii) the proposed roads for rural development (formerly rural access roads project II) slipped from 2003 firm to 2003 standby; (iv) the proposed tree plantation for livelihood improvement (formerly industrial tree plantation project II) was advanced from 2004 to

2003; and (v) the proposed GMS telecommunications backbone project phase I slipped from 2003 to 2004. The proposed community fund for rural development (pilot) in 2005 was dropped since the World Bank approved in June 2002 a similar project. The proposed Nam Ou river basin development has replaced this project in the program.

28. Processing schedules of several TAs slipped because of TA resource constraints, including in capacity building, rural finance, SME development, power sector development, and health sector efficiency. The proposed project preparatory technical assistance for the agriculture export diversification project was included in 2004 as the Government wishes to explore the country's potential competitiveness in specialized commercial agriculture.

COUNTRY AND PORTFOLIO INDICATORS, AND ASSISTANCE PIPELINE

Table A.1: Progress Toward the Millennium Development Goals and Targets

Goals and Targets	Country Status
Goal 1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger	
Target 1: Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people whose income is less than one dollar a day.	Poverty incidence has dropped from 45% in 1992–93 to 39% in 1997–98. Based on the recent trends, Lao PDR is expected to achieve the MDG target before 2015.
Target 2: Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger.	In 2000, 15% of children under 5 years old and 4% of adults were severely underweight, indicating acute malnutrition.
Goal 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education	
Target 3: Ensure that, by 2015, children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling.	The net primary school enrollment is gradually increasing, from 62% in 1990 to 78% in 2001. Girls are rapidly catching up with boys. Full enrollment should be possible by 2011.
Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality And Empower Women	
Target 4: Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education preferably by 2005 and to all levels of education no later than 2015.	The education level for girls are rapidly approaching those of boys in primary and lower secondary school. Girls account for 45% of primary-school enrollment. Lao PDR should be able to meet the MDG for gender equality.
Goal 4: Reduce Child Mortality	
Target 5: Reduce by two-thirds, between 1990 and 2015, the under-five mortality rate.	Infant mortality dropped from 110 per 1,000 births in 1990 to 75 in 2000. Child mortality dropped from 170 per 1,000 births in 1990 to 97 in 2000. At the current rate, under-five mortality should reach the MDG of 57 by 2010.
Goal 5: Improve Maternal Health	
Target 6: Reduce by three quarters, between 1990 and 2015, the maternal mortality ratio (MMR).	Maternal mortality was estimated at 700 per 100,000 births in 1990, and 530 in 2000. Following current trends, MMR should reach 350 in 2015, compared to the MDG target of 175.
Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Other Diseases	
Target 7: Have halted by 2015, and begun to reverse, the spread of HIV/AIDS	HIV/AIDS infection rates in the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) are low and no reliable tracking system exists.
Target 8: Have halted by 2015, and begun to reverse, the incidence of malaria and other major diseases.	The Lao PDR was declared polio-free in 2000. Cases of malaria and tuberculosis are still believed to be high.
Goal 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability	
Target 9: Integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programs and reverse the loss of environmental resources.	The Lao PDR is adopting mandatory environmental and social impact evaluation for all investment projects. Efforts are underway to stop illegal logging and stabilize shifting cultivation.
Target 10: Halve, by 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water.	In 1990, 39% of the population had access to clean water, compared to 58% in 2000.
Target 11: By 2010, to have achieved a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers.	The urban population is quite small, but approximately 50,000 have been relieved from urban poverty since 1990.

HIV/AIDS = human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, MDG = Millennium Development Goal.

Table A1.2: Country Economic Indicators

Item	Fiscal Year				
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001 ^a
A. Income and Growth					
1. GDP per Capita (\$, current)	364.0	262.5	284.2	330.5	327.6
2. GDP Growth (% , in constant prices)	6.9	4.0	7.3 ^b	5.9	5.5
a. Agriculture	7.0	3.1	8.2	5.1	3.9
b. Industry	8.1	9.2	7.9	7.5	8.5
c. Services	7.5	5.5	6.9	6.2	6.0
B. Saving and Investment (current and market prices)					
			(% of GDP)		
1. Gross Domestic Investment	26.2	24.9	22.7	20.5	21.0
2. Gross National Saving	10.0	14.8	16.4	14.7	13.8
C. Money and Inflation					
			(annual % change)		
1. Consumer Price Index	19.3	87.4	134.0	27.0	7.8
2. Total Liquidity (M2) ^c	65.8	113.3	78.3	45.8	18.9
D. Government Finance^d					
			(% of GDP)		
1. Revenue and Grants ^e	11.0	9.8	10.6	14.0	14.4
2. Expenditure and Onlending	19.8	22.7	19.3	21.9	22.5
3. Overall Fiscal Surplus (Deficit) ^e	(8.8)	(12.9)	(8.8)	(7.9)	(8.0)
E. Balance of Payments					
1. Merchandise Trade Balance (% of GDP)	(18.9)	(16.8)	(13.2)	(11.5)	(13.1)
2. Current Account Balance (% of GDP) ^f	(16.2)	(10.1)	(6.3)	(5.8)	(7.2)
3. Merchandise Export (\$) Growth (annual % change)	(1.4)	6.4	7.7	8.3	8.1
4. Merchandise Import (\$) Growth (annual % change)	(6.0)	(14.7)	0.3	6.6	10.5
F. External Payments Indicators					
1. Gross Official Reserves (including gold, \$ million)	110.7	112.8	106.2	140.0	136.0
(in weeks of current year's imports of goods)	8.9	10.6	10.0	12.3	10.8
2. External Debt Service (% of exports of goods and services)	8.8	11.1	11.3	10.2	10.5
3. Total External Debt (% of GDP)	132.9	190.2	172.6	149.2	147.6
G. Memorandum Items					
1. GDP (current prices, KN billion)	2,200.7	4,240.2	10,303.9	13,482.6	15,404.7
2. Exchange Rate (KN/\$, average)	1,259.5	3,296.2	7,108.2	7,845.8	8,871.0
3. Population (million)	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.3

GDP = gross domestic product

^a ADB staff estimates. The official estimate of real GDP growth for 2001 is 5.7%, with agriculture growth at 4.1%, industry at 9.4% and services at 5.5%.

^b The Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) authorities estimate real GDP at 7.3% in 1999, mainly due to significant growth in agriculture.

^c Includes foreign currency deposits.

^d Figures are on a fiscal year basis, where fiscal year ends 30 September.

^e Excluding grants.

^f Excluding official transfers.

Sources: National Statistical Center, Bank of Lao PDR, Ministry of Finance, Committee for Planning and Cooperation, International Monetary Fund. Asian Development Bank staff estimates.

Table A1.3: Country Poverty and Social Indicators

Item	Period			
	1985	1990	Latest Year	
A. Population Indicators				
1. Total Population (million)	3.62	4.14	5.22	(2000)
2. Annual Population Growth Rate (% change)	2.49	2.49	2.49	(2000)
B. Social Indicators				
1. Total Fertility Rate (births/woman)	6.7 (1980–85)	—	4.9	(2000)
2. Maternal Mortality Rate (per 100,000 live births)	750.0 (1988)	700.0	530.0	(2000)
3. Infant Mortality Rate (below 1 year/1,000 live births)	118.0	110.0	75.0	(2000)
4. Life Expectancy at Birth (years)	45.0	49.7	55.0	(2000)
a. Female	46.0	51.3	—	
b. Male	—	—	—	
5. Adult Literacy (%)	44.0	60.2 (1995)	70.0	(2000)
a. Female	—	47.9 (1995)	59.1	(2000)
b. Male	—	73.5 (1995)	81.7	(2000)
6. Primary School Gross Enrollment (%) ^a	104.8 (1985–86)	104.8 (1991)	78.0	(2001) ^c
7. Secondary School Gross Enrollment (%)	27.3 (1985–86)	31.8 (1991)	24.0	(1997) ^d
8. Child Malnutrition (% below age 5)	35.0 (1984)	—	15.0	(2000)
9. Population Below Poverty Line (national, %)	—	45.0 (1992–93)	38.6	(1997–98)
10. Population with Access to Safe Water (%)	21.0 (1985–88)	39.0	58.0	(2000)
11. Population with Access to Sanitation (%) ^b	10.0 (1985–88)	24.0 (1988–91)	46.0	(1999)
12. Public Education Expenditure (% of GDP)	1.3 (1987–88)	1.9 (1991)	1.4	(2000)
13. Human Development Index	—	0.246	0.476	(1999)
Rank	—	141.0	131	(1999)
14. Gender-Related Development Index	—	—	0.463	(1999)
Rank	—	—	119.0	(1999)
C. Poverty Indicators				
1. Poverty Incidence	—	45.0 (1992–93)	38.6	(1997–98)
2. Percent of Poor to Total Population	—	—	—	—
a. Vientiane Municipality	—	24.4 (1992–93)	12.2	(1997–98)
b. North	—	58.4 (1992–93)	52.5	(1997–98)
c. Center	—	39.5 (1992–93)	34.9	(1997–98)
d. South	—	45.9 (1992–93)	38.4	(1997–98)
3. Poverty Gap	—	11.3 (1992–93)	10.3	(1997–98)
4. Poverty Severity Index	—	4.2 (1992–93)	4.0	(1997–98)
5. Inequality ^e	—	28.6 (1992–93)	35.7	(1997–98)
6. Human Poverty Index	—	—	39.9	(1999)
Rank	—	—	66	(1999)

— = not available; GDP=gross domestic product.

^a The gross enrollment ratio is defined as the number of students enrolled in a level of education, whether or not they belong to that age group for that level, expressed as the percentage of the population in the age group 6–10 years for primary school, 11–14 for lower secondary school, and 14–16 for upper secondary schools.

^b Percentage of population with reasonable access to sanitary means of excreta and waste disposal, including outdoor latrines and composting.

^c Refers to net enrollment.

^d Refers to total net secondary enrollment.

^e Refers to Gini index. It refers to inequality of per capita real consumption, which takes into account differences in the cost of living and changes in monthly consumer prices.

Sources: The World Bank. World Development Report and World Development Indicators (various years); United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). 2001. Human Development Report and Human Development Indicators; Lao National Human Development Report. 2002. UNDP; Asian Development Bank (ADB). 2000. Key Economic Indicators; UNDP. 2000. Human Development Indicators; ADB. Poverty in the Lao People's Democratic Republic. October 2000.

Table A1.4: Country Environment Indicators

Indicator	1980	Latest Year
A. Energy Efficiency of Emissions		
1. GDP/Unit of Energy Use (PPP \$/kgoe)	—	—
2. Traditional Fuel Use (% of total energy use)	72.3	88.7 (1997)
3. Carbon Dioxide Emissions		
a. Tons	0.2	0.4 (1998)
b. Tons per capita	0.1	0.1 (1998)
B. Water Pollution: Water and Sanitation		
1. Urban Population with Access to Safe Water (%)	—	—
2. Rural Population with Access to Safe Water (%)	—	—
3. Urban Population with Access to Sanitation (%)	—	84 (2000)
C. Land Use and Deforestation		
1. Forest Area (million hectares)	—	126.0 (2000)
2. Average annual Deforestation		
a. Square kilometers (km ²)	—	527.0 (1990-2000)
b. % change	—	0.4 (1990-2000)
3. Rural Population Density (people/km ² of arable land)	—	454.0 (1999)
4. Arable Land (% of total land)	—	3.8 (1999)
5. Permanent Cropland (% of total land)	0.1	0.3 (1999)
D. Biodiversity and Protected Areas		
1. Nationally Protected Area		
a. Million hectares	—	30.8 (1999)
b. % of total land	—	13 (1999)
2. Mammals (number of threatened species)	—	27.0 (2000)
3. Birds (number of threatened species)	—	19.0 (2000)
4. Higher Plants (number of threatened species)	—	2.0 (2000)
5. Reptiles (number of threatened species)	—	—
6. Amphibians (number of threatened species)	—	—
E. Urban Areas		
1. Urban Population (million)		
% of total population	0.4	1.2 (2000)
2. Per Capita Water Use (liters/day)	13.0	24.0 (2000)
3. Wastewater Treated (%)	—	—
4. Solid Waste Generated Per Capita (kg/day)	—	—

kg = kilogram, kgoe = kilograms of oil equivalent, km² = square kilometer, PPP = purchasing power parity.

Sources: World Bank. 2002. World Development Report and World Development Indicators; United Nations Development Programme. Human Development Report and Human Development Indicators. 2001.

Table A1.5: Development Coordination Matrix

Sector/ Thematic Focus	ADB Strategy/Activities	Other Development Partners' Strategy and/or Activities			
		Multilateral Institutions and the UN System		Bilateral	
		Agriculture	Irrigation, rural finance, smallholder development	FAO UNDP UNDCP World Bank	Livestock, fisheries Rural development Drug control Alternative development, land titling, lowland agriculture development
Natural Resources	River basin development, industrial tree plantation	FAO UNDP World Bank	Forestry UXO clearance Forestry	Denmark Germany Sweden United States	Biodiversity conservation Watershed management Forestry UXO clearance
Education	Basic education, teacher training	UNICEF World Bank	Primary education, women in development Primary education curriculum development	Australia European Union Germany Japan Sweden	Basic education Primary education Vocational training Primary education, national university Primary education
Health	Primary health	UNICEF World Bank	Malaria prevention, primary health Early childhood nutrition, maternal health and childhood development	Australia European Union Germany Japan Sweden	Rural health Disease prevention Family health Malaria control, hospital Medical laboratory

ADB = Asian Development Bank, FAO = Food and Agriculture Organization, HRD = human resource development, IMF = International Monetary Fund, UN = United Nations, UNDCP = UN International Drug Control Programme, UNDP = UN Development Programme, UNICEF = UN Children's Fund, UXO = unexploded ordnance.

Sector/ Thematic Focus	ADB Strategy/Activities	Other Development Partners' Strategies and/or Activities			
		Multilateral Institutions and the UN System		Bilateral	
Urban & Water Supply	Urban development, water supply	UNICEF	Water supply	France Germany Sweden Japan	Urban development, water supply Rural water supply Rural water supply Rural water supply
Energy	Power generation, rural electricity	World Bank	Rural electrification hydropower (Nam Theun 2)	Australia	Microhydro
Transport	Rural access roads, subregional roads, airport improvement	UNDCP World Bank	Feeder roads National roads, road maintenance fund	Japan Sweden	Bridges, roads Rural roads
Finance and Industry	SOCB reform, rural finance, SME development	IMF World Bank	Bank supervision Financial sector development, SOE reform	Australia European Union Germany	Commercial banks audits HRD for Banking SME development
Governance	Public investment management, accounting and audit, capacity building	IMF UNDP UNDCP UNICEF World Bank	Macroeconomic management Public administration reform Law enforcement Gender and development Public expenditure management, capacity building	Australia Germany Sweden Japan	Capacity building Capacity building Capacity building Macro policy support, capacity building

ADB = Asian Development Bank, HRD = human resource development, SMEs = small and medium-sized enterprises, SOCB = state-owned commercial banks, SOE = state-owned enterprise, UN = United Nations, UNDCP = UN International Drug Control Programme, UNDP = UN Development Programme, UNICEF = UN Children's Fund.

Source: United Nations Development Programme, 1998, *Lao People's Democratic Republic's (Lao PDR) Development Partners, Profiles of Cooperation Programmes*.

Table A1.6: Portfolio Indicators—Portfolio Amounts and Ratings
(public sector loans, as of 31 December 2001)

Sector	Net Loan Amount		Total		Rating ^a								Potential Problem ^b		At Risk ^c	
	(\$ million)	(%)	(no.)	(%)	Highly Satisfactory		Satisfactory		Partly Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory		(no.)	(%)	(no.)	(%)
Agriculture and Natural Resources	44.1	10.5	4	21.1	0	0.0	4	21.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.3	1	5.3
Energy	77.0	18.3	2	10.5	0	0.0	2	10.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Finance and Industry	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Social Infrastructure	142.7	34.0	7	36.8	0	0.0	7	36.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Transport and Communications	136.8	32.6	5	26.3	0	0.0	4	21.1	1	5.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Others/Multisector	19.6	4.7	1	5.3	0	0.0	1	5.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	420.3	100.0	19	100.0	0	0.0	18	94.7	1	5.3	0	0.0	1	5.3	1	5.3

^a One rating for implementation progress and development objectives, based on the lower rating of either.

^b Potential problem loans are satisfactory loans but have four or more risk factors associated with partly satisfactory or unsatisfactory performance.

^c A loan is "at risk" if it is rated as partly satisfactory, as unsatisfactory, or as a potential problem.

Source: Asian Development Bank estimates.

