GENDER ACTION PLAN (GAP) implementation

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Project Title: Northern Rural Infrastructure Development Sector Project –

Additional Financing

Country: Lao PDR

Project No. 0534-LAO (SF)

Type of Project: Grant

Approval and Timeline: 16 June 2017 – 30 June 2023. (Extension for Grant Closing date

till 31 March 2024 (on processing)

Gender Category: EGM

Mission Leader: Ms. Khamtanh Chanthy

Project Impact: Improved rural household incomes in the four northern

provinces of Bokeo, Luang Namtha, Oudomxay, and

Phongsaly

Project Outcome: Increased agricultural productivity in the four northern

provinces of Bokeo, Luang Namtha, Oudomxay, and

Phongsaly.

Outputs: (i) Production and productivity-enhancing rural infrastructure

constructed and/or rehabilitated.

(ii) Productivity and impact-enhancing initiatives adopted;

(iii) Capacities of national, provincial and district agencies strengthened to enable a sector development approach;

(iv) Efficient and effective delivery of subprojects and Project

management.

Gender Action Plan
(GAP Activities,
Indicators and Targets,
Timeframe and
Responsibility) based on
RRP

Progress to Date

(This should include information on period of actual implementation, sex-disaggregated qualitative and quantitative updates (e.g. number of participating women, women beneficiaries of services, etc.). However, some would be in process - so explain what has happened towards meeting this target.)

Issues and
Challenges
(Please include
reasons why an
activity was not fully
implemented, or if
targets fall short, or
reasons for delay,
etc.)

Output 1: Production and productivity enhancing rural infrastructure constructed and/or rehabilitated.

1. Documented evidence of consultation with local women and women's groups (including women from ethnic groups) prior to subproject approval.

Activity 1

Achieved

All 22 subprojects of Phase I to IV had conducted consultation with local women and women's groups (including women from ethnic groups) prior to subproject approval.

Total 63 consultation meetings conducted, 1,432 (33.5%) out of total 4,278 participants were female. The topics of discussion included:

- (i) Consultation on possibility of irrigation system designed;
- (ii) Presenting irrigation system designed for suggestion and recommendation from community.

Details:

No	Subproject	No.		Participant		Ethnic
	Name	meeting	Total	Female	%	Euiiiic
	project I					
1	Nam Oun	1	100	40	40%	
2	Nam Beng	1	150	36	24%	
	project II					
1	Nam Hao	2	186	54	29%	Lao, Khmu, Lue, Yang, Akha, Hmong
2	Nam Tong	2	168	45	27%	Hor, Lue, Lao, Khmu, Hmong
3	Nam Ngene 2	3	297	155	52%	Khmu, lao, Hmong, Ho
4	Houay Xo 2	2	88	24	27%	Hmong, Lao, Lue, Khmu
5	Houay Bong	3	00	24	33%	Lue, Lao, Khmu,
_	, ,	-	281	94		Lamad
6	Nam Sa	2	190	73	38%	Lao, Lue, Hmong, Kha, Tai Dam, Tai Daeng, Yuang
7	Nam Lue - Nam Chang	2	155	29	19%	Tai dam, Lue, Yuane, Lao, Tai Deng, Khmu, Hmong
Subp	project III					
1	Nam Ngaad	3	473	124	26%	Lao, Khmu, Hmong
2	Dong Nouark	2	89	33	37%	Lue, Tai Neua, Ker Lao Loum, Phunoi
3	Nam Hoy – Nam Lou	4	214	50	23%	Lue, Tai Neua Phunoi
4	Nam Gna2	3	153	42	27%	Lao, Lue, Khmu, Ta Neua, Tai Daeng Yang, Tai Dam
5	Nam Ma	3	156	50	32%	Lao Akha, Tai Dam Youan, Khmu, Lao Loum, Hmong Khmu
6	Nam Satone	4	153	61	39%	Lao, Lue, Hmong Kha, Tai Dam, Ta Daeng, Yuang
7	Nam Kha	3	213	103	48%	Lue, Lao Loum Khmu, Lamad, Ta Daeng, Tai Dam Hmong
Subp	project IV					

