

## Background

The hydropower and mining sectors are core drivers of growth for the Lao PDR economy, together accounting for over 21% of government revenue in 2013. While the development/ investment in the hydropower and mining sectors is growing fast, one of the key challenges is that the government's capacity to manage these two sectors are not developing at the same pace — there is a real need for stronger sector governance.

The original project (approved in January 2010) was designed to help the government strengthen its ability to address key challenges in these sectors by putting in place laws, regulations, and management tools. Additional Financing was approved in 2014 to scale up and extend the impact of the institutional and human capacity development efforts that were supported under the original project.



## About the Project

The project aims to increase human capacity and improve the performance of government oversight institutions for the hydropower and mining sectors. This is achieved through:

- The **Joint Hydropower and Mining Learning Program** aims to strengthen critically needed capacity of the Ministry of Energy and Mines and its provincial departments, supporting educational institutions to improve the quality of skilled laborers in these two sectors, as well as facilitating the coordination and partnership between industry and educational institutions.
- **Hydropower Sector Development** aims at capacity building in support of sustainable hydropower development in Lao PDR, by providing technical assistance to strengthen legal, policy, and regulatory frameworks, developing and operationalizing tools and management systems to enhance oversight capacity.
- **Mining Sector Development** aims at capacity building to improve sector governance and the enabling environment and strengthening the oversight capacity of MEM in support of sustainable mining development.
- **Project Administration and Management** supports consultancy services for the Project Secretariat to ensure effective and timely implementation of project activities.

## Beneficiaries

The main project beneficiaries include government of Lao PDR personnel, especially from the Ministry of Energy and Mines. Staff from other relevant line ministries, as well as teachers and students in selected education institutes will also benefit. The general public will benefit indirectly through improved governance of these sectors.

### Location

Nationwide

### Financiers

World Bank (International Development Association):  
**\$25.8 million**

Multi-Donor Trust Fund:  
**\$2.54 million**

### Implementing Agency

Ministry of Energy and Mines

### Approval Date

January 12, 2010

### Closing Date

September 30, 2019

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