Table A1.7: Portfolio Indicators—Disbursements and Net Transfers of Resources
(public sector loans, as of 31 December 2001)

Disbursements and Transfers	OCR	ADF	Total
Disbursements^a			
Total Funds Available for Withdrawal (\$ million)		406.0	406.0
Disbursed Amount (\$ million, cumulative)		175.2	175.2
Percentage Disbursed (disbursed amount/total available)		43.2	43.2
Disbursements (\$ million, latest year)		44.7	44.7
Disbursement Ratio (%) ^b		18.9	18.9
Net Transfer of Resources (\$ million)^c			
1997		81.7	81.7
1998		59.2	59.2
1999		38.5	38.5
2000		41.7	41.7
2001		34.6	34.6

ADF=Asian Development Fund, OCR=ordinary capital resources.

^a Includes all loans with disbursements during 2001.

^b Ratio of disbursements during the year over the undisbursed net loan balance at the beginning of the year less cancellations during the year. Effective loans during the year have also been added to the beginning balance of undisbursed loans.

^c Includes private sector projects.

Source: Asian Development Bank estimates.

Table A1.8: Portfolio Indicators—Evaluation Rating by Sector
(1996-2001)

Sector	Highly Successful		Successful		Partly Successful		Unsuccessful		No Rating		Total	
	(No.)	(%)	(No.)	(%)	(No.)	(%)	(No.)	(%)	(No.)	(%)	(No.)	(%)
Agriculture and Natural Resources	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	16.7
Energy	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Finance and Industry	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	16.7
Social Infrastructure	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	16.7
Transport and Communications	3	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	50.0
Others/Multisector	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	3	100.0	0	0.0	3	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	100.0

Sources: Asian Development Bank project or program performance audit reports.

Table A1.9: Portfolio Implementation Status
(public sector loans, as of 31 December 2001)

No.	Sector	Loan No.	Seg	Title	Net Loan Amount		Approval Date	Effective Date	Closing Date		Progress (% complete)
					OCR (\$ million)	ADF (\$ million)			Original	Revised	
1	AGR	1295		Industrial Tree Plantation		10.6	22 Dec 93	23 Aug 94	30 Sep 01	30 Sep 03	90
2	AGR	1488		Community-Managed Irrigation Sector Project		13.3	21 Nov 96	29 Oct 97	30 Jun 04		88
3	AGR	1688		Shifting Cultivation Stabilization Pilot Project		5.2	11 May 99	11 Nov 99	31 Dec 05		22
4	AGR	1788		Decentralized Irrigation Development and Management Sector Project		15.0	28 Nov 00	7 May 01	30 Jun 07		1
5	ENE	1456		Nam Leuk Hydropower Project		49.0	10 Sep 96	17 Jan 97	31 Mar 00	31 Mar 02	100
6	ENE	1558		Power Transmission and Distribution Project		28.0	30 Sep 97	27 Mar 98	30 Jun 02		46
7	MUL	1867		Environment and Social Program		19.6	6 Dec 01		30 Jun 06		
8	SOC	1374		Postsecondary Education Rationalization Project		17.2	19 Sep 95	19 Dec 95	30 Jun 02	31 Dec 02	75
9	SOC	1525		Secondary Towns Urban Development Project		24.7	26 Jun 97	29 Apr 98	30 Jun 03		48
10	SOC	1621		Basic Education (Girls) Project		18.8	25 Jun 98	31 May 99	31 Jul 05		29
11	SOC	1710		Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project		18.3	16 Nov 99	10 Jul 00	30 Jun 06		15
12	SOC	1749		Primary Health Care Expansion Project		18.8	24 Aug 00	10 Jan 01	30 Jun 07		6
13	SOC	1834		Vientiane Urban Infrastructure and Services Project		25.1	23 Aug 01		28 Jul 07		2
14	SOC	1844		Second Education Quality Improvement Project		19.8	28 Sep 01		30 Jun 08		—
15	T&C	1234		Sixth Road Improvement Project		25.1	25 Jun 93	21 Dec 93	30 Jun 99	30 Jun 02	97
16	T&C	1266		Airports Improvement Project		14.6	18 Nov 93	18 Jun 94	30 Jun 98	31 Dec 01	99
17	T&C	1533		Xieng Khouang Road Improvement Project		44.0	9 Sep 97	17 Feb 98	30 Jun 02		60
18	T&C	1727		GMS: East-West Corridor Project		29.0	20 Dec 99	21 Sep 01	31 Dec 04		9
19	T&C	1795		Rural Access Roads Project		24.2	7 Dec 00	16 May 01	30 Apr 05		—
Total						420.3					

ADF = Asian Development Fund, AGR = agriculture and natural resources, ENE = energy, FIN = finance, GMS = Greater Mekong Subregion, IND = industry and nonfuel minerals, MUL = multisector, No. = number, OCR = ordinary capital resources, OTH = other, Seg = segment (pertaining to loans with more than one withdrawal authority), SOC = social infrastructure, T&C = transport and communications.

No.	Sector	Loan No.	Seg	Title	Cumulative Contracts/ Commitments (\$ million)	Cumulative Disbursements (\$ million)	Rating		Potential Problem ^a	At Risk ^b
							IP	DO		
1	AGR	1295		Industrial Tree Plantation	7.6	8.7	S	S	No	No
2	AGR	1488		Community-Managed Irrigation Sector Project	11.7	9.9	HS	S	No	No
3	AGR	1688		Shifting Cultivation Stabilization Pilot Project	2.8	1.8	S	S	Yes	Yes
4	AGR	1788		Decentralized Irrigation Development and Management Sector Project	2.2	0.7	S	S	No	No
5	ENE	1456		Nam Leuk Hydropower Project	47.5	48.8	S	S	No	No
6	ENE	1558		Power Transmission and Distribution Project	27.2	8.8	S	S	No	No
7	MUL	1867		Environment and Social Program	—	—	S	S	No	No
8	SOC	1374		Postsecondary Education Rationalization Project	13.3	12.5	HS	S	No	No
9	SOC	1525		Secondary Towns Urban Development Project	16.7	7.4	S	S	No	No
10	SOC	1621		Basic Education (Girls) Project	3.0	1.5	S	S	No	No
11	SOC	1710		Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project	3.1	1.2	S	HS	No	No
12	SOC	1749		Primary Health Care Expansion Project	0.4	0.7	S	S	No	No
13	SOC	1834		Vientiane Urban Infrastructure and Services Project	—	—	S	S	No	No
14	SOC	1844		Second Education Quality Improvement Project	—	—	S	S	No	No
15	T&C	1234		Sixth Road Improvement Project	23.2	22.8	S	S	No	No
16	T&C	1266		Airports Improvement Project	14.2	14.3	PS	PS	No	Yes
17	T&C	1533		Xieng Khouang Road Improvement Project	36.5	29.1	S	S	No	No
18	T&C	1727		GMS: East-West Corridor Project	14.1	2.4	S	S	No	No
19	T&C	1795		Rural Access Roads Project	3.5	1.0	S	S	No	No
Total					227.0	171.6				

AGR = agriculture and natural resources, DO = development objectives, ENE = energy, FIN = finance, GMS = Greater Mekong Subregion, HS = highly satisfactory, IND = industry and nonfuel minerals, IP = implementation progress, MUL = multisector, No. = number, OCR = ordinary capital resources, OTH = other, PS = partly satisfactory, S = satisfactory, Seg = segment (pertaining to loans with more than one withdrawal authority), SOC = social infrastructure, T&C = transport and communications, U = unsatisfactory.

^a "Yes" for loans with four or more risk factors associated with partly satisfactory or unsatisfactory performance.

^b A loan is considered "at risk" if it is rated as "PS" or "U" in either implementation progress or development objectives, or if it is a potential problem loan.

Table A1.10: Assistance Pipeline for Lending Products, 2002-2005

Sector Project/Program Name	Poverty Classifi- cation ^a	Thematic Priority ^b	Division ^c	Year of Project Preparatory Assistance	Total	Cost (\$million)				
						ADB		Total	Gov't	Cofinancing
						OCR	ADF			
2002 Firm Loans										
NATIONAL										
Agriculture and Natural Resources										
1. Smallholder Development	NC	ECO	MKAE	2000	15.0	0.0	12.0	12.0	3.0	TBD
2. Nam Ngum River Basin Development	PI	ENV	MKAE	2000	22.6	0.0	15.0	15.0	3.2	4.4
Subtotal					37.6	0.0	27.0	27.0	6.2	4.4
Finance and Industry										
3. Banking Sector Reform Program	NC	ECO/PSD/ GG	MKGF	2001	15.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	0.0	0.0
4. Banking Sector Reform (TA Loan)	NC	ECO/PSD/ GG	MKGF	—	7.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	2.0	TBD
Subtotal					22.0	0.0	20.0	20.0	2.0	0.0
Total (A)					59.6	0.0	47.0	47.0	8.2	4.4
SUBREGIONAL										
5. GMS: Northern Economic Corridor	PI	RC/ECO	MKID	2001	87.0	0.0	35.0	35.0	7.5	44.5
6. GMS: Mekong Tourism Development Project	NC	RC/HD	MKID	1999	12.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	2.0	TBD
Subtotal (B)					99.0	0.0	45.0	45.0	9.5	44.5
Total (A+B)					158.6	0.0	92.0	92.0	17.7	48.9
2002 Standby Loans										
Social Infrastructure										
1. Small Towns Development	NC	HD/GG/ ENV	MKSS	2000	26.0	0.0	16.0	16.0	5.0	5.0
Subtotal					26.0	0.0	16.0	16.0	5.0	5.0
Total					26.0	0.0	16.0	16.0	5.0	5.0
2003 Firm Loans										
Agriculture and Natural Resources										
1. Tree Plantation for Livelihood Improvement	PI	ECO/ENV/ PSD	MKAE	2001	13.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	3.0	TBD
Subtotal					13.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	3.0	0.0

ADB = Asian Development Bank, ADF = Asian Development Fund, ECO = economic growth, ENV = environment protection, GG = good governance, GMS = Greater Mekong Subregion, Gov't = Government, HD = human development, MKAE = Mekong Department Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources, MKGF = Mekong Department Governance, Finance and Trade Division, MKID = Mekong Department Infrastructure Division, MKSS = Mekong Department Social Sector Division, NC = not classified, OCR = ordinary capital resources, PI = poverty intervention, PSD = private sector development, RC = regional cooperation, TBD = to be determined.

Table A1.10(con't): Assistance Pipeline for Lending Products, 2002-2005

Sector Project/Program Name	Poverty Classifi- cation ^a	Thematic Priority ^b	Division ^c	Year of Project Preparatory Assistance	Total	Cost (\$million)					
						ADB		Gov't	Cofinancing	Total	
						OCR	ADF				
Energy											
2. Northern Area Rural Power Distribution	PI	ECO	MKID	1998	50.0	0.0	30.0	30.0	10.0	10.0	
Subtotal					50.0	0.0	30.0	30.0	10.0	10.0	
Social Infrastructure											
3. Small Towns Development	NC	HD/GG/ ENV	MKSS	2000	26.0	0.0	16.0	16.0	5.0	5.0	
Subtotal					26.0	0.0	16.0	16.0	5.0	5.0	
Total					89.0	0.0	56.0	56.0	18.0	15.0	
2003 Standby Loans											
Agriculture and Natural Resources											
1. Northern Community-Managed Irrigation	CPI	ECO/ENV	MKAE	2001	13.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	3.0	TBD	
Subtotal					13.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	3.0	0.0	
Social Infrastructure											
2. Northern and Central Regions Water Supply and Sanitation	PI	ENV/HD/ GG	MKSS	2002	20.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	5.0	TBD	
Subtotal					20.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	5.0	0.0	
Transport and Communication											
3. Roads for Rural Development	NC	ECO	MKID	2001	20.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	5.0	TBD	
Subtotal					20.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	5.0	0.0	
Total					53.0	0.0	40.0	40.0	13.0	0.0	
2004 Firm Loans											
NATIONAL											
Agriculture and Natural Resources											
1. Northern Community-Managed Irrigation	CPI	ECO/ENV	MKAE	2001	13.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	3.0	TBD	
Subtotal					13.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	3.0	0.0	
Finance and Industry											
2. Rural Finance Development	PI	ECO/GAD/ PSD	MKGF	2003	13.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	3.0	TBD	
Subtotal					13.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	3.0	0.0	
Social Infrastructure											
3. Northern and Central Regions Water Supply and Sanitation	PI	ENV/HD/ GG	MKSS	2002	20.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	5.0	TBD	
Subtotal					20.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	5.0	0.0	
Total (A)					66.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	16.0	0.0	

ADB = Asian Development Bank, ADF = Asian Development Fund, CPI = core poverty intervention, ECO = economic growth, ENV = environment protection, GAD = gender and development, GG = good governance, Gov't = Government, HD = human development, MKAE = Mekong Department Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources, MKGF = Mekong Department Governance, Finance and Trade Division, MKID = Mekong Department Infrastructure Division, MKSS = Mekong Department Social Sector Division, NC = not classified, OCR = ordinary capital resources, PI = poverty intervention, PSD = private sector development, TBD = to be determined.

Table A1.10(con't): Assistance Pipeline for Lending Products, 2002-2005

Sector Project/Program Name	Poverty Classifi- cation ^a	Thematic Priority ^b	Division ^c	Year of Project Preparatory Assistance	Total	Cost (\$million)				
						ADB			Gov't	Cofinancing
						OCR	ADF	Total		
SUBREGIONAL										
5. GMS: Telecommunications Backbone Project Phase I	NC	ECO/RC/ PSD	MKID	2001	25.0	0.0	20.0	20.0	5.0	TBD
Subtotal (B)					25.0	0.0	20.0	20.0	5.0	0.0
Total (A+B)					91.0	0.0	70.0	70.0	21.0	0.0
2004 Standby Loans										
Transportation and Communication										
1. Small Airports Improvement	NC	ECO/PSD/ RC	MKID	2002	20.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	5.0	TBD
Subtotal					20.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	5.0	0.0
2005 Firm Loans										
Agriculture and Natural Resources										
1. Participatory Livestock Development	CPI	ECO/GAD/ ENV/SP	MKAE	2003	20.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	5.0	TBD
Subtotal					20.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	5.0	0.0
Energy										
2. Power Sector Development	NC	ECO/PSD	MKID	2003	35.0	0.0	25.0	25.0	10.0	TBD
Subtotal					35.0	0.0	25.0	25.0	10.0	0.0
Transport and Communication										
3. Small Airports Improvement	NC	ECO/PSD/ RC	MKID	2002	20.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	5.0	TBD
Subtotal					20.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	5.0	0.0
Total					75.0	0.0	55.0	55.0	20.0	0.0
2005 Standby Loans										
NATIONAL										
Agriculture and Natural Resources										
1. Nam Ou River Basin Development	CPI	ECO/GAD/ ENV/SP	MKAE	2004	20.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	5.0	TBD
Subtotal					20.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	5.0	0.0

ADB = Asian Development Bank, ADF = Asian Development Fund, CPI = core poverty intervention, ECO = economic growth, ENV = environment protection, GAD = gender and development, GMS = Greater Mekong Subregion, Gov't = Government, HD=human development, MKAE = Mekong Department Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources, MKGF = Mekong Department Governance, Finance and Trade Division, MKID = Mekong Department Infrastructure Division, MKSS = Mekong Department Social Sector Division, NC = not classified, OCR = ordinary capital resources, PI=poverity intervention, PSD=private sector development, RC = regional cooperation, SP = social protection, TBD = to be determined.

Table A1.10 (con't): Assistance Pipeline for Lending Products, 2002-2005

Sector Project/Program Name	Poverty Classifi- cation ^a	Thematic Priority ^b	Division ^c	Year of Project Preparatory Assistance	Total	Cost (\$million)					
						ADB		Total	Gov't	Cofinancing	
						OCR	ADF				
Social Infrastructure											
2. Health Sector Development	PI	HD/GAD	MKSS	2004	20.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	5.0	TBD	
Subtotal					20.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	5.0	0.0	
Total					40.0	0.0	30.0	30.0	10.0	0.0	
SUBREGIONAL											
3. GMS: Power Interconnection Phase I	NC	ECO/RC/ PSD	MKID	2003	20.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	5.0	TBD	
Subtotal					20.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	5.0	0.0	
Total					60.0	0.0	45.0	45.0	15.0	0.0	

ADB = Asian Development Bank, ADF = Asian Development Fund, ECO=economic growth, GAD = gender and development, GMS = Greater Mekong Subregion, Gov't = Government, HD=human development, MKID=Mekong Department Infrastructure Division, NC = not classified, OCR = Ordinary Capital Resources, PI=poverty intervention, PSD=private sector development, RC=regional cooperation, TBD = to be determined.