	1	Nom Naov	2	246	70	200/	1	Dhunoi	Т
	1	Nam Ngay – Nam Boun	3	216	70	32%	Lue,	Phunoi	
	2	Houay Lap	3	145	60	41%	Hmoı	Yang, Khmu, ng, Phunoi,	
	3	Nam Tha 3	5	297	126	42%		vam, Yuan, Khmu, Hmong,	
	4	Nam Gna 1&3	5	220	57	26%	Lue, Akha	Tai Neua, , Tai Dam, oi, Khmu	
	5	Houay Sat 2	2	116	40	34%	Lao L	Loum, Lue, u, Hmong,	
	6	Nam Tin 2	5	218	66	30%	Lao L	oum, Youan, , Lue, Khmu,	
		Total	63	4,278	1,432	33.5%	Tillion	ng	
2. Selection criteria for subproject contractors have to ensure the use of local labor and	 During the construction they may be difficult to access their paddy, and difficult to carry their products to market, requested to contractors provide temporally access to their paddy; Worry about the management and maintenance after construction handover, requested to project strengthen skill and knowledge to WUGs Worry about the technical they don't know, proposed that project should make the design responsive to the need for rehabilitation, suit with the actual site conditions (Ref: A-Pro Consulting Design report dated 23-June-2017, Annex 4Village Design Consultation Records, page 65). Achieved The use of local labor and will not employ child labor included in selection criteria for all subproject contractors.								
will not employ child labor. Activity 2 3. Before	d labor. contract award completed.								
3. Before construction the project informs men and women of job opportunities. Activity 3 Achieved. As of March, 2023, construction of the 2 subprojects of Phase I, II, III and IV subprojects construction completed. Before commencement of construction, project held a kick-off meeting and invited all party (including farmers) to join the meeting to inform of starting of construction including job opportunities in the construction. The details participant are summarized in the table below.									
	Naı	me of subprojects	No. villages	D/M/Y	, Pa	rticipa nts	Wom en	Remark	
	Pha	se I	11			220	80		
	Nan	n Oun	6	2018		120	50	Completed	
		n Beng	5	2018		100	30		
	Pha	se II	54			673	277		

Nam Tong	9	2019	100	35	Completed
Nam Ngene 2	3	2019	35	10	Completed
Houay Bong	12	Feb.2020	75	30	
		25 Mar. 22	53	20	Completed
Houay Xo 2	4	Feb.2020	85	38	
		27 Mar.' 22	65	28	Completed
Nam Hao	9		56	12	
		10-Mar.22	37	4	Completed
N. Lue-N. Chang	11		56	21	Completed
Nam Sa	6		111	79	Completed
Phase III	55		486	149	
Nam Ngaad	8	7-Apr.21	83	26	Completed
Dong Nouark	4	Apr.2021	40	13	Ongoing
Nam Hoy-Nam Lou	5	Apr.2021	75	26	Completed
Nam Gna2	7	1-Apr.21	80	14	Completed
Nam Ma	9	2-Apr.21	43	7	Completed
Nam Satone	7	5-Apr.21	50	14	Completed
Nam Kha	15	5-Apr.21	115	49	Completed
Phase IV	38		412	161	
Nam Ngay-Nam Boun	2	7-Apr.22	35	12	Completed
Houay Lap	4	8-Apr.22	30	8	Completed
Nam Gna 1 & 3	12	20-Mar.22	107	46	Completed
Namtha 3	11	23-Mar.22	125	52	Completed
Namtin 2	7	20-May.22	72	25	Completed
Houay Sat 2	2	21-May.22	43	18	Completed
Grand Total	158		1,791	667	37.2%

Additionally, during the contract negotiation for package NCB-001 and package NCB-002, the EA explained to the contractors agreed on "men and women of job opportunities". During the construction period for Phase I subproject (Nam Beng and Nam Oun), the contractors employed 254 local labors. Of which, 5 were women: one woman was finance staff, one was cooker, and others 3 women worked with their husband as subcontact for concrete mixing and wage depends on quantity of cubic meters of concrete mixing.

