



# European Joint Programming for Lao People's Democratic Republic 2016-2020

AT A GLANCE



## FOREWORD

As Lao PDR's European partners (the European Union, the Member States of the European Union and Switzerland), we are combining our development cooperation in support to the Government's 8th National Social Economic Development Plan (8th NSEDP). By jointly programming (planning) our development resources to Lao PDR over the 2016-2020 period, we expect higher impact and better value for money.



## EUROPEAN JOINT PROGRAMMING HAS SPECIFIC FOCUS OBJECTIVES IN EACH SECTOR:



### Agriculture & Rural Development

Sustainable development in rural areas through fair agriculture development preserving interests of small holders and contributing to poverty reduction, while reducing pressures to extend agricultural production to forested areas, and improving social conditions.



### Education

Basic education, comprising primary and lower secondary education, which impacts on public health, demography, economic growth, governance, human rights and political stability.



### Environment & Natural Resources

Healthy and sustainably managed forest ecosystems which benefit rural and poor communities and provide secure access to land.



### Governance

Public service effectiveness, particularly at sub-national level, and the Governments priority of becoming a 'Rule of Law State by 2020,' particularly the pillars on 'people's voice' and on oversight by the National Assembly.



### Health

Access to high quality health care, preventive medicine and universal health coverage through strengthened health systems and improved quality and equitable access to services for all persons and populations.



### Nutrition

Ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture by improving the nutritional status of children and women, especially the most vulnerable and hard to reach.



### Private Sector

Supporting the Government in continuing on the path of economic openness and sound structural policies towards long-term sustainable economic development, the focus is on the development of the economy and access to finance by MSMEs.



### TVET

Developing an appropriately qualified workforce through increasing the quality and relevance of Technical Vocational and Educational Training provision, and addressing the inequalities in access, particularly for disadvantaged groups.

The combined development cooperation of European Joint Programming (JP) contributes to the development effectiveness objectives embodied in the Vientiane Declaration on Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation.

Notably, JP in Lao PDR is now one of a handful of global joint programming best practices to improve ownership and alignment, thus contributing to more efficient programming of the LAK 4.5 trillion (€0.5 billion) European partners expect to provide.

This Joint Programming is a testament to the European long-term commitment to sustainable development in Lao PDR. We have organised our programming around 8 priority sectors and use division of labour arrangements to improve coordination and enable dialogue. We are committed to working with other international development partners in each of the priority sectors but more importantly a structured and sustained dialogue with responsible line ministries to ensure a Government-led response.

We are fully committed to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals. We are ambitious and optimistic that in working better together, European partners and the Government of Lao PDR will meaningfully contribute towards enabling Lao PDR's graduation from LDC status, by responding to Lao PDR's development challenges, and to the growing ties and relations between Europe and Lao PDR.

## CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

A number of themes impact the development context but are not considered stand-alone sectors of engagement.

### Gender

Promoting equal participation of women and men in decision-making, and empowering women to become equal actors in all spheres of society is a key driver for development and a priority for the government.

### Culture for Development

The preservation of cultural heritage, traditional knowledge and handicrafts are key to promoting the development of tourism in the Lao PDR. Investments in cultural heritage have also proven effective at promoting sustainable growth and protecting natural resources. Cultural exchange and promoting culture are also tools for community-based education and drivers of democracy, diversity, freedom of expression and tolerance.

### Other complementary areas

EJP supports a range of other cross-cutting themes both financially and technically. These include:

- Green Growth and Climate Action
- Renewable Energy
- Land
- Sustainable Forest Resources Management (FLEGT)
- Communication for Development (C4D)
- Unexploded Ordnances (UXOs)

## PROJECT FUNDING BY SECTOR

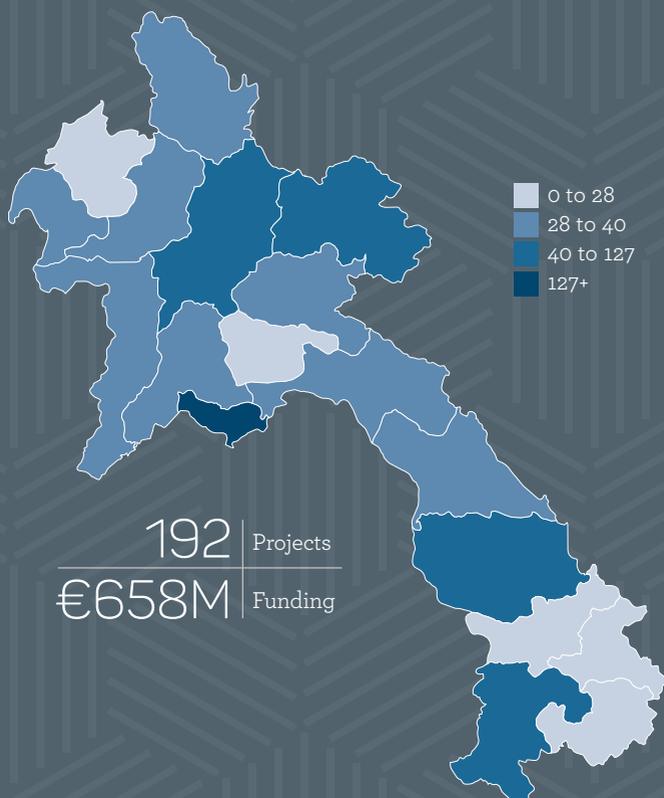
	€134.4 Million
	€85.3 Million
	€121.6 Million
	€77.8 Million
	€55.9 Million
	€83.3 Million
	€29.3 Million
	€44.8 Million
Other	€25.7 Million

## INDIVIDUAL PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS TO EUROPEAN JOINT PROGRAMMING IN LAO PDR FROM 2016 TO 2020



	10 PROJECTS	€158.5 Million
	28 PROJECTS	€141.04 Million
	30 PROJECTS	€102.17 Million
	15 PROJECTS	€84.52 Million
	5 PROJECTS	€78.9 Million
	66 PROJECTS	€64.1 Million
	21 PROJECTS	€19.38 Million
	1 PROJECT	€7.2 Million
	2 PROJECTS	€2.25 Million

The map below shows the geographical distribution of programmes funded by European Partners through Joint Programming. Projects with national coverage are reported in Vientiane Capital.



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