Table A1.11: Assistance Pipeline for Nonlending Products and Services, 2003-2005

Sector Assistance Name	Responsible Division ^a	Assistance Type	Sources of Funding				Total (\$'000)
			ADB		Others		
			Source	Amount (\$'000)	Source	Amount (\$'000)	
2003							
Agriculture and Natural Resources							
1. Participatory Livestock Development	MKAE	PPTA	JSF	900.0			900.0
Subtotal				900.0			900.0
Energy							
2. Power Sector Development	MKID	PPTA	JSF	1,400.0			1,400.0
3. Private Sector Development in the Power Sector	MKID	ETSW	SC/IAE				
Subtotal				1,400.0			1,400.0
Finance and Industry							
4. Rural Finance Development	MKGF	PPTA	JSF	150.0			150.0
5. Enhanced Environment for SME Development	MKGF	ADTA	TASF	500.0			500.0
6. Strengthening Accounting Function in Government	MKGF	ADTA	TASF	550.0			550.0
Subtotal				1,200.0			1,200.0
Social Infrastructure							
7. Strengthening Urban Operation and Maintenance	MKSS	ADTA	TASF	500.0			500.0
8. Institutional Strengthening for Small Towns Administrations	MKSS	ADTA	TASF	500.0			500.0
Subtotal				1,000.0			1,000.0
Total				4,500.0			4,500.0
2003 Standby							
Agriculture and Natural Resources							
1. Northern Region Environment Assessment	MKAE	ADTA	TASF	400.0			400.0
Subtotal				400.0			400.0
Social Infrastructure							
2. Health Sector Efficiency and Management	MKSS	PPTA	JSF	700.0			700.0
Subtotal				700.0			700.0
Others							
3. Capacity Building for Decentralized Project Financial Management	COPP	ADTA	TASF	500.0			500.0
Subtotal				500.0			500.0
Total				1,600.0			1,600.0

ADB = Asian Development Bank, ADTA = advisory technical assistance, ADTA = advisory technical assistance, ETSW = economic, thematic and sector work, IAE = internal administrative expense, JSF = Japan Special Fund, MKAE = Mekong Department Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources, MKGF = Mekong Department Governance, Finance and Trade Division, MKID = Mekong Department Infrastructure Division, MKSS = Mekong Department Social Sector Division, PPTA = project/program preparatory technical assistance, SC = staff consultant, SMEs = small and medium-sized enterprises, TASF = Technical Assistance Special Fund, TBD = to be determined.

Table A1.11 (con't): Assistance Pipeline for Nonlending Products and Services, 2003-2005

Sector Assistance Name	Responsible Division ^a	Assistance Type	Sources of Funding				Total (\$'000)
			ADB		Others		
			Source	Amount (\$'000)	Source	Amount (\$'000)	
2004							
Agriculture and Natural Resources							
1. Nam Ou River Basin Development	MKAE	PPTA	JSF	700.0			700.0
2. Agriculture Export Diversification	MKAE	PPTA	JSF	700.0			700.0
3. Northern Region Environmental Assessment	MKAE	ADTA	TASF	400.0			400.0
Subtotal				1,800.0			1,800.0
Finance and Industry							
4. Institutional Strengthening for Rural Finance	MKGF	ADTA	TASF	400.0			400.0
5. Private Sector Assessment	MKGF	ETSW	SC/IAE				
Subtotal				400.0			400.0
Social Infrastructure							
6. Health Sector Efficiency and Management	MKSS	PPTA	JSF	700.0			700.0
7. Basic Education Development	MKSS	PPTA	JSF	700.0			700.0
Subtotal				1,400.0			1,400.0
Others							
8. Capacity Building for Decentralized Project Financial Management	COPP	ADTA	TASF	500.0			500.0
9. Institutional Strengthening for Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation	MKOC	ADTA	TASF	400.0			400.0
10. Poverty Assessment	MKOC	ETSW	SC/IAE				
Subtotal				900.0			900.0
Total				4,500.0			4,500.0
2004 Standby							
Finance and Industry							
1. SME Development	MKGF	PPTA	JSF	700.0			700.0
Subtotal				700.0			700.0
Social Infrastructure							
2. Market Towns Development	MKSS	PPTA	JSF	700.0			700.0
Subtotal				700.0			700.0
Total				1,400.0			1,400.0
2005							
Agriculture and Natural Resources							
1. Shifting Cultivation Stabilization II	MKAE	PPTA	JSF	700.0			700.0
2. Impact Assessment of Agriculture and Natural Resource Management	MKAE	ADTA	TASF	200.0			200.0
Subtotal				900.0			900.0

ADB=Asian Development Bank, ADTA=advisory technical assistance, ETSW = economic, thematic and sector work, IAE = internal administrative expense, JSF=Japan Special Fund, MKAE=Mekong Department Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources, MKSS=Mekong Department Social Sector Division, MKID=Mekong Department Infrastructure Division, MKGF=Mekong Department Governance, Finance and Trade Division, MKOC=Mekong Department Operations Coordination, PPTA=project preparatory technical assistance, SC = staff consultant, SMEs = small and medium-sized enterprises, TASF=Technical Assistance Special Fund, TBD=to be determined.

Table A1.11 (con't): Assistance Pipeline for Nonlending Products and Services, 2003-2005

Sector Assistance Name	Responsible Division ^a	Assistance Type	Sources of Funding				Total (\$'000)
			ADB		Others		
			Source	Amount (\$'000)	Source	Amount (\$'000)	
Transport and Communication							
3. Northern Rural Access Roads Improvement	MKID	PPTA	JSF	700.0			700.0
Subtotal				700.0			700.0
Social Infrastructure							
4. Market Towns Development	MKSS	PPTA	JSF	700.0			700.0
Subtotal				700.0			700.0
Finance and Industry							
5. SME Development	MKGF	PPTA	JSF	700.0			700.0
6. Public Services Delivery Efficiency	MKGF	ADTA	TASF	500.0			500.0
Subtotal				1,200.0			1,200.0
Others							
7. Capacity Building for Gender/ Mainstreaming	MKOC	ADTA	TASF	400.0			400.0
8. Competitiveness Improvement in the Economic Corridor	MKOC	ADTA	TASF	600.0			600.0
9. Development Impact Assessment of ADB Operation	MKOC	ETSW	SC/IAE				
Subtotal				1,000.0			1,000.0
Total				4,500.0			4,500.0
2005 Standby							
Energy							
10. Energy Development in the Northern Rural Area	MKID	PPTA	JSF	700.0			700.0
Subtotal				700.0			700.0
Social Infrastructure							
11. Northern Region water Supply and Sanitation Sector	MKSS	PPTA	JSF	700.0			700.0
12. Capacity Building for Health Sector Efficiency and Management	MKSS	ADTA	TASF	500.0			500.0
13. Provincial Institutional Strengthening in Education Efficiency	MKSS	ADTA	TASF	500.0			500.0
Subtotal				1,700.0			1,700.0
Total				2,400.0			2,400.0

ADB = Asian Development Bank, ADTA = advisory technical assistance, ETSW = economic, thematic and sector work, IAE = internal administrative expense, JSF=Japan Special Fund, MKAE = Mekong Department Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources, MKGF = Mekong Department Governance, Finance and Trade Division, MKID=Mekong Department Infrastructure Division, MKSS = Mekong Department Social Sector Division, PPTA = project/program preparatory technical assistance, SC = staff consultant, SME = small and medium-sized enterprise, TASF = Technical Assistance Special Fund, TBD = to be determined.

Table A1.12: Lending Scenarios and Performance Triggers

Low Case	Base Case	High Case
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macroeconomic instability and declining growth • No improvement in state-owned commercial bank (SOCB) restructuring • No improvement in social and environmental impact assessment in infrastructure investment • Absence and/or no utilization of monitoring systems for contract award, submission of audited financial reports, and compliance with loan covenants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stable macroeconomic outlook • Formulation of and commitment to a SOCB restructuring plan • Conduct a regular dialogue between the Government and private sector • Substantial progress in meeting the second-tranche conditions of the Environment and Social Program Loan • Implementation of monitoring systems for contract award, submission of audited financial reports, and compliance with loan covenants; and formulation of a project financial management improvement framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the macroeconomic management policy framework • Implementation of the restructuring plan of the banking sector and rural finance • Formulation and implementation of a program of measures to improve the enabling environment for private sector development • Full implementation of the regulatory framework for environment and social safeguards • Full implementation of the public expenditure review recommendation on balancing capital and recurrent expenditures in social development • Full implementation of the Country Portfolio Review Mission's action plan

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CONCEPT PAPERS FOR LENDING PRODUCTS

Table A2.1: Tree Plantation for Livelihood Improvement Project

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>		
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Agriculture Subsector: Forestry</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth <input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection <input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation <input type="checkbox"/> Other: </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Human development <input type="checkbox"/> Good governance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development <input type="checkbox"/> Social protection </td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth <input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection <input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development <input type="checkbox"/> Good governance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development <input type="checkbox"/> Social protection
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<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>		
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Division/Mekong Department</p>		
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): A. Siddiq, Project Economist</p>		
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Forest cover in the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) has been reduced from 70% in the 1940s to 47% or less in the 1990s. The Government recognizes the problems and attempts to address them by (i) improving logging regulations, (ii) containing shifting cultivation, (iii) developing partnerships with village communities, and (iv) encouraging private individuals and organizations to establish plantations. In 1997, the Department of Forestry developed Vision 2020 to translate policy into strategies. Vision 2020 encourages increased plantation forestry, focusing on degraded forestland, and strong private sector involvement in this effort.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The goal of the PPTA will be to prepare an investment project that will (i) provide income-generating opportunities to improve the livelihood of rural communities, (ii) increase private sector participation in commercial plantation, (iii) rehabilitate degraded forest land through plantation, and (iv) strengthen the capacity of the extension system to support tree plantation.</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: The components will include (i) training for planters and private sector entrepreneurs, (ii) credit lines for planters and private sector organizations, (iii) improvement of plantation access roads, (iv) market development, and (vi) capacity building for the executing and implementation agencies.</p>		

<p>d. Expected results and deliverables: The project will support plantation on about 10,000 hectares. Markets for wood products would be strengthened through training, research, and data collection and dissemination systems. On average, the project will increase wood raw material by 125,000 cubic meters per annum and earn \$2 million per annum in foreign exchange.</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: The project will rehabilitate environmentally degraded lands and increase their productivity, and create jobs for poor rural households including women.</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: The results of the project will be shared with other line agencies, private sector organizations, planters, and donors through seminars, workshops, and trade fairs. Appropriate attention will be paid to maximizing project benefits to ethnic minorities.</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and provincial/district agricultural and forestry service offices</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: This project will be a follow-on project to the ongoing one. The Government and the beneficiaries fully support the model and would like to replicate it in other areas.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2001</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: 2003 Nonlending (project preparatory): 2001 Nonlending (other than project preparatory): None Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR: None</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: 2004–2009 Nonlending: 2002 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR: None</p>
<p>10. Financing plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: Not applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> Other: N.A.</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>b. For nonlending <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: <input type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: Not applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: \$700,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p>

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic, PPTA = program or project preparatory technical assistance, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

Table A2.2: Northern Area Rural Power Distribution

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Energy Subsector: Power distribution</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Infrastructure Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): T. Luo, Energy Sector Specialist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The Lao PDR has one of the least developed economies in Southeast Asia. Only about 34% of the population has access to electricity, which is unevenly distributed among different geographic regions. In the northern region, which has the highest poverty incidence, only about 10.6 percent of households or 5.9 percent of villages have access to electricity. Expanding rural electrification coverage is critical to develop rural areas and to reduce rural poverty in the northern region. The proposed project is fully in line with the ADB's country strategy to promote sustainable economic growth through infrastructure development, with special emphasis on rural development. The proposed project is also part of an integrated rural development strategy of the Government. The project is expected to provide electricity economically and reliably to rural households that have no access to electricity or rely on high-cost diesel generators that have limited operating hours. The project will thus greatly enhance the living quality of the rural population, agriculture productivity, and commercial opportunities. As an integrated approach to rural development, the project will greatly promote social and economic development in poor areas.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The goals of the proposed project are to promote pro-poor economic and social development through improved access to electricity, and reduce poverty by fostering rural economic activities. The purpose of the project is to supply electricity by extending the power grid to selected northern rural areas, benefiting around 32,000 households in 330 villages and towns.</p> <p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: Extension of 356 kilometers of 115 kilovolts (kV) transmission lines, construction of three units of 115 kV substations, erection of medium- and low- voltage distribution facilities, and other assistance in consulting services, operational improvement, and project benefit monitoring.</p>										

- d. **Expected results and deliverables:** The project will substantially increase the electrification ratio in the northern region, and improve the living quality and income level of the rural population and reduce its expenditure on energy consumption.
- e. **Social or environmental issues or concerns:** The project will generate only minor environment impacts and has been classified under environment category B. The transmission and distribution facilities will follow existing rights of way, avoiding environmentally sensitive areas, villages, and valuable agriculture land. Only very limited land will be acquired. Proper mitigation and compensation measures will be formulated. The project will have no major adverse social impacts. Proper social measures with special emphasis on providing electricity services for poor and vulnerable groups, including ethnic minorities, will be designed and incorporated into the project to ensure that the project benefits are shared in a balanced manner among the rural population.
- g. **Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:** Implementing consultants will be hired to help the executing agency monitor project implementation to ensure that the project will be completed as envisaged. As part of the project implementation, a benefit monitoring and evaluation program will be conducted to ensure that the project benefits are achieved as designed.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Electricité du Laos (EdL)

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: The proposed project is part of the EdL's Power Development Plan (2001-2010), which was approved by the Government in late 2001. During project preparation, the Ministry of Industry and Handicrafts, Ministry of Finance, and other government agencies. The PPTA consultants also conducted participatory consultation with the intended beneficiaries and relevant stakeholders, and a socioeconomic survey. The Government and potential beneficiaries strongly support this project.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2003
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
 - Lending: March 2003
 - Nonlending (project preparatory): None
 - Nonlending (other than project preparatory): None
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR: None
- c. Period and duration of assistance
 - Lending: 2003-2006
 - Nonlending: None
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR: None

10. Financing Plan

- a. For lending
 - Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund: \$30 million
 - Other: Nordic Development Fund (NDF), up to \$10 million

The total project cost is estimated at around \$50 million. It is proposed that ADB provide from its Special Funds resources a loan of \$30 million equivalent. NDF expressed its interest in cofinancing up to \$10 million equivalent on a parallel basis. The Government will provide counterpart local currency of \$10 million equivalent.

- b. For nonlending
 - No resources required, other than ADB staff
 - ADB's administrative budget:
 - Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund:
 - Japan Special Fund:
 - Other
- c. For projects financed by
 - JFICT:
 - JFPR:

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic, PPTA = program or project preparatory technical assistance, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program.