For Phase II subprojects:

Nam Tong: The contractor employed 111 local laborers in Jan 2021. Of which, one was a woman hired as a cooker;

Nam Sa: The contractor employed 46 local laborers in Feb 2021. Of which, one was a woman hired as a cooker;

Nam Lue-Nam Chang: The contractor employed 77 labors from Jan to Mar 2021. Of which, 13 were women hired as construction worker.

For Phase III subprojects:

Nam Gna2: The contractor employed 46 labors in May 2021. Of which, 6 were women hired as construction worker.

Nam Ma: The contractor employed 39 laborers in May 2021. Of which, 4 were women hired as construction worker while one was a woman hired as a cooker;

4. Equal opportunity to access

Achieved.

employment with equal pay for equal type of work. Activity 4	Equal opportunity to access employment with equal pay for equal type of work is specified in contract Clause 65.3: In accordance with this clause, the Contractors in all the packages of civil works offer equal wages and benefits to men and women for work of equal value or type. In Lao PDR, it is the culture that women are not interested in working as construction worker. Instead, they generally prefer to work as cook and/or cleaner at the construction site. Some examples of equal payment for men and women for the same type of work are as follows: Nam Lue-Nam Chang (Phase II): Construction worker Nam Gna2 (Phase III): Construction worker	
5. Safe working conditions for both men and women workers. Activity 5	Achieved All contractors provide safety clothing, helmets and equipment, and place of hazard warning, provide information and guidebook before using machines, and brief safe working procedure for both men and women workers before carrying out their work.	
	Safe working condition for both men and women workers as a part of Environmental Management Plan (EMP) is monitored by the contractor's site supervisor staff and Environmental Monitoring Report (EMR) is monthly submitted by contractors to the project.	
	Based on the WHO guidelines, a project-wide COVID-19 risk assessment was implemented, and the project was considered to categorize as "medium exposure risk". Following the results of the assessment, the project provided instructions for the contractors to take preventive measures – (1) hand hygiene (regular and through handwashing with soap and water or hand hygiene with alcohol-based hand-rub), (2) respiratory hygiene (promote respiratory etiquette by all people at the workplace), (3) physical distancing (introduce measures to keep a distance of at least 1 meter between people and avoid direct physical contact with other persons), (4) reduce and manage work-related travels, (5) regular environmental cleaning and disinfection, (6) risk communication, training and education, and (7) management of people with COVID-19 or their contacts.	
6. Ensure appropriate prevention programs are implemented for HIV and human	Achieved. By 31 December 2022, the project provided awareness raising on HIV and human trafficking to 22 construction sites workers and 158 villages of 22 subprojects of Phase I to IV, with total 6,374 (51%) out of 12,593 were female:	
trafficking in all construction areas. Activity 6	 (i) 22 construction sites workers (<u>Subproject Phase I, II, III and IV</u> were briefed on HIV and human trafficking during the construction kick off meeting. There are 1,791 persons participated which is 667 (37.2%) were female. (ii) Awareness raising on HIV and human trafficking and sanitation to villages were integrated into gender awareness training. The project conducted one-day gender awareness training for total 154 villages of 22 subprojects of Phase I to IV, 6,364 (52%) out of 12,189 were female. 	
	The participants are composed of Villages Authority (including Villages Head, Village's Lao Women Union, Village Lao Youth Union, Lao Front for National Construction (LFNC) and Water Users Group members who will benefit from the villages in subproject areas of the project.	

