

High-Level Roadmap for the GPEDC Monitoring Exercise in Lao PDR Kicking Off in 2024

[2024 Round Table Implementation Meeting]

BUILDING POLITICAL MOMENTUM

Phase 1 – Inception [November 2023 – March 2024]

- Lao PDR through the national coordinator at the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) expressed its interest to participate in the 4th round of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) monitoring exercise. The scope of the monitoring will cover the Kampala Principles Assessment (KPA).
- The 2023 monitoring round for Lao PDR is set to cover data for the fiscal year from January to December 2022. The monitoring results will contribute to global reporting on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 2024.
- MPI will work to institutionalize the GPEDC in Lao PDR by linking the monitoring exercise with the key national processes and systems. This involves reviewing the government's development plans, strategies, policies, and processes to create synergies that reduce transaction costs; and facilitate the process of data collection, dialogue, and action.
- MPI will work to obtain the focal points' nominations from relevant stakeholders to facilitate the communication and data collection.

- After identifying stakeholders' focal points, MPI will work to prepare for the high-level kick-off meeting, which will be held on March 15, 2024.
- Stakeholders should support the monitoring exercise through their active participation and timely responses to questionnaires as well as operation of dedicated and well-informed focal points.

COLLECTING THE EVIDENCE WE NEED

Phase 2 – Data Collection [April – May 2024]

- MPI will organize consultations with the relevant government agencies and the appointed focal points from various stakeholders to discuss the questionnaires and the required data.
- Once the focal points and stakeholders complete the questionnaires, MPI will conduct quick review of responses to ensure that all questions are answered properly. The reviewed responses will then be submitted to the GPEDC's Joint Support Team (JST) through the online reporting system.

Phase 3 – Data Review & Submission [June – August 2024]

- MPI will work with the JST to address feedback on the submitted data set

and coordinate with reporting stakeholders to ensure data completeness and accuracy.

- Following the review and validation process, MPI will then issue a final confirmation to the JST that the submitted data set is final.

TAKING ACTION & GENERATING BEHAVIOR CHANGE

Phase 4 – Dissemination of results and transition to action [September – December 2024]

- The JST will calculate the results of GPEDC for Lao PDR based on the final submitted data, and will then submit two results products, one for an Excel summary of results and another for a country results brief, to the MPI. These products will serve as communication materials to inform preparations for phase 5.
- Upon receiving the results products from the JST, MPI will disseminate them to relevant stakeholders through the following ways:
 - Sending emails with the results to stakeholders involved in the monitoring exercise.
 - Sharing the results through the MPI website.

- Using the country results brief as a discussion item in the Round Table process to review findings and translate them into actions.

**Phase 5 – Reflection, dialogue and action
[January 2025 – till next monitoring
round]**

- To ensure internal government reflection and high-level engagement around the monitoring results, the MPI will consult the monitoring results with key ministries who are the recipients of significant official development assistance (ODA) inflows.
- MPI will use the Round Table Implementation Meeting (RTIM) to ensure reflection, dialogue, and action related to the monitoring results. The RTIM will be held in January 2025 to assess the progress of implementing the National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSED) in the past year and set development priorities for the upcoming year. It gathers high-level government officials (e.g., Minister, Vice Minister, Director General) from key ministries (e.g., Planning and Investment, Foreign Affairs, Education and Sports), representatives from UN offices, development partners as well as representatives from the private sector, non-governmental

organizations and civil society organizations.

- MPI will participate in peer-learning events and knowledge exchange opportunities to maximise action on results.
- MPI and other relevant ministries will use findings from the GPEDC monitoring round, including the KPA, to feed into future developments and reviews of national development strategies, policies and plans. The implementation of the updated strategies, policies and plans should generate behaviour change for strengthened sustainable development in Lao PDR.

representatives of import-export firms, and representatives of small and medium-sized enterprises.

**Key Stakeholders/Stakeholder Groups in
[Country]**

- Ministries and National Assembly
- Bilateral, multilateral and UN development partners currently implementing development activities in Lao PDR
- Non-governmental organizations
- Civil society organizations
- Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Trade Union,