Table A2.3: Small Towns Development Project

Date: July 2002

1. Type/modality of assistance										
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lending <input type="checkbox"/> Project loan <input type="checkbox"/> Program loan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sector loan <input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory <input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory <input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR										
2. Assistance focus										
<p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Urban development Subsector: Urban governance</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification <input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development									
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other:										
3. Coverage										
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4. Responsible division/department: Social Sectors Division/Mekong Department										
5. Responsible ADB officer: G. Cezayirli, Senior Urban Development Specialist										
6. Description of assistance										
<p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Urban development is a priority of the Government's Five-Year Socioeconomic Plan (2001-2005), which includes in its targets planning and developing basic infrastructure and services in urban areas, including small towns. Over the last 6 years the urban environment in the Lao PDR has improved significantly with investments in Vientiane and secondary towns, but a focus on the largest cities has compromised the ability of the urban sector to support equitable and broad-based development. Small towns have benefited least from investments, which has not only impoverished small-town residents but also undermined small towns as (i) the administrative centers; (ii) economic links between the rural and national and international markets; (iii) locations of immediate markets, transport depots, and agricultural processing centers in the rural hinterland; (iv) places where a large number of rural people commute daily to exchange their rural produce for urban goods and services; and (v) places that offer nonfarm employment during the off-farm seasons for the rural poor, most of whom are engaged in natural resource-dependent livelihoods, threatening the country's ecological sustainability. At this stage of urban development, with Vientiane and secondary towns having already developed as national and regional markets, the focus of development efforts needs to be shifted to small urban centers to optimally utilize existing urban potential to support broad-based development and reduce urban and rural poverty .</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The project goal is to improve the quality of life and enhance productivity in selected small urban centers that play or have the potential to play an important role as market, service, and manufacturing center, supporting the rural hinterland. The objectives of the project are to (i) improve the urban environment and increase the access of communities to essential urban infrastructure and services; and (ii) support the establishment and development of decentralized and dedicated institutional and management frameworks for effective, responsive, and sustainable delivery of urban services.</p>										

<p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables:</p> <p>(i) Part A includes (a) town-wide infrastructure and amenities, including improvements to major roads, drainage, public markets, and bus stations; (b) town cleanliness and environmental services, including better solid waste collection and disposal and sanitation services; and (c) village upgrading and livelihood promotion, combining basic infrastructure and service improvements with livelihood enhancement, and following a demand-responsive and partnership approach, with villages playing a major role.</p> <p>(ii) Part B: focuses on activities supporting (a) the implementation of infrastructure and service improvements with consulting services under part A, (b) civic awareness and community dialogue to maximize benefits from physical improvements and ensure sustainability of project impacts, and (c) establishment and capacity building of UDAs in the project towns.</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: (i) Improved urban environment in small towns; (ii) increased access by the population to basic infrastructure and services; (iii) increased community awareness of environment and health linkages and civic issues; (iv) improved community capacities to undertake participatory village planning and improvements; and (v) enhanced capacities of UDAs to plan, manage, and maintain urban infrastructure and services</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: No adverse social or environmental impact is foreseen. The urban environment will be improved through provision of basic urban infrastructure and services.</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: Community dialogue will be maintained at each stage of the project.</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Communications, Transport, Post, and Construction and UDAs</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: A wide range of stakeholders and beneficiaries will be consulted at each stage of project implementation, including government agencies, NGOs, mass organizations, provincial and district authorities, UDAs, and communities.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2003 firm</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: January 2003 Nonlending (project preparatory): Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: January 2003–July 2009 Nonlending: Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing Plan</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: \$16 Million <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Government</p> <p>b. For nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: <input type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p>

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic, NGOs = nongovernment organization, PPTA = program or project preparatory technical assistance, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, UDAA = Urban Development Administration Authorities

Table A2. 4: Northern Community-Managed Irrigation Sector

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Agriculture Subsector: Irrigation</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area</p> <table> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): M. Katagami, Project Economist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: In upland areas of the Lao PDR, steep terrain and poor infrastructure severely hinder integration of the area into overall economic development. The incidence of poverty is particularly severe in isolated mountainous uplands in the northern provinces, where the poor depend heavily on subsistence farming and shifting cultivation. High population growth in recent years, decreasing rotation periods, and limited periods of forest regrowth contributed to deforestation. Ongoing Loan 1488-LAO: Community-Managed Irrigation Sector Project has demonstrated that community-managed irrigation is important in reducing rural poverty by increasing crop production and improving food security as well as reducing shifting cultivation. Such intervention to break the cycle of rural poverty and environmental degradation is needed to reduce poverty and dependence on shifting cultivation in the northern provinces.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The project aims to reduce poverty in the northern provinces by increasing food production and to decrease dependence on shifting cultivation by providing alternative income-generating opportunities.</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: (i) Development of small-scale irrigation schemes; (ii) mobilization and institutional development support for water users associations; (iii) institutional strengthening of provincial and district systems to plan, implement, and monitor small irrigation schemes to improve cost-effectiveness and sustainability of irrigation schemes; (iv) extension services to facilitate an integrated approach to food production and enhancement of income-earning opportunities; and (v) rehabilitation of rural access roads to link the irrigation schemes to the national road network</p>										

- d. **Expected results and deliverables:** (i) Increase in irrigated land and rice production in the uplands, (ii) reduction of food shortages in the project villages, (iii) enhanced community participation and livelihood, and (iv) reduction of shifting cultivation practices
- e. **Social or environmental issues or concerns:** The JFPR project will be simultaneously processed to enhance food production and income-generating opportunities. specifically for the poorest in rural villages and among ethnic minorities. The project will help improve the project area environment by reducing shifting cultivation.
- f. **Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:** Workshops to exchange experiences of different water user associations, technical demonstrations, and local study tours

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and provincial/district agriculture and forestry offices

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:
The project will be designed through participatory beneficiary consultations and will seek modalities to address diversified needs for food security and income generation among lowland farmers, upland shifting cultivators, and ethnic minority groups.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2001
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
Lending: 2003 (standby), 2004 (firm)
Nonlending (project preparatory): 2001
Nonlending (other than project preparatory):
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR: 2003
- c. Period and duration of assistance
Lending: 2004-2009
Nonlending:
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR: 2004-2009

10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)

- a. For lending
Ordinary capital resources:
Asian Development Fund: \$10 million
Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- b. For nonlending
No resources required, other than ADB staff
ADB's administrative budget:
Grant TA funds
TA Special Fund: \$700,000
Japan Special Fund:
Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- c. For projects financed by
JFICT:
JFPR: \$2 million

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund For Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic, PPTA = project/program preparatory technical assistance, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

Table A2. 5: Rural Finance Development Project

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Finance Subsector: Rural and microfinance</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</p> <p>Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</p> <p>Social protection</p>
<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Governance, Finance, & Trade Division/Mekong Department</p>
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): B. Coleman, Project Economist</p>
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Rural finance in the Lao PDR is underdeveloped. The Agriculture Promotion Bank (APB) has the mandate to deliver financial services to the rural sector, but operates in an unsustainable fashion, requiring subsidies from the central budget, and, therefore, has limited outreach. Most of its clients are nonpoor. State-owned commercial banks and foreign banks do not adequately serve rural areas, either. A few, small microfinance projects serve a small fraction of the rural population. The policy environment is not supportive of sustainable micro- and rural finance, yet 87% of the country's poor live in rural areas. The development of sustainable rural finance is thus identified in the CSP and CSP update as a key component of the Lao PDR's poverty reduction strategy</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: (i) improve formal rural financial services, (ii) encourage sustainable delivery mechanisms, (iii) increase outreach, and (iv) support an enabling environment for other types of micro- and rural finance institutions such as credit unions</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: Components will be finalized during PPTA. The project is expected to support reform and improve the services of APB and other commercial banks serving rural clients. The project will support pilot credit unions and other microfinance institutions (MFIs) as an alternative to the formal banking system; support policy, legal, and regulatory reform to create a supportive environment for MFIs; and strengthen the Bank of Lao PDR's capacity to supervise and regulate MFIs</p>

<p>d. Expected results and deliverables: (i) Significantly increased outreach of rural financial services; (ii) improved efficiency of APB operations and more rational pricing of its products and services; (iii) establishment of supportive policies, laws, and/or regulations; (iv) creation of, and/or support to, credit unions, and other MFIs</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Expansion of rural finance is expected to be of special benefit to women, who will be the majority of clients</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: Participatory workshops, training, and conferences</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Bank of Lao PDR</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: ADB has been financing a cluster TA for rural finance since May 2000. This TA has conducted seminars, workshops, and study tours for rural finance policymakers and advisers from the Government and Bank of Lao PDR, as well as senior staff of APB. Consultations have also been undertaken with other donors in microfinance, including UNCDF, World Bank, and AusAid, and with microfinance practitioners and their clients such as CCSP.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2004</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: 2004 Nonlending (project preparatory): Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: 2004–2010 Nonlending: Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)</p> <p>a. For lending Ordinary capital resources: Asian Development Fund: \$10 million Other:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing): Not yet known</p> <p>b. For nonlending No resources required, other than ADB staff ADB's administrative budget: Grant TA funds TA Special Fund: Japan Special Fund: Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by JFICT: JFPR:</p>

ADB = Asian Development Bank, AusAID = Australian Agency for International Development, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic, PPTA = project/program preparatory technical assistance, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance, UNCDF = United Nations Capital Development Fund.

Table A2.6: Northern and Central Regions Water Supply and Sanitation Project

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Water supply and sanitation Subsector: Provincial and district-level water supply and sanitation</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td>Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	Social protection	Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Social Sectors Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: X. Ye, Senior Financial Specialist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The Government decentralized water supply and sanitation development and management in the late 1990s, when local water supply organizations were relatively weak and did not fully understand the extent of their new responsibilities. In 1999, ADB approved a loan for the Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project, which aimed to provide a framework for the planning, development, and management of water supply systems; establish a regulatory authority; and strengthen the local water supply and sanitation organizations. Coverage of water supply systems, however, remains low in the Lao PDR, especially in the rural areas, and inadequate tariff levels constrain expansion of water supply systems. The project will support the country core strategies of sustainable economic growth, including social development; and good governance. Tariff-pricing policies and strategies will be further strengthened to ensure equitable access, as will regulatory and operational frameworks. The resulting sustainable water supply and sanitation operations will form part of the provincial infrastructure foundation necessary to support economic growth</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The project will help develop the water supply and sanitation sector through policy support, capacity building, and establishment of demand-responsive systems. Water supply and sanitation systems will be implemented in all regions of the country, providing access to all sections of the community, including ethnic groups. These services are essential building blocks in developing provincial and rural human capital</p> <p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The TA will develop a project proposal that is likely to have the following components: (i) a policy agenda to enhance the regulatory framework of the sector, and enable a greater</p>										

<p>degree of autonomy for the local water supply organizations; (ii) capacity building for the regulatory authority and the local water supply organizations; and (iii) project investments that will meet the needs of all social classes</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: (i) Financially viable and efficient local water supply organizations; (ii) clean water in adequate quantities, and delivered in a demand-responsive way; and (iii) no adverse impacts on the environment</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Ethnic minority groups may be present in the target communities. No adverse environmental impact is foreseen.</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Communications, Transport, Post and Construction.</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: A wide range of stakeholders and beneficiaries will be consulted during the TA fact-finding and implementation, including concerned government agencies, international and bilateral agencies, NGOs, mass movement organizations, provincial and district authorities, and communities.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2004 firm</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: 2004 Nonlending (project preparatory): July 2002 Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: Nonlending: January-December 2004 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing Plan</p> <p>a. For lending Ordinary capital resources: Asian Development Fund: \$15 million Other:</p> <p>b. For nonlending No resources required, other than ADB staff ADB's administrative budget: Grant TA funds TA Special Fund: Japan Special Fund: \$700,000 Other</p> <p>c. For projects financed by JFICT: JFPR:</p>

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic, NGOs = nongovernment organizations, PPTA = project/program preparatory technical assistance, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program

Table A2.7: Roads for Rural Development

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Transport Subsector: Rural roads</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Infrastructure Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: P. Vallely, Transport Specialist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistances</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: ADB's road sector strategy comprises four major areas: (i) development of the main network to connect all provincial capitals, serve rural community centers, promote tourism, and provide cross-border linkages; (ii) strengthening of the institutional capacity of local governments; (iii) strengthening of the institutional capacity of local contractors; and (iv) support for a sustainable road network in terms of maintenance, funding, heavy vehicle control, and social and environmental protection</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The project is directly linked to point (i) of ADB's sectoral strategy and will help develop an effective internal road network while ensuring construction of access roads to the poorest districts</p> <p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: Under the project, 250 kilometers (km) of national and provincial roads will be improved. The project will also construct 100 km of community access roads in the poorest districts to open up remote areas</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: Improvement of national and provincial roads will facilitate access to and connection of provincial capitals. The provision of community access roads to remote rural areas will allow them to benefit from the road network</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: The project is classified under category B. Minor land acquisition and resettlement is expected since the project will involve strip acquisition where required. Appropriate attention will be paid to impacts on ethnic minorities</p>										

f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: to be determined.
7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Communications, Transport, Post and Construction, Department of Roads
8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: To be developed during PPTA
9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2004 b. Expected date of submission for approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lending: Third quarter, 2004 Nonlending (project preparatory): Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR: c. Period and duration of assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lending: tbd Nonlending: Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
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Table A2.8: GMS: Telecommunications Backbone Project, Phase I

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p>Lending</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Transport and telecommunications Subsector: Telecommunications</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Infrastructure Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): To be determined.</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Telecommunications investment significantly contributes to economic growth, especially in countries with low teledensity. Telecommunications are not only traded services, but also act as a vehicle for trade in other service sectors. Particularly, the regional connectivity in the GMS region will enhance regional economic cooperation and accelerate the economic growth of each country. The Subregional Telecommunications Sector Study identified 13 fixed transmission networks linking six GMS countries. Establishment of Backbone Telecommunications Networks, Phase I confirmed the economic and financial viability of the project</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: (i) Enhance the access of the poor in the GMS to telecommunications services; (ii) reduce the incidence of the "digital divide" in the GMS; (iii) improve the backbone telecommunications infrastructure to attract private investment in national telecommunications networks; and (iv) allow the interconnection of national networks of the four GMS countries: Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The project will also help create and foster an investment environment conducive to private sector participation in the telecommunications sector</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: The project will develop fiber optic transmission links for phase I of the GMS: Telecommunications Backbone Network, covering the following connections: (i) optimization and/or upgrade of existing East Loop; (ii) Vientiane-Luang Phrabang-Luang Namtha-Mengla; (iii) Pakse-Phnom Penh; (iv) Phnom Penh-Siem Reap-Sisophon; and (v) Savannakhet, Lao PDR, to Dong Ha, Viet Nam</p>										

<p>d. Expected results and deliverables: Fiber optic transmission links among Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Viet Nam</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: The project will be classified under category B. Appropriate attention will be paid to impact on ethnic minorities. Involuntary resettlement will be identified during PPTA fact-finding and TA implementation</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: To be identified during PPTA fact-finding and TA implementation</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Communications, Transport, Posts and Construction (Lao PDR); Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications (Cambodia)</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: The project will complete the backbone telecommunications network connecting Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, and Viet Nam by fiber optic, which will provide unhindered and the most cost-effective communication network within the region.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2004</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: 2004 Nonlending (project preparatory): Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: To be determined during PPTA implementation Nonlending: Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: \$20 million <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: To be determined. If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>b. For nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: <input type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p>

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Table A2.9: Participatory Livestock Development Project

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance (double-click on appropriate box)</p> <p>Lending</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Agriculture Subsector: Livestock</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): A. Siddiq, Project Economist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Mortality and morbidity rates for large and small livestock are as high as 70–80% in many areas of the Lao PDR. Relatively simple and financially and technically feasible practices can lower these rates significantly through training farmers and the nonstate sector service providers. Livestock grazing also put enormous pressure on watershed resources. Introduction of more efficient forage technologies can considerably ease such pressures and also increase livestock productivity. Such interventions will not only raise the income of poor rural families but also preserve the environment. Women will especially benefit as most of the small livestock are tended by them.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The overall goal of the project will be to raise the income of poor farm families by providing animal health care services and training in forage technologies to facilitate interprovincial and interregional livestock trade.</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: (i) market and policy reforms (review of marketing policy, rules and regulations and proposed changes); (ii) training of farmer and nonstate sector service providers; (iii) credit lines for nonstate service providers; (iv) provision of health care and forage technologies; and (v) project implementation and supervision.</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: (i) The mortality and morbidity rate will drop 50–60%, (ii) pressure on watershed resources will diminish with the introduction of better forage technologies, and (iii) market reforms will facilitate more interprovincial and interregional trade by offering better prices to farmers. The net result will be 30–40% higher income for poor farm families and better environmental protection through reduced indiscriminate</p>										

<p>grazing.</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Small livestock (pigs and poultry, etc) are often tended by women. The project interventions will significantly increase their income. Introduction of better forage technologies will ensure environmental protection through reduced indiscriminate grazing. Appropriate attention will be paid to maximizing project benefits to ethnic minority.</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: Training for farmers and nonstate sector service providers</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and provincial and district agricultural and forestry service offices</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: Results of participatory rural assessments for the ongoing PPTAs and participatory poverty assessment for the Lao PDR have repeatedly shown that the rural poor value their livestock highly and rank help for their health and feed as the number-one priority. The Government's sector development plans prioritize the same.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2002</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: 2005 Nonlending (project preparatory): 2003 Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Sector review in 2002 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR: Farmer training</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: 2006–2011 Nonlending: 2003 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR: 2006 –2011</p>
<p>10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)</p> <p>a. For lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: \$15 million</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>b. For nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: \$900,000</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> JFICT:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JFPR: \$1.0 million</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p>

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Table A2.10: Power Sector Development

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Energy Subsector: Power</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Infrastructure Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: D. Graczyk, Senior Energy Sector Specialist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: ADB is preparing an energy sector strategy study, which will provide the basis for ADB interventions in the power sector in the Lao PDR.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The Lao PDR has one of the lowest levels of electrification in Asia at only 17%. Hydropower is the major source of power and is also the major nonagriculture industry. The Government aims to accelerate power sector development for domestic use and also to substantially increase exports to earn revenues for economic and social development. The loan will help the Government achieve this.</p> <p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: Specific project components and deliverables will be identified and designed under the PPTA.</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: By implementing a high-priority power development project, the loan will help the Government provide sufficient power for social and economic development in the most environmentally and socially acceptable manner.</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: To be identified during PPTA fact-finding and addressed during PPTA implementation</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: To be identified during PPTA implementation</p>										
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Electricité du Laos</p>										

<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: To be determined during PPTA fact-finding</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2003</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: Third quarter, 2005 Nonlending (project preparatory): 2003 Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: To be determined Nonlending: Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing Plan</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: \$25 million <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>b. For nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: <input type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: \$ 1,400,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p>

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Table A2.11: Small Airports Improvement Project