	The facilitators a				ment offic	ers,		
7 Decide for	District LWU, Di	strict Public I	Health, and	DONRE.				
7. Provide for construction of essential sanitation. Activity 7	Achieved. Construction of Item g. of EMP Potential Impact Mitigation Meas areas for setting latrines and gre arrangements for awareness raisi disease and (v) welfare to a sen All the subprojet of Environmenta Phase I: offices/cam Phase II: Completed. construction construction	essential san indicates "Ess. ures are (i) of of facilities, by water draw or collection of the locassignment of the locasion of the locassignment of the locassignment of the locassignment of the locassignment of the locasion of the	nitation indeffects of the consultation (ii) installation of solid wheal populate of responsion of the Confert Plan (Element Pla	eluded in the emporary we neemporary we neemporary we neemporary we neemporary with littles such aste, (iv) brown on danguility for work tractor's state with essential MP). The complete construction offices/can offices/ca	people of able toilets as soakar iefing of gers of column of the all sanitated alreadtion). Its have beings are test have beings are	n accepta s such a age pits, workers ommunication as a ady (2 been alresset up	able s pit (iii) and able bles' part site eady and eady and	
	 Phase IV: 6 subprojects construction works are completed. All the 7 subprojects' site offices/camps are set up) The monthly Environmental Monitoring Reports (EMRs) are submitted to the project regularly by the contractors. 							
Output 2: Productiv							1	
8. 30%	Achieved	iniunioning in	itiati voo a	uoptou.				
participation of women in water user groups'	The total of 83 V I, II, III and IV. members are fe	151 (33%)	out of 45	5 WUG's e	executive			
management. Target 1	Sub-project	Time of WUGEC establishment	No. WUGs	No. WUGEC members	women	%		
	2 Phase I	eb Mar.	3	17	6	35	1	
	7 Phase II	2018 Jul Aug.	28	155	58	37	†	
	7 Phase III	2019 Oct Nov.2020	34	175	58	33		
	6 Phase IV .	Jul. – Dec.	18	108	29	27	1	
	subprojects	2021	83	455	151	33		
	222 628							
9. 30% participation of women on all subproject management committees (marketing	Achieved The project was and FPG). Total committee mem 1) WUG: The to	112 groups ber is 628 w otal of 83 WU	were esta hich is 222 IGs has be	blished whic ? are female een establisl	ch is total (or 35%) hed for 22	executiv : 2		
initiatives,	subprojects of P	hase I, II, III	and IV. 15	1 (33%) out	t of 455 W	/UG's		

producer groups, etc.). Target 2 executive committees' members are female (detail mentioned on above target 1), and;

2) FPG: Before entering each dry season, investor/buyer contracts with FPG for commercial crop production for the coming dry season. This type of FPG is usually formed at seasonal basis for specific crop production. As of March 2023, twenty-nine (29) Farmers Production Groups (FPGs) were established for 8 subprojects of Phase I – IV, 66 (38%) out of 173 management committee members were female.

The previous performance of FPG is as summarized below:

Season	Number of FPGs	Crop	Area (ha)
2018/2019 Dry season	6	Pumpkin, watermelon, rice, green bean	280
2019/2020 dry season	10	Green bean, pumpkin, rice, watermelon	299
2020/2021 dry season	7	Pumpkin, soybean, green bean	568
2021/2022 dry season	6	Watermelon, green bean, sweet corn, rice seed	64.2
Total	29		1211.2

10. At least two trainings per subproject for women's meaningful participation in subproject and community decision-making (i.e. trading skills, numeracy etc.)
Target 3

Achieved

The following two (2) trainings have been selected as trainings for women's meaningful participation in subproject and community decision-making:

- (i) Promotion of female participation in planning, implementation and decision making of the project activities; and
- (ii) Enhancement of female capability in marketing of agricultural produce.

Two (2) topics of trainings have been provided to all 22 subprojects of Phase I - IV, with 6,035 (49%) out of 12,332 participants were women.

The details are summarized in the table below.

		Tra	aining topic	(i)	Trai	ning topic ((ii)
	Name of Subproject	Date	Total particip ants	Women	Date	Total particip ants	Women
			Ph	ase I			
1.	Num Oun	Jun 2018	59	20	Oct 2019	50	15
2.	Nam Beng	Jun 2018	37	10	Oct 2019	46	10
			Pha	ase II			
1.	Nam Tong	May 2019	50	20	Nov 2019	50	8
2.	Nam Ngene 2	May 2019	36	10	Nov 2019	46	7
3.	Nam Sa	May 2019	30	10	Oct 2019	36	10
4.	N. Chang – N. Lue	Jun 2019	80	20	Oct 2019	100	20
5.	Houay Bong	Jul 2019	70	20	Oct 2019	50	20
6.	Houay Xo 2	Jul 2019	40	11	Oct 2019	47	10
7.	Nam Hao	Jul 2019	37	12	Jul 2019	60	10
			Phase	e III			
1.	Nam Ngaad	Nov 2019	474	281 (59%)	Nov 2019	474	281 (59%)
2.	Dong Nouark	Nov 2019	268	172 (64%)	Nov 2019	268	172 (64%)
3.	N. Hoy – N. Lou	Nov- Dec 2019	348	199 (57%)	Nov-Dec 2019	348	199 (57%)

