Lao People's Democratic Republic: Sustainable Rural Infrastructure and Watershed Management Sector Project

**Project Name:** Sustainable Rural Infrastructure and Watershed Management Sector Project

**Project Number:** 50236-001

**Country:** Lao People's Democratic Republic

**Project Status:** Active

**Project Type / Modality of Assistance:** Technical Assistance

**Source of Funding / Amount:**
- TA 9323-LAO: Sustainable Rural Infrastructure and Watershed Management Sector Project
  - Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction: US$ 1.50 million
  - Project Readiness Improvement Trust Fund: US$ 500,000.00
- TA 9323-LAO: Sustainable Rural Infrastructure and Watershed Management Sector Project (Supplementary)
  - Technical Assistance Special Fund: US$ 400,000.00
  - ATF - Netherlands TA Grant: US$ 300,000.00
  - Climate Change Fund: US$ 300,000.00

**Strategic Agendas:** Environmentally sustainable growth, Inclusive economic growth

**Drivers of Change:** Governance and capacity development, Knowledge solutions, Partnerships

**Sector / Subsector:** Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Irrigation - Water-based natural resources management

**Gender Equity and Mainstreaming:** Effective gender mainstreaming

**Description:** The project is intended to address issues of PRI and watershed management in mountainous provinces of Northern Lao PDR by using an integrated land use planning approach that integrates efficient, sustainable and climate resilient rural infrastructure, and feasible watershed protection measures. For an ecosystem based sustainable rural development, infrastructure and the watershed have to be considered simultaneously. The expected impact of the project will be to achieve sustainable and inclusive rural development. The outcome of the project will be to enhance sustainable, market oriented agricultural production and natural resources management in selected watersheds.

**Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy:** The proposed Sustainable Rural Infrastructure and Watershed Management Sector Project will increase the profitability of the agriculture, natural resources and rural development sector by enhancing sustainable, market oriented agricultural production together with natural resources management. The project will: (i) upgrade selected productive rural infrastructure (PRI) schemes to be climate resilient, efficient, and sustainable; (ii) improve land use management within the PRI scheme watersheds; and (iii) improve institutional arrangements and capacity for good agriculture practices and sustainable watershed management.

**Impact:** Sustainable and inclusive rural development achieved.

**Project Outcome Description:** Sustainable, market oriented agricultural production and natural resources management in selected watersheds enhanced.

**Progress Toward Outcome Implementation Progress**

**Description of Project Outputs:** PRI upgraded to be climate resilient, efficient, and sustainable.

Land use management within the PRI scheme watersheds improved.

Institutional arrangements and capacity for good agriculture practices and sustainable watershed management improved.

Effective project management activities

**Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues):**

**Geographical Location:** Houaphan, Luang Prabang, Vientiane, Xiangkhouang

**Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects:**

**Environmental Aspects:**

**Involuntary Resettlement:**

**Indigenous Peoples:**

**Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation:**
During Project Design

During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services

(i) A TRTA firm providing 40 person-months (p-m) of international and 70 p-m of national consultants will be recruited through quality-and cost-based selection method using a quality-cost ratio of 90:10 and a full technical proposal.

(ii) The International Water Management Institute will be recruited through single source selection to provide flood and drought risk assessments (8.5 p-m).

(iii) Individual consultants, comprising international and national, will be required.

The consultants will be recruited using individual recruitment selection procedures and will be engaged on an intermittent basis by ADB.

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