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Transport and telecommunications Subsector: Civil aviation</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Infrastructure Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): J. Kim, Project Engineer</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: ADB's intervention in minor airport improvement will enhance the safety and operational efficiency of small airports, which have a strategic importance for passenger traffic in the Lao PDR</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The main objective will be to undertake improvement of 10 minor airports in the Lao PDR</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: The scope of the project will include provision of; (i) civil works aerodromes, operational buildings, and airport terminals; and (ii) equipment for air traffic services, aeronautical communications, navigational aids, and aeronautical meteorology for minor airports. Consulting services to help in preconstruction activities, project management, and construction supervision will be included</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: Enhancement of the safety and operational efficiency of small airports</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: The project will be under classification B. Involuntary resettlement will be determined during PPTA fact-finding and TA implementation</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: To be determined during PPTA fact-finding and TA implementation</p>										

<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Department of Civil Aviation</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: ADB is a lead donor in the civil aviation sector in the Lao PDR. The exact requirements will be identified during PPTA fact-finding and TA implementation.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2005</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: Fourth Quarter, 2005 Nonlending (project preparatory): 2002 Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: To be determined during TA implementation Nonlending: Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)</p> <p>a. For lending Ordinary capital resources: Asian Development Fund: \$15 million Other:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: To be determined If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>b. For nonlending No resources required, other than ADB staff ADB's administrative budget: Grant TA funds TA Special Fund: Japan Special Fund: \$500,000 Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by JFICT: JFPR:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p>

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Table A2.12: Nam Ou River Basin Development Project

Date: July 2002

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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): A. Siddiq, Project Economist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The Nam Ou river basin is in the relatively less developed northern region of the country. The Government emphasizes developing this region and is preparing a development plan for it. ADB had earlier provided TA 2734-LAO: Nam Ngum Watershed Management to help the Government prepare an integrated watershed development plan. Since it has adopted a holistic river basin development approach (TA 3544-LAO: Nam Ngum River Basin Development Project), the Government has proposed replicating it in Nam Ou</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: Optimize the natural resources of the Nam Ou by adopting an integrated water resources management approach</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: (i) Watershed management, (ii) biodiversity conservation, (iii) crop and livestock management, (iv) farmer-managed irrigation, (v) farmer training, and (vi) project implementation and supervision</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: (i) Poverty will be reduced, (ii) poor rural household income will increase by 30–40%, and (iii) provision of better farm technology and farmer training will increase farm productivity</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Biodiversity conservation and environmental protection will improve. Specific and targeted activities for poor women and ethnic minorities will improve their well-being</p>										

<p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and provincial/district agricultural and forestry service offices</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: Results of participatory rural assessments for the ongoing PPTAs and participatory poverty assessments for the Lao PDR have repeatedly shown that rural poor prefer help for income-generating farm activities and infrastructure. The Government's sector development plans prioritize the same.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2004</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: 2005 (standby) Nonlending (project preparatory): 2004 Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR: Farmer training</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: 2006-2011 Nonlending: 2003 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR: 2006-2011</p>
<p>10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: \$15 million <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>b. For nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: <input type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: \$700,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JFPR: \$1 million</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p>

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Table A2.13: GMS: Power Interconnection Project, Phase I

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<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Energy Subsector: Power</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Infrastructure Division, Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): J. Kim, Project Engineer</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Under the GMS program, the regional indicative master plan on power interconnection guides each GMS country's power system plans to connect with the subregional power grid system and thus allows power trade to take place. The master plan will be completed in June 2002. The study proposed least-cost power interconnections in the GMS to enhance power trade. To enhance regional power trade, the Intergovernment Agreement on regional power trade is expected to be signed by GMS members in September 2002. This will be followed by the preparation of the operating agreement for regional power trade</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The project will enable the interconnection of the power systems of Thailand, the Lao PDR, and Viet Nam, and thus facilitate the operation of regional power trade among these countries</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: (i) Construction of a power transmission line between the Lao PDR and Viet Nam; (ii) consulting services to help in preconstruction activities, project management, and construction supervision, and (iii) enhancement of power trade among Thailand, Lao PDR, and Viet Nam</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: The transmission line between the Lao PDR and Viet Nam will enhance the power trade between them</p>										

<p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: The project will be under environmental classification B. Involuntary resettlement will be identified during PPTA fact-finding and TA implementation. Appropriate attention will be paid to impacts on ethnic minorities</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: To be identified during PPTA fact-finding and TA implementation</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Electricité de Lao and Electricity of Viet Nam</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: The GMS countries were extensively consulted on the nature and extent of power interconnection and trade to be undertaken under the GMS program. The GMS countries, through the Electric Power Forum, endorsed the policy statement on regional power trade and the preparation of the regional indicative master plan on power interconnection. The latter recommended as a priority the interconnection between the Lao PDR and Viet Nam to boost power trade among Thailand, Lao PDR, and Viet Nam.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2002</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: 2006 Nonlending (project preparatory): 2002 Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance(s) Lending: To be identified during PPTA implementation Nonlending: Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)</p> <p>a. For lending; \$100 million (GMS indicative planning figure, country allocations to be determined)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: \$15 million <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: to be determined</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: To be determined. If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>b. For nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: <input type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p>

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Table A2.14: Health Sector Development Project

Date: July 2002

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<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Health Subsector: Primary health care</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area</p> <table> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Social Sectors Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: W. Azmin, Health Specialist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The Government of the Lao PDR has developed a primary health care (PHC) policy to improve the health especially of the urban and rural poor, ethnic minorities, and women and children. ADB supports improving PHC services in the entire northern region and strengthening institutional capacity for PHC management nationwide. Overall, the PHC service delivery system is of poor quality and underutilized, particularly by the poor, thus not achieving basic standards of equity, efficiency, and effectiveness. The main reasons are (i) serious underfunding of the health sector, resulting in poor quality of care due to staff, supplies, and supervision constraints; (ii) inadequate targeting of limited resources; (iii) fragmentation of management, services, and funding due to lack of integration of vertical programs in provincial plans; and (iv) limited management capacity with inadequate delegation of authority.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The health sector efficiency and management (HSEM) will support policy conditions, capacity-building needs, and investment options that will help the rural poor, ethnic minorities, and women and children in remote areas gain access to better-quality health care, particularly PHC, and promotive and preventive health services.</p> <p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The TA will develop a project proposal that will likely to have the</p>										

following three components:

- (i) policy reform agenda established between the central and provincial governments and donors on funding and implementing the provincial strategic plans;
 - (ii) capacity building to provide better-quality PHC to poor urban and rural areas, to be partly provided by Loan 1749: Primary Health Care Expansion Project and a TA for PHC capacity building;
 - (iii) Investment focusing on increasing access and coverage to better-quality PHC for the poor, ethnic minorities, and women and children, and strengthening of the referral system in selected poor provinces and districts.
- d. **Expected results and deliverables:** The HSEM will help achieve provincial health sector targets, including reduction of infant and maternal mortality and fertility, and program targets, as well as improvements in the overall health status in the Lao PDR.
- e. **Social or environmental issues or concerns:** No adverse social or environmental impact is foreseen. Appropriate attention will be paid to maximizing project benefits to women and ethnic minorities.
- f. **Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:**

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Health

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: A wide range of stakeholders and beneficiaries will be consulted during the TA fact-finding and implementation, including concerned government agencies, international and bilateral agencies, NGOs, health workers from provincial and district health departments, community representatives, and potential beneficiaries.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2004
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
Lending: 2006
Nonlending (project preparatory): 2004
Nonlending (other than project preparatory):
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
- c. Period and duration of assistance
Lending:
Nonlending: April 2004–December 2004
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing Plan

- a. For lending
 - Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund: \$15 million
 - Other:
- b. For nonlending
 - No resources required, other than ADB staff
 - ADB's administrative budget:
 - Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund:
 - Japan Special Fund: \$700,000
 - Other
- c. For projects financed by
 - JFICT:
 - JFPR:

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Table A3.1: Private Sector Development in the Power Sector

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<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Power Subsector: Hydropower</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Infrastructure Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): L. Cannon, Private Sector Development Specialist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The Lao PDR has great potential of hydropower generation. The Government aims to explore this potential in an environmentally sustainable manner to produce electricity for export to neighboring countries as well as for domestic consumption. The private sector's role is critical to develop hydropower. Constraints on the active participation of the private sector in hydropower projects must be removed and institutional capacity to facilitate negotiations with the private sector improved.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: Help the Government provide a better business environment and regulatory framework for private sector investment in the power sector</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: (i) Review business practice and the regulatory framework for private sector investment in the power sector; (ii) prepare policy, regulatory, and institutional recommendations to remove constraints to private sector participation in power sector; and (iii) develop options for public-private partnerships in the power sector</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: A better regulatory framework and institutional capacity to encourage private sector investment in the power sector</p>										

<p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Not applicable</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: Mekong management team meetings, country team meetings, and policy dialogue</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Not required</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: Consultations will be conducted with central agencies, Ministry of Industry and Handicrafts, Electricité du Laos, and the private sector.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2003</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: Nonlending (project preparatory): Nonlending (other than project preparatory): June 2003 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: Nonlending: 2 months</p>
<p>10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>b. For nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: \$30,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p>

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Table A3. 2: Rural Finance Development

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Finance Subsector: Micro- and rural finance</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Governance, Finance and Trade Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): B. Coleman, Project Economist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Rural finance in the Lao PDR is underdeveloped. The Agriculture Promotion Bank (APB) operates in an unsustainable fashion and has limited outreach. Most of its clients are nonpoor. State-owned commercial banks and foreign banks do not adequately serve rural areas, and only a few, small microfinance projects serve a small fraction of the rural population. The policy environment is not supportive of sustainable micro- and rural finance. The development of sustainable rural finance is thus identified in the CSP and CSP update as a key component of the Lao PDR's poverty reduction strategy. Given the embryonic stage of rural finance and the unsupportive policy environment, a feasible strategy for the sector must be developed.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: (i) Prepare a medium-term strategy to develop sustainable micro- and rural finance; (ii) identify the constraints on developing micro- and rural finance, the structural characteristics of the rural economy, and the characteristics of potential clients; and (iii) identify the means to overcome these constraints.</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: The strategy will (i) be developed in a participatory manner, with inputs from key government officials and rural finance practitioners; (ii) improve stakeholder awareness of constraints on developing sustainable micro- and rural finance; (iii) improve awareness of good practices in micro- and rural finance; (iv) build consensus on a strategy to support sustainable development of micro- and rural finance; and (v) support the Bank of Lao PDR in developing the appropriate policy, legal, and regulatory instruments to support an enabling environment for rural finance, and in developing their capacity to supervise in this area.</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: (i) A medium-term strategy for developing sustainable micro- and rural finance, including identification of constraints, characteristics of the rural economy, characteristics of potential clients, and</p>										

means to overcome constraints on service; (ii) improved understanding of sound micro- and rural finance principles by policymakers; and (iii) establishment of supportive policies, laws, and/or regulations.

- e. **Social or environmental issues or concerns:** A feasible strategy and improved policy environment will expand rural finance to women, who will be the majority of clients.
- f. **Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:** Participatory workshops, training, conferences, publication of strategy

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Bank of Lao PDR

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:

ADB has been financing a cluster TA for rural finance since May 2000. This TA has conducted seminars, workshops, and study tours for rural finance policymakers and advisers from the Government and Bank of Lao PDR, as well as senior staff of APB. Consultations have also been undertaken with other donors, in microfinance, including UNCDF, World Bank, and AusAid, and with microfinance practitioners and their clients such as CCSP. Subproject 4 or 5 of the TA will be used to help prepare the strategy.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2003
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending (project preparatory):
 - Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2003
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
- c. Period and duration of assistance
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending: 2003
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)

- a. For lending
 - Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund:
 - Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing): Not yet known

- b. For nonlending
 - No resources required, other than ADB staff
 - ADB's administrative budget:
 - Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund:
 - Japan Special Fund: \$200,000 (from cluster TA approved in January 2000)
 - Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- c. For projects financed by
 - JFICT:
 - JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

ADB = Asian Development Bank, AusAID = Australian Agency for International Development, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance, UNCDF = United Nations Capital Development Fund.

Table A3.3: Enhanced Environment for SME Development

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: ADTA</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>											
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Private sector development Subsector: Financial, legal, commercial</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Governance, Finance and Trade Division/Mekong Department</p>											
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): M. Varkay, Investment Officer</p>											
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The proposed ADTA will support the financial sector program loan to be processed in 2002 and thereby support ADB's long-term commitment to financial sector and private sector development. The ADTA will build on the recent steps taken by the Government to improve the business environment for the private sector (i) issuance of implementing decrees for the Foreign Investment Law and Bankruptcy Law; (ii) introduction of a one-stop approval system to simplify foreign investment; (iii) strengthening of the Business Improvement Committee under the Prime Minister's Office to accelerate SOE reform; and (iv) establishment of the Lao Trade Promotion Centre to facilitate dissemination of information on business procedures, business-related laws and regulations, and export market information.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The private sector is characterized by a small and fragmented domestic market; untapped entrepreneurship; a weak financial, commercial, and legal infrastructure; and cumbersome bureaucratic requirements. Economic growth and job creation depend on the ability of the private sector (SMEs and restructured SOEs) to enter and operate in a commercially oriented policy environment. The ADTA will support the Financial Sector Program Loan III by addressing the obstacles to private sector development and develop probusiness frameworks and procedures that will allow for the development of scale economies across all sectors as well as encourage the integration of the informal sector into the national economy. By doing so, the ADTA will catalyze the development of bankable projects for national and international financial institutions and thereby assist in risk mitigation and portfolio diversification.</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: The probusiness components of the ADTA, developed further at a workshop held in March 2002 with the Government and the private sector, will be as follows: (i) strengthen the legal framework for</p>											

commercial transactions to ensure the development of secured transactions and transparent commercial dispute resolution; (ii) streamline enterprise registration and licensing procedures as well as factory licensing approval; (iii) simplify the tax reporting mechanism; (iv) improve SME access to finance through a stronger accounting, business plan procedures, as well as improved securitization; (v) strengthen the provision of business services; (vi) enhance government-private sector strategy development; (vi) help capacity building of the Chamber of Commerce.

- d. **Expected results and deliverables:** A supporting legal and commercial framework that will help private sector firms develop (i) medium-term commercial strategies; (ii) access to finance that will encourage equity investment in long-term capital and equipment for manufacturing, and service industry development; (iii) capacity building in Government for long-term, private sector-responsive policies in coordination with the private sector (Chamber of Commerce); and (iv) generate government revenue via improved incentives for tax reporting by businesses.
- e. **Social or environmental issues or concerns:** None, as industry groups will be helped to develop environmental standards and labor standards for products developed for export (via the Chamber of Commerce capacity building).
- f. **Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:** *Legal Gazette* and newspapers will be used. Plans for workshops held jointly with other donors are under discussion.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce, and Chamber of Commerce

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:

A workshop was held in Vientiane on 18 March 2002, and reviewed with ministries, the Chamber of Commerce, private sector, municipalities, as well as members of the donor community the scope of assistance to ensure buy-in by the Government and private sector as well as to ensure donor coordination.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2003
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
Lending:
Nonlending (project preparatory):
Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2003
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
- c. Period and duration of assistance: 1 year
Lending:
Nonlending:
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)

- a. For lending
 Ordinary capital resources:
 Asian Development Fund:
 Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- b. For nonlending
 No resources required, other than ADB staff
 ADB's administrative budget:
 Grant TA funds
 TA Special Fund: \$500,000
 Japan Special Fund:
 Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds): \$200,000

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- c. For projects financed by
 JFICT:
 JFPR:

ADB = Asian Development Bank, ADBA = advisory technical assistance, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, SMEs = small and medium-sized enterprises, SOE = state-owned enterprise, TA = technical assistance.