	4. Nam Gna 2	Oct 2019	524	279 (53%)	Oct 2019	524	279 (53%)	
	5. Nam Ma	Nov 2019	594	320 (54%)	Nov 2019	594	320 (54%)	
	6. Nam Satone	Nov 2019	340	156 (46%)	Nov 2019	340	156 (46%)	
	7. Nam Kha	Oct- Nov 2019	781	397 (51%)	Oct- Nov 2019	781	397 (51%)	
		20.0	Phase	e IV			L	
	1. Nam Tin2	Jun 2020	351	182 (52%)	Jun 2020	351	182 (52%)	
	2. Houay Sat 2	Jun 2020	105	55 (52%)	Jun 2020	105	55 (52%)	
	3. Nam Tha 3	Aug 2020	563	262 (47%)	Aug 2020	563	262 (47%)	
	4. Nam Gna 1-	Jun- Jul 2020	682	307 (45%)	Jun- Jul 2020	682	307 (45%)	
	5. N. Ngay – N.	Jul 2020	116	54	Jul 2020	116	54	
	Boun 6. Houay Lap	Jul-	FFO	(47%)	Jul-	FF0	(47%)	
		Aug 2020	558	(42%)	Aug 2020	558	(42%)	
	TOTAL	1.05	6,143	3,029 (49%)		6,189	3,006 (49%)	
	Note: For Phase III a day alongside with the numbers of participal	ne gender av	vareness c	ampaign at				
	production group	The participants were from WUG executive committee, farmers, production group, Villages Lao Women Union.						
-	The facilitators o	t the train	ing were	from PP	O/DCO ext	ension c	iffice.	
11. Conduct gender	Achieved							
awareness	The project cond							
training for each	subprojects of Ph				its are 12,1	89 peop	le and	
sub-project	6,364 (52%) out	of them w	ere fema	ale.				
including (i) project gender	During Aug-0	at 2018:	65 villag	os for 0 s	uhnrojecte	of Phas	o Land	
requirement/targ	II, 2,987 (55%						e i aliu	
ets (ii)	Oct-Nov 201						172	
awareness	(51%) out of					, -,		
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of agro-	(51%) out of	∠,428 We	re remale	ŧ				
chemicals, HIV	Topics of the train							
and human trafficking (iv)	(i) Project gender							
division of labor	(ii) Awareness ra (iii) Impact of agr				an traffickin	na		
(v) access to	(iv) Division of lal		uio, i il V č	anu numb	an uanickii	Э		
and control	(v) Access to and		esources	and dec	ision makir	na.		
resources,	The participa						ges	
decision making	Head, Village's L						J · =	
(vi) at least 50%	Front for Nationa)	
female	members of Phas					•		
participants.	Facilitators in					teams, D	District	
Target 4	Lao women Unio Report of the trai					ice		
12. Female focused	Achieved				5 511			
extension	Female focused	extension	services	had bee	n designed	l and del	ivered by	
services	women.				-			
designed for and	As of November		ES activ	ities wer	e impleme	nted at	14 target	
delivered by	villages in 7 subp	orojects:						
women								
Activity 8								
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... The 1st Batch of FFES activities were implemented at 9 target villages in 5 subprojects since February 2019 as summarized in the table below.

