

# UNDP-Administered Country-Level Joint Programmes

## SUMMARY

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<b>Name of Country</b>	Lao PDR	
<b>Title of Joint Programme</b>	Governance and Public Administration Reform Programme: Support for Better Service Delivery (GPAT SBSB in short)	
<b>Project Number</b>	00056568	
<b>Area/Theme/</b>	Corporate Thematic Area: Democratic Governance UNDAF Outcome 3.3: Increased efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, and accountability of the public administration at both central and local levels.	
<b>Brief Description of the Joint Programme</b>	<p>The GPAT SBSB programme builds upon successful reforms and activities of previous governance reform initiatives under GPAT I and GPAT II. The programme aims to strengthen capacity for strategic planning, financing and management as well as monitoring of governance reform for more effective, accountable and transparent delivery of services. Five interrelated outputs will be used to achieve this outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>strengthen policy development, strategic oversight and monitoring of governance reform;</li> <li>improve organizational and systems development for more effective, accountable and transparent services;</li> <li>strengthen human resource management and human resource development policies, procedures and capacity, and establish a cost effective and sustainable system for civil service training and development;</li> <li>provide a formula-based district development funding mechanism for devolved service delivery with a particular focus on the provision of expanded and improved health, education, agriculture, and rural development services which were identified as key priorities within the Lao Government's 5-year National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSED) 2006-2010; and</li> <li>focus on supporting demand-driven governance reforms at Central and local levels which directly impact on service delivery.</li> </ul> <p>The GPAT SBSB Programme differs from the previous programmes in a number of critical aspects: it is more strategic in focus; more accountable for implementation and impacts of Governance reform initiatives; it has a strong service delivery orientation and clear results orientation; it aims to develop a uniform, sustainable and work based training; it aims to move from a project-oriented approach at central level to a service provision oriented approach focusing on health, education, agriculture and rural development sectors targeting the poorest provinces and districts; and it aims to establish a cost-effective mechanism for strengthening implementation.</p>	
<b>Total Joint Programme Budget</b>	US\$10,343,083	
<b>Total AA-fee</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	1%	US\$40,000
<b>Duration of JP</b>	<b>From date</b>	<b>To date</b>
	01 July 2007	30 June 2011

<b>Participating UN Organizations*</b>	<b>Participating UN Organizations</b>	<b>Project Budget</b>	<b>Date of Signature of MOU</b>
	United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)	US\$ 1,099,175	28 June 2007 by UNDP and 10 July 2007 by UNCDF
	UNDP	US\$ 990,000	Same
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	Government of Luxembourg	US\$4,000,000	16 October 2007
	Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC), Switzerland	US\$3,500,000	28 June 2007 by UNDP and 11 July 2007 by SDC
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