Table A3.4: Strengthening Accounting Function in Government

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Subsector: Public sector accounting/financial management</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Governance, Finance and Trade Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): S. Tukuafu, Financial Management Specialist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The 2002-2004 CSP for the Lao PDR cited the importance of effective accounting and auditing systems in overcoming institutional and structural impediments to sound development management. The ADTA will be a continuation of the first-phase TA, which focused on four pilot ministries and one province to implement the strategy of the Government to improve its accounting and reporting systems to cope with the increasing demand for correct recording, classification, analysis, and reporting of financial transactions. The second-phase TA, which will cover the remaining central line ministries, and provincial and district governments is timely as the Government pursues its strategy of devolving strategic planning, budgeting, and implementation to the provincial governments, districts, and village councils (Prime Minister's Order dated 11 March 2000).</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The TA is aimed at improving accountability for public financial resources and enhancing transparency in financial reporting throughout the Government. These can be achieved by (i) improving how public financial transactions are captured and recorded; (ii) improving the regulatory and procedural systems used to record and report public finance; (iii) improving the quality and timeliness of financial reporting among Government ministries, provinces, and districts; and (iv) enhancing personnel capacity and capability to sustain the improved systems and utilize financial information effectively. The financial information to be produced from an enhanced government accounting and reporting system will enable effective policy and decision making; support efficient allocation of public resources; and facilitate the discharge of functions and responsibilities by ensuring a fair and proper assessment of performance in compliance with regulations and procedures and good governance practices.</p>										

- c. **Components and outputs:** Pending approval of the government accounting regulations and procedural manual under TA-3309, the next TA will include three components: (i) strengthen the institutional capacity and staff capability of the finance departments of line ministries and provincial and district offices to maintain proper accounting records and generate quality, timely, and reliable financial reports using the approved accounting regulations and procedures; (ii) speed up through computerization processing and accessibility to financial reports generated by line ministries and provincial and district offices; and (iii) empower the users of the information generated from these financial reports to make sound and effective decisions.
- d. **Expected results and deliverables:** The proposed TA is expected to generate the following results: (i) revised accounting systems and procedures appropriate for line ministries and provincial and district offices; (ii) revised recording forms and reporting formats appropriate for line ministries and provincial and district offices; (iii) a clear demarcation of accounting and financial reporting functions within line ministries and provincial and district offices; (iv) training of staff of the finance and/or accounting departments of line ministries and provincial and district offices to use the accounting regulations and procedures; (v) production of a manual to train staff of the accounting departments of the central, provincial and district Ministry of Finance; (vi) provision of computer hardware and software for the finance departments of line ministries and provincial and district governments; and (vii) produce staff trained to use the computer accounting software.
- e. **Social or environmental issues or concerns:** No adverse social and environment issues or concerns
- f. **Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:** Seminars, training workshops, and a training manual

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Finance Accounting Department

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:

Continuing discussion with the Ministry of Finance on the future direction and scope of the second-phase ADTA in enhancing and improving the accounting and financial reporting functions of the line ministries, provinces, and districts.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2003
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
Lending:
Nonlending (project preparatory):
Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2003
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR: Second quarter, 2002
- c. Period and duration of assistance:
Lending:
Nonlending: 2003–2006
Activities financed by JFICT: 2003–2006

10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)

- a. For lending
- Ordinary capital resources:
- Asian Development Fund:
- Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- b. For nonlending
- No resources required, other than ADB staff
- ADB's administrative budget:
- Grant TA funds
- TA Special Fund: \$550,000.00
- Japan Special Fund:
- Other (specify):

If co-financing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: JFICT for \$900,000

- c. For projects financed by
- JFICT: \$900,000
- JFPR:

Table A3.5: Strengthening Urban Operation and Maintenance

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>											
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Urban development Subsector: Urban governance</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>											
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Social Sectors Division/ Mekong Department</p>											
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: G. Cezayirli, Sr. Urban Development Specialist</p>											
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Urban development is a priority of the Government's Five-Year Socioeconomic Plan (2001-2005), which includes in its targets planning and developing basic infrastructure and services in urban areas, including small towns. Since 1995, ADB has been helping the Government develop urban infrastructure and services. These investments covered Vientiane and four major secondary towns. Ten more small towns are also in the process of being provided with basic infrastructure and services under an ongoing ADB assistance, planned for approval in 2003. Recognizing that sustainable urban development is only possible through effective management structures, since 1995 the Government has established decentralized urban-focused authorities in Vientiane and four major secondary towns. The Government is also establishing new UDAs in other small towns. These authorities are mandated to provide O&M of infrastructure and services. As the major urban centers already have basic urban infrastructure and services, development efforts should focus on O&M of infrastructure and services. The TA will support the development of capacities for urban O&M.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The TA will support the government policy of effective urban management and help UDAs develop urban O&M systems, capacities, and resources to ensure sustainable development in urban areas.</p> <p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The components of urban operation and maintenance are (i) O&M systems development: systems, manuals, procedures, registers, and programs will be developed to establish and maintain the technical requirements of O&M; (ii) skills development: technical skills necessary to undertake O&M in a satisfactory manner will be developed; and (iii) resource mobilization: necessary resources to undertake adequate</p>											

O&M will be assessed. Sources of revenues will be reviewed. The gaps will be analyzed. Solutions in the form of additional sources of revenues and increased efficiency in the collection and use of existing revenues will be determined. O&M revenue plans will be developed. Assistance also will be extended for the successful implementation of O&M revenue plans. The TA will assess the potential for PSP and help outsource the private sector in O&M.

- d. **Expected results and deliverables:** O&M capacities and resources have been developed within UDAAs with resulting positive impact on sustainability.
- e. **Social or environmental issues or concerns:** No adverse social or environmental impact is foreseen.
- f. **Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:** Workshops undertaken at key stages to disseminate the results and compare the results across UDAAAs

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Department of Public Administration and Civil Service

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: A wide range of stakeholders and beneficiaries will be consulted during the TA fact-finding and implementation, including concerned government agencies, international and bilateral agencies, NGOs, mass organizations, provincial and district authorities, UDAAAs, and communities.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2003 firm
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending (project preparatory):
 - Nonlending (other than project preparatory): October 2003
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
- c. Period and duration of assistance
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending: January 2004–December 2005
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing Plan

- a. For lending
 - Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund:
 - Other:
- b. For Nonlending
 - No resources required, other than ADB staff
 - ADB's administrative budget:
 - Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund: \$500,000
 - Japan Special Fund:
 - Other
- c. For projects financed by
 - JFICT:
 - JFPR:

CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic, NGO = nongovernment organization, O&M = operation and maintenance, SCSP = subregional cooperation, TA = technical assistance, UDAA = urban development administration authority.

Table A3.6: Institutional Strengthening for Small Towns Administrations

Date: July 2002

1. Type/modality of assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Lending <input type="checkbox"/> Project loan <input type="checkbox"/> Program loan <input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan <input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory <input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory <input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional development <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR		
2. Assistance Focus a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Urban development Subsector: Urban governance b. For project preparatory and lending, classification <input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention c. Key thematic area <input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth <input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection <input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance <input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development <input type="checkbox"/> Social protection		
3. Coverage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional <input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development		
4. Responsible division/department: Social Sectors Division/Mekong Department		
5. Responsible ADB officer: G. Cezayirli, Sr. Urban Development Specialist		
6. Description of assistance a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Urban development is a priority of the Government's Five-Year Socioeconomic Plan (2001-2005), which includes in its targets planning and developing basic infrastructure and services in urban areas, including small towns. The Government also recognizes that sustainable urban development is only possible by creating effective management through decentralized urban-focused entities. Since 1995, creation of a legal, financial, and institutional framework for decentralized management has been a major thrust of the Government's urban sector policy, resulting in the establishment in Vientiane and four secondary towns of UDAs with dedicated responsibility to manage urban affairs. UDAs are transforming themselves into autonomous urban local governments with a clear mandate and resources. The Government wishes to extend these reforms to small towns that are rapidly growing urban centers with important administrative, marketing, and service functions. The Government has already decided to establish UDAs in small towns under the small towns development project planned for approval in 2003. The Government should be helped to institutionalize and establish the core capacities of UDAs. b. Goal and purpose: The TA will support the Government's policy to decentralize urban governance, with resulting benefits for sustainable and responsive urban management. c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: (i) Reforms for institutionalizing UDAs. The TA will develop decrees and other legal tools to institutionalize UDAs with defined functions, responsibilities, and authorities in small towns (ii) Organizational development: The TA will establish organizational structures and operating and working guidelines		

to enable UDAAAs to function smoothly. (iii) Corporate planning: The TA will help develop corporate plans, and set out visions, goals, program of work, and necessary human and financial resources. (iv) Human resource development: The TA will help develop human resources in UDAAAs and create core skills and capacities, and form a network of UDAAAs where they can exchange experiences and knowledge

- d. **Expected results and deliverables:** UDAAAs with core capacities and skills will be in place. A phased UDAA development plan will be in place to enable UDAAAs to continue to develop after TA completion.
- e. **Social or environmental issues or concerns:** No adverse social or environmental impact is foreseen.
- f. **Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:** Workshops at key stages of the TA to disseminate the results

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Department of Public Administration and Civil Service

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: A wide range of stakeholders and beneficiaries will be consulted during the TA fact-finding and implementation, including concerned government agencies, international and bilateral agencies, NGOs, mass organizations, provincial and district authorities, UDAAAs, and communities.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2003 firm
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending (project preparatory):
 - Nonlending (other than project preparatory): January 2003
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
- c. Period and duration of assistance
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending: July 2003–July 2005
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing Plan

- a. For lending
 - Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund:
 - Other:
- b. For nonlending
 - No resources required, other than ADB staff
 - ADB's administrative budget:
 - Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund: \$500,000
 - Japan Special Fund:
 - Other
- c. For projects financed by
 - JFICT:
 - JFPR:

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic, NGOs = nongovernment organizations, SCSP = subregional cooperation, TA = technical assistance, UDAA = urban development administration authority.

Table A3.7: Agriculture Export Diversification

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Agriculture Subsector: Commercialization of agricultural products</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection									
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:										
<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): To be determined</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: As most people in the Lao PDR depend on agriculture for their livelihood, agricultural development is critical to achieving sustainable economic growth. With the help of considerable investment in irrigation systems over the past years, the country has achieved self-sufficiency in rice production. To stimulate growth in agriculture and raise rural incomes, subsistence farming must give way to more diversified, commercial agricultural production. The Government considers commercial agriculture as a potentially competitive area. With two neighboring countries, Viet Nam and Thailand, being dominant low-cost rice producers in the international market, the Lao PDR must find its competitive advantage in non-rice niche market development. With improvement of technical know-how, supporting infrastructures, and market linkages among producers, wholesalers, and retail buyers, the quality of non-rice crop production can be upgraded to meet export standards, and trading business and other agribusiness can be developed. Development of commercial agriculture requires a supportive enabling environment for private sector investment.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: Increase rural incomes by introducing market-oriented agricultural production of higher value and quality, and developing agribusiness industries.</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: (i) Technical support to produce exportable high-quality agricultural products in which the Lao PDR has a comparative advantage; (ii) investment to support infrastructures such as storage and drying facilities, required to trade commercial agricultural products; and (iii) institutional, regulatory, and market support to promote private sector investment in agribusiness.</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: (i) Improved quality and value of exportable crop production; (ii) introduction of</p>										

a commercial contract farming system between farmers and export traders; and (iii) development of new agribusiness enterprises such as agroprocessors, export traders, packaging industries, transport service catering to exporters. Etc.

e. **Social or environmental issues or concerns:** The type of agribusiness industries promoted by the project will be selected based on an environmental impact assessment

f. **Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:** Trade fairs, investment conferences, new agricultural product development competition, agribusiness forum development, and local study tours.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and provincial/district agriculture and forestry offices

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2004

b. Expected date of submission for approval
Lending: 2006
Nonlending (project preparatory): 2004
Nonlending (other than project preparatory):
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

c. Period and duration of assistance
Lending: 2007–2012
Nonlending: 2004
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)

a. For lending
 Ordinary capital resources:
 Asian Development Fund:
 Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:
If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

b. For nonlending
 No resources required, other than ADB staff
 ADB's administrative budget:
 Grant TA funds
 TA Special Fund:
 Japan Special Fund: \$700,000
 Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:
If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

c. For projects financed by
 JFICT:
 JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:
If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

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Table A3. 8: Northern Region Environmental Assessment

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Environment Subsector: Environment assessment and monitoring</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection									
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:										
<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): To be determined</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: As the Lao PDR is dominated by natural resource-based economic activities, sustainable environmental management is crucial to economic growth and poverty reduction. Particularly in the northern provinces, deforestation has become prevalent, and the entire ecosystem urgently requires a holistic environmental management system. In line with the Environment Protection Law and the national environmental impact assessment guidelines, the TA will help upgrade the provincial environmental assessment and monitoring system to meet the national standard.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The TA aims to upgrade the environmental assessment and monitoring system in the northern provinces and strengthen province-level institutions to facilitate effective environmental management in the region.</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: (i) Environmental assessment of the regional ecosystem, (ii) establishment of a data collection and regional monitoring system, and (iii) technical training of staff in the national environmental assessment guidelines</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: (i) an improved environmental assessment and monitoring system that is comparable to the national data, and (ii) introduction of holistic environmental planning and management for the entire region</p>										

- e. **Social or environmental issues or concerns:** The TA will improve environmental management in the northern region by upgrading the assessment and monitoring system and introducing a holistic management approach to the entire ecosystem
- f. **Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:** Regional workshops, seminars, and local study tours

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Science, Technology, and Environment Agency

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2003
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
Lending: Not applicable
Nonlending (project preparatory):
Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2003 (standby), 2004 (firm)
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR: N.A.
- c. Period and duration of assistance
Lending:
Nonlending: 2004
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)

- a. For lending
- Ordinary capital resources:
- Asian Development Fund:
- Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- b. For nonlending
- No resources required, other than ADB staff
- ADB's administrative budget:
- Grant TA funds
- TA Special Fund: \$400,000
- Japan Special Fund:
- Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- c. For projects financed by
- JFICT:
- JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

Table A3.9: Institutional Strengthening for Rural Finance

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Finance Subsector: Micro- and rural finance</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance									
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development									
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection									
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:										
<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Governance, Finance and Trade Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): B. Coleman, Project Economist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Rural finance in the Lao PDR is underdeveloped. The Agriculture Promotion Bank (APB) has the mandate to deliver financial services to the rural sector but operates in an unsustainable fashion, requiring subsidies from the central budget, and, therefore, has limited outreach. Most of APB's clients are nonpoor. State-owned commercial banks and foreign banks do not adequately serve rural areas, either. A few, small microfinance projects serve a small fraction of the rural population. The policy environment is not supportive of sustainable micro- and rural finance, yet 87% of the country's poor live in rural areas. The development of sustainable rural finance is thus identified in the CSP and CSP update as a key component of the Lao PDR's poverty reduction strategy.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The ADTA will be attached to the rural finance project loan. The ADTA will provide technical support to Bank of Lao PDR (BOL), APB, and other microfinance institutions (MFIs) to improve formal rural financial services, encourage sustainable delivery mechanisms, increase outreach, and support an enabling environment for micro- and rural finance.</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: The ADTA will support reforms and capacity building in APB, and MFIs serving rural clients. The ADTA help BOL develop the appropriate policy, legal, and regulatory instruments to support an enabling environment for rural finance and in developing capacity to supervise in this area.</p>										

- d. **Expected results and deliverables:** (i) Improved understanding of sound micro- and rural finance principles by policy makers; (ii) improved efficiency of APB operations, more rational pricing of APB products and services, increased capacity of APB staff; (iii) improved capacity of other MFIs; (iv) establishment of supportive policies, laws, and/or regulations
- e. **Social or environmental issues or concerns:** Improved capacity of APB, BOL, and MFIs will increase expansion of rural finance to women, who will be the majority of clients.
- f. **Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:** Participatory workshops, training, and conferences

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Bank of Lao PDR

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:

ADB has been financing a cluster TA for rural finance since May 2000. This TA has conducted seminars, workshops, and study tours for rural finance policymakers and advisers from the Government and BOL, as well as senior staff of APB. Consultations have also been undertaken with other donors in microfinance, including UNCDF, World Bank, and AusAid, and with microfinance practitioners and their clients such as CCSP.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2004
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
Lending:
Nonlending (project preparatory):
Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2004
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
- c. Period and duration of assistance
Lending:
Nonlending: 2004–2007
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)

- a. For lending
- Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund:
 - Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing): Not yet known

- b. For nonlending
- No resources required, other than ADB staff
 - ADB's administrative budget:
 - Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund:
 - Japan Special Fund: \$500,000
 - Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- c. For projects financed by
- JFICT:
 - JFPR:

ADB = Asian Development Bank, ADTA = advisory technical assistance, AusAID = Australian Agency for International Development, ADTA = advisory technical assistance, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance, UNCDF = United Nations Capital Development Fund.