Province/ District	Sub- project	Village	Ethnic Group	Activities	FFES committe e	Women
Pongsaly /Bountai	Nam Ngene2 (Phase II)	Bohaad	Khmu Akha	Goat Raising	6	2
Oudomxay/ Beng	Ban Hao (Phase II)	Houay Luck	Khmu	Cardamom Cultivation Goat Rising	7	3
Luang Namtha/ Long	Nam Ma (Phase III)	Houa Khoua 1&2	Khmu Lue	Cucumber cultivation, onion/garlic	4	4
	·	Nam An	Lanten /Lao Houay	cultivation, organic vegetables, dry paddy production, frog/cricket raising	4	4
Bokeo/ Phaoudom	Houay Bong (Phase II)	Van Pom	Lamet Leu	Cardamom cultivation Goat Rising	7	4
Bokeo/ Paktha	Houay Xo2 (Phase II)	Dong Pangsa Khonteun Pakso	Leu	Revolving fund for commercial crop production	6 6 6 6	2 1 1 2
		TOTAL			52	23 (44%)

... The 2nd Batch of FFES activities were implemented at 5 target villages in 2 subprojects since December 2019 as summarized in the table below.

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Province/	Sub-	Village	Ethnic	Activities	FFES	Women
District	project	_	Group		committee	
Oudomxay/ Beng	Nam Beng (Phase I)	Namet Xienglae Yo Pangdeu a	Lue	Onion and garlic (10HHs x 4 villages)	12	10
Oudomxay/ Houn	Nam Ngaad (Phase III)	Somxay Na	Khmu Lue	Organic vegetable production in greenhous e	5	3
		TOTAL			17	13
						(76%)

Activities of FFES were planned and implemented with strong commitment of the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW) of Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF). Village Lao Women's Union of each village lead on planning and implementation of the activities with supports of PPO, DCO, NPMO and GIC.

Implementation Procedures:

- (i) Consultation meeting with target pilot villages (Target village selection criteria: villages with poor ethnic group).
- (ii) Establishment of a committee for Female-focused Extension Services.
- (iii) Selection of households for each activity (criteria: from the nonbeneficiary households in the subproject areas of the project).
- (iv) Preparation and providing training on the activities.
- (v) Arrangement for procurement of cardamom, onion and garlic, baby animals as well as other necessary equipment.

- (vi) Delivery of sapling of cardamom, onion and garlic, baby animals, and other materials /equipment.
- (vii) Implementation of the activities by 1st group of participants (FFES activities will be implemented in two batches and basically one (1) village is to be selected in each of the four (4) project target provinces for each batch of the activities. Participants will conduct selected FFES activities for two (2) years. In order to ensure the project sustainability, the first selected participants have an obligation to return the received amount (cash or in kind) to the FFES committee in two (2) years for extending the activities to the second group of participants;
- (viii) 1st group of participants return the received amount to FFES committee for extending the activities to the second group of participants
- ... The 1st batch of FFES commenced in May June 2019 for the activity period of 2 years by providing necessary input goods and equipment. Total 161 households in 10 poor ethnic minority villages of 5 subprojects in 4 target provinces participated in the activities. All activities except cardamom cultivation have been completed by the end of November 2021. But repayment to the revolving fund by the 1st round of households have not completed yet in some subprojects. The project instructed the relevant PPO and DCO to complete the repayment and continue the activities by involving new households in each village. Regarding cardamom cultivation, it usually takes 4 years to harvest the first fruits of the crop. Thus, the first participating households in the activity are still continuing growing the crop.
- ... The 2nd batch of FFES commenced their activities in March 2020 (Nam Beng) and in March 2021 (Nam Ngaad) for the activity period of 2 years. Total 53 households in 6 poor ethnic minority villages of 2 subprojects in Oudomxay province participated in the activities.
- The remaining assignment period of the GIC national community development and gender specialist is rather limited. Therefore, during her field work from 6 to 20 September 2021, the specialist discussed and agreed with the relevant PAFO/DAFO on handingover of both 1st and 2nd batches of the FFES activities to PPOs and DCOs.
- ... The Project plans to conduct the endline survey from December 2022 to January 2023 to confirm the overall effectiveness of the activities.

13. 30% participation of women in project study tours. Target 5

Achieved

The project organized study tours for WUG members of 22 subprojects (Phase I, II, and III) in the 3 provinces, and the relevant PPO and DCOs staff to exchange the experience with other farmers who have successful experiences of crop and vegetable growing for market. The main topics of lesson learned and exchange experience of farmers is (i) the management of commercial crop production in irrigated area related to marketing, (ii) commercial vegetable growing in green houses and (iii) irrigation Operation and Maintenance (O&M), 116 (34%) out of 338 participants were females.