Table A3.10: Private Sector Assessment

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ADTA</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>											
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Private sector development Subsector:</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other:											
<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>											
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Governance, Finance and Trade Division in close coordination with Operations Coordination Division/Mekong Department</p>											
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): M. Varkay, Investment Officer</p>											
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Private sector development, particularly of micro- and small businesses, is critical to achieve sustainable economic growth and reduce poverty in the Lao PDR. The CSP includes private sector development and regional integration as one of four operational priorities. The CSP aims to improve the business environment by restructuring the financial sector, providing a level playing field, establishing regular dialogue between business and the Government, removing barriers to cross-border movement, and pursuing internal and subregional economic integration.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: (i) Address the obstacles to private sector development; (ii) develop policy, legal, and institutional recommendations; and (iv) prepare a strategic operational approach to nurture the potential of private sector development in various sectors. The study will lay the groundwork for ADB's next CSP, which is tentatively scheduled for 2006.</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: Private sector assessment document as a desk study in accordance with ADB's private sector development strategy</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: Valuable inputs for private sector development for the Government's 5 year socioeconomic plan and ADB 's next CSP</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: None</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: Mekong Management Team meetings, and country team meetings</p>											

<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Not applicable</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: Consultations will be conducted with ministries, the Chamber of Commerce, private sector, municipalities and members of the donor community.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2004</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: Nonlending (project preparatory): Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2004 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance: Lending: Nonlending: 3 months in 2004 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>b. For nonlending <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: <input type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p>

ADB = Asian Development Bank, ADTA = advisory technical assistance, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

Table A3.11: Health Sector Efficiency and Management Project

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Health Subsector: Primary health care</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area</p> <table> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development									
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection									
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:										
<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Social Sectors Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: W. Azmin, Health Specialist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The Government of the Lao PDR has developed a primary health care (PHC) policy to improve the health especially of the urban and rural poor, ethnic minorities, and women and children. ADB supports improving PHC in the entire northern region and strengthening institutional capacity for PHC management nationwide. Overall, the PHC service delivery system is of poor quality and underutilized, particularly by the poor, and thus does not achieve basic standards of equity, efficiency, and effectiveness. The main reasons for this are (i) serious underfunding of the health sector, resulting in poor quality of care due to staff, supplies, and supervision constraints; (ii) inadequate targeting of limited resources; (iii) fragmentation of management, services, and funding due to lack of integration of vertical programs in provincial plans; and (iv) limited management capacity with inadequate delegation of authority, and sparse population and difficult transport.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The project will support policy conditions, capacity-building needs, and investment options that will help the rural poor, ethnic minorities, and women and children in remote upland and highland areas gain access to better-quality health care, particularly PHC, and promotional and preventive health services.</p> <p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The TA will develop a project proposal that is likely to have the following three components:</p>										

- (i) a policy reform agenda established between the central and provincial governments and donors on funding and implementing the provincial strategic plans;
- (ii) capacity building to provide better-quality PHC to poor urban and rural areas, partly with help from Loan 1749: Primary Health Care Expansion Project and a TA for PHC capacity building;
- (iii) Investments that focus on increasing access to better-quality PHC by the poor, ethnic minorities, and women and children, and on strengthening the referral system in selected poor provinces and districts.

d. Expected results and deliverables: The project will help achieve provincial health sector targets, including reduction of infant and maternal mortality and fertility, and program targets, as well as improvements in the overall health status in the Lao PDR

e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: No adverse social or environmental impact is foreseen

f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Health

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: A wide range of stakeholders and beneficiaries will be consulted during the TA fact-finding and implementation, including concerned government agencies, international and bilateral agencies, NGOs, health workers from provincial and district health departments, community representatives, and potential beneficiaries.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2003

b. Expected date of submission for approval
Lending:
Nonlending (project preparatory): October 2003
Nonlending (other than project preparatory):
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

c. Period and duration of assistance
Lending:
Nonlending: April 2004–December 2004
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing Plan

- a. For lending
 - Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund:
 - Other:
- b. For nonlending
 - No resources required, other than ADB staff
 - ADB's administrative budget:
 - Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund:
 - Japan Special Fund: \$700,000
 - Other
- c. For projects financed by
 - JFICT:
 - JFPR:

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = Country Strategy and Program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic, NGOs = nongovernment organization, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

Table A3.12: Basic Education Development

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Education Subsector: Primary education and lower secondary education</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance									
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development									
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection									
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:										
<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Social Sectors Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: Y. Hirosato, Senior Education Specialist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The Government aims to achieve universal primary education by 2015. The Government must, therefore, address issues such as (i) inadequate access to complete primary education, especially by female members of ethnic minority groups in remote areas; (ii) weak planning and management capabilities; (iii) inadequate financing of recurrent costs; and (iv) poor quality of teaching and learning environment. To adequately address these persistent issues, the Government must emphasize the need for policy reforms by (i) redressing existing inequalities in basic education and imbalances between recurrent and capital expenditures; and (ii) providing more efficient delivery of education services, including teacher training, school construction, and community assistance programs. In particular, the investments being made under Loan 1621-LAO: Basic Education (Girls) Project, which promotes multigrade education in remote areas, need to be sustained and supported. The project is in line with the CSP, emphasizing the need to improve the quality and coverage of basic education, including targeted support to the poorest areas, ethnic minorities, and girls.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The project will support policy conditions, capacity-building needs, and investment options that will help the poor, ethnic minorities, and girls in remote areas gain access to complete better-quality primary and lower secondary education.</p> <p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The TA will develop a project proposal that is likely to have the following components:</p> <p>(i) Policy reform agenda. This will increase recurrent expenditure, including teacher salaries and other teacher</p>										

incentives. Policy options will have been identified in Loan 1844: Second Education Quality Improvement Project.

- (ii) **Capacity building needs.** This will provide complete better-quality primary and lower secondary education in disadvantaged areas under the decentralized education management system. Some of these needs will be addressed in Loan 1844: Second Education Quality Improvement Project and a proposed TA to strengthen decentralized education management
- (iii) **Investments.** This will focus on increasing access and participation by the poor, ethnic minorities, and girls, to complete primary and lower secondary education and on delivering in-service teacher training in the selected poor provinces and districts
- d. **Expected results and deliverables:** Improvements in the socioeconomic and education status in the Lao PDR with (i) recurrent expenditure for education, including teacher salaries at above 1.8% of gross domestic project; and (ii) increased primary net enrollment rate to 85% and lower secondary enrollment rate to 60%.
- e. **Social or environmental issues or concerns:** No adverse social or environmental impact is foreseen.
- f. **Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:**

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Education

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: A wide range of stakeholders and beneficiaries will be consulted during the TA fact-finding and implementation, including concerned government agencies, international and bilateral agencies, NGOs, mass movement organizations, provincial and district authorities, communities, schools authorities, parents, and students.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2004 firm
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
 - Lending: 2006
 - Nonlending (project preparatory): July 2004
 - Nonlending (other than project preparatory):
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
- c. Period and duration of assistance
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending: November 2004–June 2005
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing Plan

- a. For lending
 - Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund:
 - Other:
- b. For nonlending
 - No resources required, other than ADB staff
 - ADB's administrative budget:
 - Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund:
 - Japan Special Fund: \$700,000
 - Other
- c. For projects financed by
 - JFICT:
 - JFPR:

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Table A3.13: Capacity Building for Decentralized Project Financial Management

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Others Subsector:</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance									
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development									
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection									
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:										
<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Project Coordination and Procurement Division/Central Operations Services Office</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): T. Zhijia, Portfolio Management Specialist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Over the last 5 years, the Lao PDR has gradually introduced several important steps to increase the efficiency of public services, including the issuance of the Prime Minister's Decree on Decentralization in 2000. ADB's CSP update (2002-2005) identifies governance and capacity building as a focus area.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: Improve decentralized project financial management and efficient utilization of ODA funds by developing and rationalizing the decentralized financial management procedures and strengthening the staff capacity in project financial management, particularly at the provincial and district levels</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: (i) Development of models for a decentralized financial management framework and associated implementing procedures for different types of projects; and (ii) a comprehensive training program on project financial management, contract negotiation and contract management, including a training-of-trainers program</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: (i) Models for decentralized financial management framework and associated implementing procedures for different type of projects; (ii) quality training materials; (iii) classroom-type short training courses, and national workshop and seminars; and (iv) trained participants</p>										

- e. **Social or environmental issues or concerns:** No adverse social and environmental impact is foreseen.
- f. **Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:** Reports, training, national workshop, and seminars

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Finance (MOF)

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:

Preliminary consultations on the necessity, objectives, scope and implementation arrangements for the proposed TA have been consulted with MOF, Committee for Planning and Cooperation, and line ministries concerned.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2004
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
Lending:
Nonlending (project preparatory):
Nonlending (other than project preparatory): January 2004
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
- c. Period and duration of assistance
Lending:
Nonlending: 24 months
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)

- a. For lending
- Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund:
 - Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- b. For nonlending
- No resources required, other than ADB staff
 - ADB's administrative budget:
 - Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund: \$500,000
 - Japan Special Fund:
 - Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- c. For projects financed by
- JFICT:
 - JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

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Table A3.14: Institutional Strengthening for Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Others Subsector:</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Poverty Assessment</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Poverty Assessment	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance									
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development									
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Poverty Assessment										
<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Operations Coordination Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): E. Bloom, Economist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Monitoring poverty is essential to the Government's goal of reducing poverty and better targeting public spending to poor populations. The CSP places these goals as the central focus of ADB's operations in the Lao PDR. The TA follows on TA 3616-LAO: Participatory Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation to implement the TA's recommendations.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The TA will help the Government improve its capacity to monitor poverty and to target poor groups. The TA will play a major role in supporting the analysis of a new consumption and expenditure survey that will be the primary source of poverty estimates.</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: (i) Capacity building for staff in the analysis of poverty data; (ii) capacity building for greater use of poverty data in public expenditure; (iii) preparation of analysis of new and existing data sets on, for example, the relationship between health and poverty; and (iv) continued support to institutionalize participatory poverty assessment methods in decision making</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: Preparation of several documents on poverty and related topics based on most recent data</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: None</p>										

<p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: National workshop to discuss results and publication of documents in English and Lao</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: National Statistics Center</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: The TA is a follow-up of ongoing TA to support the EA. ADB met with it on numerous occasions</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2004</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: Nonlending (project preparatory): Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2004 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: Nonlending: June 2004–December 2005 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>b. For nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: \$400,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p>

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, EA = executing agency, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

Table A3.15: Shifting Cultivation Stabilization II

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: ADTA</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Agriculture Subsector: Forestry</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): H. Tucker, Project Specialist (Natural Resources)</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Shifting cultivation or slash-and-burn farming has been an integral part of agricultural practice in northern parts of the country. However, rapid population growth rate and immigration have shortened the fallow period from 10–20 years to 3–7 years, resulting in declining crop yields, erosion, and reduced biodiversity. Shifting cultivation is mostly practiced by the poorest farmers on about 3.2 million hectares (ha) or 13% of the total land area of the country. Over 340,000 families or 2.06 million people, 39% of the country's population or 48% of the rural population are engaged in this practice. The Government's strategy calls for introducing diversified sedentary farming systems through integrated area development projects as an alternative to shifting cultivation. The Government's overall goal is to stop shifting cultivation completely by 2010.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: Prepare an investment project that will (i) provide income-generating opportunities to upland farmers, (ii) establish a sustainable diversified sedentary farming systems, (iii) provide basic rural infrastructure, and (iv) strengthen capacity of the extension system to support project activities</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: (i) Institutional strengthening and capacity building, (ii) diversified sedentary farming systems development, (iii) village-based development, (iv) market and rural infrastructure development, and (vi) project management</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: (i) Provide alternative sedentary farming on about 90,000 ha; (ii) support an estimated 15,000 people; (iii) improve 60 kilometers of dirt road and associated infrastructure; and (iv) extend training</p>										

to beneficiaries

- e. **Social or environmental issues or concerns:** The project will rehabilitate environmentally degraded lands and increase their productivity. The project will create jobs for poor rural households including women. Appropriate attention will be paid to impact on ethnic minorities.
- f. **Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:** The results of the project will be shared with other line agencies, private sector organizations, planters, and donors through seminars and workshops.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and provincial/district agricultural and forestry service offices

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: This will be a follow-on project to the current one. The Government and beneficiaries fully support the model and would like to replicate it in other areas.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2005
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
Lending: 2007
Nonlending (project preparatory): 2005
Nonlending (other than project preparatory): None
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR: 2006
- c. Period and duration of assistance
Lending: 2008–2013
Nonlending: 2005
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR: 2006–2011

10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)

- a. For lending
- Ordinary capital resources:
- Asian Development Fund: \$10 million
- Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- b. For nonlending
- No resources required, other than ADB staff
- ADB's administrative budget:
- Grant TA funds
- TA Special Fund:
- Japan Special Fund: \$700,000
- Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- c. For projects financed by
- JFICT:
- JFPR: To be determined

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

ADB = Asian Development Bank, ADTA = advisory technical assistance, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

Table A3.16: Impact Assessment of Agriculture and Natural Resource Management

Date: July 2002

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<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Agriculture Subsector: Water, farming, forestry</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): A. Siddiq, Project Economist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: ADB has been a lead funder of the agricultural and natural resource sectors in the Lao PDR. ADB's assistance has been partly instrumental in many subsectors. Now that the country has achieved self-sufficiency in rice production, the Government intends to reset its priorities to diversify and commercialize agriculture and to keep pursuing the overall goal of poverty reduction. The Government's Master Plan Study on Integrated Agricultural Development set out such goals in detail.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The goal of this ADTA will be to review and assess in detail the impact of past projects in the agriculture and natural resource sectors and set new priorities for their future development.</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: (i) Impact assessment of past projects, (ii) outline of lessons learned, (ii) a new roadmap to further develop these sectors, and (iii) updated criteria to select projects in these sectors</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: Same as outputs above</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Such issues, vis-à-vis projects in the agricultural and natural resource sectors, will be studied in detail to internalize lessons learned in the design of new projects.</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: Reports will be presented in seminars and workshops held in the</p>										

Lao PDR and ADB.
7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:
9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation
<p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2005</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: Nonlending (project preparatory): Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2005 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: Nonlending: 2005 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>b. For nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: \$200,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p>

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Table A3.17: Northern Rural Access Roads Improvement

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p>Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Transport Subsector: Rural roads</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Infrastructure Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: P. Vallely, Transport Specialist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistances</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: ADB's road sector strategy comprises four major areas: (i) developing the main network to connect all provincial capitals, serve rural community centers, promote tourism, and provide cross-border linkages; (ii) strengthening institutional capacity of local governments; (iii) strengthening institutional capacity of local contractors; and (iv) supporting a sustainable road network in terms of maintenance, funding, heavy vehicle control, and social and environmental protection.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The project is directly linked to point "i" of ADB's sectoral strategy and will contribute to developing an effective internal road network while also ensuring construction of access roads to the districts in the northern region, which is the poorest in the country.</p> <p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: Improvement of national and provincial roads, and community access roads in the districts in the northern region</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: Better national and provincial roads will facilitate access to and connection of provincial capitals in the northern region. The provision of community access roads to remote rural areas will allow them to benefit from the road network.</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: The project is classified under category B. Minor land acquisition and resettlement are expected since the project will involve strip acquisition where required. Appropriate attention will be paid to impacts on ethnic minorities.</p>										

f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: To be determined
7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Communication, Transport, Post and Construction, Department of Roads
8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: To be developed during PPTA
9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation
a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2005
b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: Nonlending (project preparatory): Third quarter, 2005 Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: Nonlending: 2006 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
10. Financing Plan
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b. For nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: \$700,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Other
c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:

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Table A3.18: Market Towns Development

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Urban development Subsector: Urban infrastructure and services</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area</p> <table> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Social Sectors Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: G. Cezayirli, Senior Urban Development Specialist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Urban development is a priority of the Government's Five-Year Socioeconomic Plan (2001–2005), which includes in its targets planning and developing basic infrastructure and services in urban areas, including small towns. To raise rural living standards, the Government is concerned with the complementary and supportive role of urban centers in rural development. The investment program for 2000-2003 emphasizes broad-based development through strengthening urban-rural linkages by adopting urban development strategies that enhance the role of urban areas as market and service centers for the rural population and products. Strengthening rural producers-to-market linkages is also a major thrust of ADB CSP for 2001–2005. The TA will help the Government prepare a project to finance urban infrastructure and services in a group of small towns with important administrative, marketing, and service functions.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The TA will help the Government and ADB develop rural urban linkages by focusing on small towns and providing essential infrastructure, services, and amenities. The improved services will not only benefit small-town residents but also the rural population commuting to these towns daily to trade goods, labor, and services. Improved infrastructure will stimulate economic activities, resulting in expanded marketing opportunities for rural produce, with positive implications for commercialization and diversification of agricultural output.</p> <p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The TA will help prepare a project and its feasibility assessment. The proposed project is likely to have the following components:</p>										

- (i) Reforms for effective management of market towns and capacity building at the local level. The TA will help formulate interventions to establish institutional and management frameworks in market towns in line with the Government's decentralization policy. The TA will assess capacity-building needs to operate these new frameworks, and will design and implement programs for capacity building.
 - (ii) Investments. The TA will assess the investment needs for infrastructure and services and public amenities in these towns, and design feasible infrastructure and service improvements.
 - (iii) Interventions to enhance economic capacities of the towns. The TA will assess the need for interventions to enhance the capacities of these towns in marketing and processing, and will formulate feasible interventions to stimulate the economy.
- d. **Expected results and deliverables:** Market towns will be provided with essential infrastructure and services, and systems for sustainable provision of infrastructure and services.
- e. **Social or environmental issues or concerns:** The project aims to improve the urban environment. No adverse social or environmental impact is foreseen.
- f. **Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:** Workshops undertaken at key stages of the TA to disseminate the results and to elicit the support of and feedback from the community

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Communication, Transport, Posts, and Construction

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: A wide range of stakeholders and beneficiaries will be consulted during the TA fact-finding and implementation, including concerned government agencies, international and bilateral agencies, NGOs, mass organizations, provincial and district authorities, UDAA's, and communities.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2004 Standby
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
 - Lending: 2007
 - Nonlending (project preparatory): 2005
 - Nonlending (other than project preparatory):
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
- c. Period and duration of assistance
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending: March 2005–February 2006
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing Plan

- a. For lending
 - Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund:
 - Other:
- b. For nonlending
 - No resources required, other than ADB staff
 - ADB's administrative budget:
 - Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund:
 - Japan Special Fund: \$700,000
 - Other
- c. For projects financed by
 - JFICT:
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Table A3.19: Small and Medium Size Enterprise Development

Date: July 2002

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<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Private sector Subsector: Finance, legal, commercial</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Governance, Finance, and Trade Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): M. Varkay, Investment Officer</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The proposed PPTA will continue to strengthen the private sector regulatory and commercial framework that was begun under the ADTA. Most significantly, the PPTA will prepare the framework to diversify financial instruments available to enterprises in the Lao PDR to (i) assist the horizontal (diversification) and vertical (integration) development of enterprises, (ii) promote the trade of Lao PDR products, and (iii) formalize current informal intercorporate lending.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The instruments will be geared to facilitating the development and growth of the manufacturing sector (including agro-industries) through leasing services, and help develop trade finance services and preshipment cash flow for enterprises through the development of a forfait market.</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: The following proposed components will be verified with the Government during the 2003 ADTA: (i) development of financial strategies for SME financing; (ii) development of commercial strategies (including supply chain management); (iii) development of supporting legal frameworks (including corporate governance issues in trade liberalization and requirements to strengthen corporate legal frameworks and facilitate equity participation by domestic and foreign shareholders).</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: (i) Development of firms with regional comparative advantage (product lines), (ii) gradual improvement of the corporate and commercial environment, (iii) expanded market access, and (iv)</p>										

<p>development of value-added as well as diversified products for export</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: To be addressed under enterprise corporate governance guidelines</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: Investor seminars, newspapers, trade fairs</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce, or Ministry of Industry and Handicrafts</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: To be developed under the 2003 ADTA</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2003</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: 2007 Nonlending (project preparatory): Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2004 (standby) Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance: Lending: Nonlending: 2005–2006 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR: To be determined</p>
<p>10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>b. For nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: <input type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: \$700,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: Cofinancing discussions to be held with JICA. If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p>

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Table A3.20: Public Services Delivery Efficiency

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Public sector administration and service delivery Subsector:</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Governance, Finance, and Trade Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): To be determined</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The 2002–2004 CSP update reaffirms the priority given to good governance through policy and institutional development as one of the three pillars for poverty reduction in the Lao PDR. While ADB in the interim has chosen to focus on improving (i) public finance management, (ii) government accounting and auditing, (iii) project implementation and monitoring, and (iv) capacity of provincial authorities, how public services are delivered urgently needs to be addressed as the poor directly benefit from them. The need for public administration reform (PAR) is gaining more prominence as the Government pursues its decentralization program while allowing the market-oriented economy to progress. This TA will explore the Government's initiatives under the PAR program, which was approved in 1997 and used the lessons learned from recent ADB initiatives (public expenditure review, institutional strengthening of the National Audit Office, capacity building for project financial management and strengthening accounting in the government) and other funding agencies; and formulate appropriate policy, institutional, and capacity-building modalities to enhance public services delivery.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: Improve public service delivery to the poor through wider coverage, and faster, less costly, and sustainable means and/or modalities</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: The TA will provide a team of consultants to (i) review the progress of the Government's PAR initiatives since 1997, (ii) assess the institutional and regulatory impediments to the PARs progress, (iii) formulate a set of actions plan to address them, and (iv) help the Government implement the plans. The expected</p>										

outputs are mainly in the following areas: (i) support for the implementation of the Government's PAR program through structural and strategic planning reforms, (ii) capacity building in the central agencies leading the reform and in decentralized agencies, (iii) improvement of capacity for better decision making and policy formulation in the processes and/or mechanisms aimed at enhancing policy coordination, (iv) skills development, and (v) personnel management and remuneration policy reform.

- d. **Expected results and deliverables:** (i) A report on the issues identified from the initial review of the PAR program; (ii) an action plan to facilitate the progress of the PAR program; (iii) a revised legal and regulatory framework to make public service delivery more effective and efficient; (iv) refined institutional mandates and organizational structures of the central agencies leading the PAR reform; (v) revised terms of reference for newly decentralized agencies to facilitate service coordination and improved delivery of services; and (vi) new or enhanced skills to support or improve leadership, management, policy formulation, and customer relationships.
- e. **Social or environmental issues or concerns:** No adverse social and environmental impact is foreseen.
- f. **Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:** Seminars to heighten awareness of all stakeholders, training to improve skills, and periodic reports

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Department of Public Administration

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2005
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
Lending:
Nonlending (project preparatory):
Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2005
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
- c. Period and duration of assistance
Lending:
Nonlending: 2006–2008
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)

- a. For lending
 Ordinary capital resources:
 Asian Development Fund:
 Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- b. For nonlending
 No resources required, other than ADB staff
 ADB's administrative budget:
 Grant TA funds
 TA Special Fund: \$500,000.00
 Japan Special Fund:
 Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- c. For projects financed by
 JFICT:
 JFPR:

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Table A3.21: Capacity Building for Gender Mainstreaming

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Others Subsector:</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other: Poverty Assessment</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: Poverty Assessment	
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<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Operations Coordination Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): E. Bloom, Economist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Mainstreaming women's concerns and gender issues is a central part of the Government and ADB strategy to reduce poverty in the Lao PDR. However, sole responsibility for gender issues has been placed on the Lao Women's Union, which is burdened by its limited resources. Capacity needs to be developed within the key line ministries (e.g. planning, agriculture, education, health) to address gender issues in their own planning process and poverty reduction programs.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: (i) Support the key line ministries to reduce poverty among women through gender mainstreaming in policies and programs to ensure that poverty reduction interventions will equally benefit men and women, and (ii) help build the capacity of the soon-to-be established national commission on advancement of women (NCAW)-Lao, as its members represent key line ministries</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: (i) Develop sectoral gender strategies for the selected key line ministries; (ii) develop sector-specific training manuals in the Lao language for the central, provincial, and district levels; (iii) carry out training programs for government officials at all levels; and (iv) support a national radio program for gender awareness raising in villages.</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: Enhanced gender awareness and technical capacity of government staff at all levels in the selected key line ministries to reduce women's poverty.</p>										

<p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: None</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: National and provincial workshops, national radio program</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Committee for Planning and Cooperation</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: A consultative process will decide which line ministries will be included.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2005</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: Nonlending (project preparatory): Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2005 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: Nonlending: October 2005–December 2006 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>b. For nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: \$400,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds): To be determined</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p>

ADB = Asian Development Bank, ADTA = advisory technical assistance CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

Table A3.22: Competitiveness Improvement in the Economic Corridor

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Others Subsector:</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Operations Coordination Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): G. H. Kim, Programs Officer</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The Lao PDR has been pursuing regional integration through participation in ASEAN and the GMS program, commitment to AFTA, and application to join WTO. The challenge of the country is to identify and realize its development potential and maximize national gains from regional integration.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: Achieve the country's long-term development target through realizing the potential of the country and improving its competitiveness.</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: (i) Identify the niche areas where the country is potentially competitive; (ii) identify the constraints on realizing the country's potentials; and (iii) develop a strategic vision and action plans to develop the niche areas, which will feed into the country's next 5-year socioeconomic plan and ADB's next CSP</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: (i) A strategic vision and action plans to improve the country's competitiveness; (ii) policy, legal, and institutional recommendations to realize country's potential; and (iii) capacity building</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: None</p>										

f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: Workshops for discussion of output
7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Committee for Planning and Cooperation
8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: The Government's country team will be utilized.
9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2005 b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: Nonlending (project preparatory): Nonlending (other than project preparatory): June/ 2005 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR: c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: Nonlending: September 2005–August 2006 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements) a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing): b. For nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: \$600,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds): If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing): c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR: If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

ADB = Asian Development Bank, AFTA = ASEAN Free Trade Area, ASEAN = Association of Southeast Asian Nations, CSP = country strategy and program, GMS = Greater Mekong Subregion, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance, WTO = World Trade Organization.

Table A3.23: Development Impact Assessment of ADB Operations

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Subsector:</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: (Strategy Preparation)</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: (Strategy Preparation)	
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<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Operations Coordination Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): G. H. Kim, Programs Officer</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The current CSP for the Lao PDR was prepared in 2001. The main theme of the CSP is to reduce poverty by broadening community participation and opportunities. ADB operations will focus on rural development and market linkages, human resource development, sustainable environmental management, private sector development, and regional integration. ADB's interventions will focus on the northern provinces and Savannakhet Province.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The study will assess ADB's operations in the Lao PDR in terms of relevance, efficiency, and effectiveness. The findings will provide the groundwork for the next CSP, which is tentatively scheduled for 2006.</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: (i) Review of all relevant documents including RRP, PCR, TCR, and CSP updates; (ii) consultation with government agencies and stakeholders; (iii) preparation of overall assessment and sectoral assessment; and (iv) lessons and recommendations for a new CSP.</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: Enhanced development impact of ADB's operations and a better CSP</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Not applicable</p>										

<p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: Mekong management team meeting and country team meeting</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Not applicable</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: The Government's country team will be established and utilized.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2005</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: Nonlending (project preparatory): Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2005 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: Nonlending: April 2005–May 2005 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>b. For nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: \$25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p>

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic, PCR = project completion report, RRP = report and recommendation of the President, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance, TCR = technical assistance completion report.

Table A3.24: Energy Development in the Northern Rural Area

Date: July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Energy Subsector: Power</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Infrastructure Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: To be determined</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: ADB has implemented PPTA-3087 for the northern area rural power distribution project, which has developed a transmission and distribution project of approximately \$100 million, to be implemented in a phased manner. Phase I will be processed in 2003.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The PPTA will update the relevant economic, social, environmental, and poverty-related sections of the phase-2 investments as identified under TA-3087. The PPTA will link additional investment components to be considered under the subsequent loan intervention to the power sector strategy study being implemented by ADB.</p> <p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The PPTA will update and further define all aspects of sustainable power sector development and delivery of services to rural areas</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: A loan project suitable for ADB financing, which will help improve supply of electricity in the northern rural area</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Concerns identified under TA-3087 will be reviewed and updated as required.</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: To be determined during TA fact-finding</p>										

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Electricité du Laos
8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: To be determined during TA fact-finding
9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2005 stand-by b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending Nonlending (project preparatory): Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2006 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR: c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: Nonlending: 12 months Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
10. Financing Plan a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: b. For nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds \$700,000 <input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: \$700,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Other c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:

CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic, PPTA = project preparatory technical assistance, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

Table A3.25: Northern Region Water Supply and Sanitation Sector

Date: July 2002

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<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Water Supply and Sanitation Subsector: Provincial and district -level water supply and sanitation</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Social Sectors Division/Mekong Department</p>											
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: X. Ye, Senior Financial Analyst</p>											
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The Government decentralized water supply and sanitation development and management in the late 1990s, when the local water supply organizations were relatively weak and did not fully understand the extent of their new responsibilities. In 1999, ADB approved a loan for the Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project, which aimed to provide a framework for the planning, development and management of water supply systems; establish a regulatory authority; and strengthen local water supply and sanitation organizations. Coverage of water supply systems, however, remains low in the Lao PDR, especially in the rural areas, and inadequate tariff levels constrain the expansion of water supply systems. The project will support the country core strategies of sustainable economic growth, including social development and good governance. Tariff-pricing policies and strategies will be strengthened to ensure equitable access, and as will the regulatory and operational frameworks. The resulting sustainable water supply and sanitation operations will form part of the provincial infrastructure foundation necessary to support economic growth.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The project will help develop the water supply and sanitation sector through policy support, capacity building, and establishment of demand-responsive systems. Water supply and sanitation systems will be implemented throughout the country, providing access to all communities, including ethnic groups. These services are essential building blocks to develop provincial and rural human capital.</p> <p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The TA will develop a project proposal which is likely to have three</p>											

components:

- (i) a policy agenda to enhance the regulatory framework of the sector, and enable a greater degree of autonomy for local water supply organizations;
 - (ii) capacity building for the regulatory authority and local water supply organizations; and
 - (iii) project investments to meet the needs of all social classes.
- d. **Expected results and deliverables:** (i) Financially viable and efficient local water supply organizations; and (ii) clean water in adequate quantities, and delivered in a way that is responsive to the communities' demands and to all social groups.
- e. **Social or environmental issues or concerns:** Ethnic minority groups may be present in the target communities. No adverse environmental impact is foreseen.
- f. **Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:**

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Communications, Transport, Post and Construction

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: A wide range of stakeholders and beneficiaries will be consulted during the TA fact-finding and implementation, including concerned government agencies, international and bilateral agencies, NGOs, mass movement organizations, provincial and district authorities, and communities.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2005 (standby)
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending (project preparatory): 2006
 - Nonlending (other than project preparatory):
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
- c. Period and duration of assistance
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending: 12 months
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing Plan

- a. For lending
 - Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund:
 - Other:
- b. For nonlending
 - No resources required, other than ADB staff
 - ADB's administrative budget:
 - Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund:
 - Japan Special Fund: \$700,000
 - Other
- c. For projects financed by
 - JFICT:
 - JFPR:

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Table A3.26: Capacity Building for Health Sector Efficiency and Management

Date: July 2002

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<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Health Subsector: Primary health care</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Social Sectors Division/Mekong Department</p>											
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: W. Azmin, Health Specialist</p>											
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The Government has developed a primary health care (PHC) policy to improve the health especially of the urban and rural poor, ethnic minorities, and women and children. ADB supports improving PHC in the entire northern region and strengthening institutional capacity for PHC management nationwide. Overall, the PHC service delivery system remains of poor quality and underutilized, particularly by the poor, thus not achieving basic standards of equity, efficiency, and effectiveness. The main reasons are (i) serious underfunding of the health sector resulting in poor quality of care due to staff, supplies, and supervision constraints; (ii) inadequate targeting of limited resources; (iii) fragmentation of management, services, and funding due to lack of integration of vertical programs in provincial plans; and (iv) limited management capacity with inadequate delegation of authority.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: Support policy conditions, capacity-building needs, and investment options that will help the rural poor, ethnic minorities, and women and children in remote areas gain access to better-quality health care, particularly PHC, and promotive and preventive health services.</p> <p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The TA will develop a project proposal, which is likely to have the following components:</p> <p>(i) a policy reform agenda established between the central and provincial governments and donors on funding and implementing the provincial strategic plans;</p> <p>(ii) capacity building to provide better-quality PHC to poor urban and rural areas, which will also be addressed in</p>											

<p>Loan 1749: Primary Health Care Expansion Project and a TA for capacity building; and</p> <p>(iii) investments focusing on increasing access to better-quality PHC by the poor, ethnic minorities, and women and children, and on strengthening the referral system in selected poor provinces and districts.</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: Achievement of provincial health sector targets, including reduction of infant and maternal mortality and fertility, and program targets, as well as improvements in the overall health status in the Lao PDR.</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: No adverse social or environmental impact is foreseen.</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Health</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: A wide range of stakeholders and beneficiaries will be consulted during the TA fact-finding and implementation, including concerned government agencies, international and bilateral agencies, NGOs, health workers from provincial and district health departments, community representatives, and potential beneficiaries.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>c. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2005 (Standby)</p> <p>d. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: Nonlending (project preparatory): 2006 Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: Nonlending: March 2006–December 2007 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing Plan</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>b. For Nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p>

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Table A3.27: Provincial Institutional Strengthening in Education Efficiency

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<p>2. Assistance Focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Education Subsector: Primary education and lower secondary education</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Social Sectors Division/Mekong Department</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: Y. Hirosato, Senior Education Specialist</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The Government aims to achieve universal primary education by 2015 by remedying the following: (i) inadequate access to complete primary education, especially by female members of ethnic minority groups in remote areas; (ii) weak planning and management capabilities; (iii) inadequate financing of recurrent costs; and (iv) poor quality of teaching and learning environment. Policy reforms should, therefore, (i) redress inequalities in basic education and imbalances between recurrent and capital expenditures; and (ii) provide more efficient delivery of education services, including teacher training, school construction, and community assistance programs. The CSP emphasizes the need to improve the quality and coverage of basic education, including targeted support to the poorest areas, ethnic minorities, and girls.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: Strengthen provincial authorities' capacity to improve the quality and coverage of basic education</p> <p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: Address policy issues and capacity-building needs to implement the Government's decentralization policy in the education sector</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: Enhanced capacity of provincial authorities in addressing basic education development.</p>										

<p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: No adverse social or environmental impact is foreseen</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Education</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: A wide range of stakeholders and beneficiaries will be consulted during the TA fact-finding and implementation.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2005 Standby</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: Nonlending (project preparatory): Nonlending (other than project preparatory): early 2006 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: Nonlending: 2006–mid-2007 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing Plan</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>b. For Nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p>

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