Total Date of Of which, Prov Subproject Name Site visit participant study tour Female LNT N.Lue-N.Chang Sayabouly 3 - 7 Dec. (Phase II) Nam Sa 25 8 (32%) and (Phase II) Nam Ma Oudomxay (Phase IIÍ) Provs

	Nam Ma Nam Gna2 Nam Tha3 Nam Gna1&3		26-30 Apr. 2022	42	15 (36%)
ODX	Nam Beng (Phase I) Nam Oun (Phase I)	Sayabouly and Luang Prabang Provs.	16 - 22 Feb. 2020	37	12 (32%)
	Nam Hao Nam Ngaad		6-11 Feb.2022	39	11 (28%)
ВКО	Houay Bong (Phase II) Houay Xo 2 (Phase II) Nam Kha (Phase IV)	Sayabouly (Nam Phiang 1 & 2 irrigation schemes)	1 - 3 Mar. 2020	40	15 (37%)
	Nam Satone Nam Tin2 Houay Sat	,	24-27 Feb. 2022	62	20 (32%)
PSL	Nam Ngene 2 (Phase II) N. Hoy- N.Lou (Phase III) Nam Tong (Phase II)	Luang Namtha and Oudomxay Provinces	26 Mar. – 2 Apr. 2021	40	16 (40%)
	Nam Tong Nam Ngene2 Nam Hoy-Nam Lou Dong Nouark		28-30 Feb.2022	53	19 (36%)
	Tota	I		338	116 (34%)

14. 30% participation of women in skills training.

Target 6

Achieved

Project provided seventeen (17) extension trainings for 1st batch Female-focused Extension Services (FFES) at 9 pilot villages from May to June 2019. Project provided two (2) extension trainings for 2nd batch FFES at Somxay and Na villages in January 2020 and Namet, Xienglae, Yo and Pangdeua villages (under Nam Beng subproject) in April 2021.

Out of total 383 participants in the extension trainings of 1^{st} and 2^{nd} batches of FFES, 201 participants (52%) were female.

Details: Batch 1

	ne of pilot iges	Skills training topics	Time D/M/Y conducted training	Total participants	women
1.	Chavang	Goat Rising technical training	May / 2019	37	20
2.	Houayluc k	Goat Rising technical training/ Cardamom	May 2019	30	17
3.	Nam An	Animal rising and vegetable technical Training	May 2019	40	25
4.	Huakhua	Duck rising technical training	May 2019	30	19
5.	Vang Pom	Goat rising technical training/ Carmon	May 2019	30	12
6.	Dong	Jobs tear technical training	June 2019	40	20
7.	Pangsa	Jobs tear technical training	June 2019	35	18

8.	Khonteun	Jobs tear technical training	June 2019	39	16
9.	Pakso	Jobs tear technical training	June 2019	40	19
		321	166		

Batch 2

Name of Subproject (Villages)	Skills training topics	Time D/M/Y conducted training	Total participants	women
1. Nam Ngaad (Somxay, Na)	Technical training on organic vegetable production in green house	8 – 10 Jan 2020	34	23
2. Nam Beng	Onion and garlic technical training	3-4 April 2021	28	12
	62	35		

15. Ensure land titling certificates are in both spouses' names.

Activity 9

Achieved

According to the Property Law, 1990. Article 26: Husband and wife have equal rights over conjugal property not withstanding who actually acquired the asset. Assets belonging to the husband or wife prior to their marriage or received through inheritance or granted specifically to the husband or the wife during their married life will not be considered as conjugal property. Therefore, the project follows the Property Law.

As of March 2023, total confirm completed all 16 subprojects with 10,580 certificates have been issued for 7,002 HHs in the project area. Detail of land ownership ship giving below:

			Benefit	Command	Total		Ownershi	p of Land C	Certificates	
1	No.	Subproject Name	HHs	area (Ha)	cerificate	Name of	Name of	Both	Others	Total
			11113	arca (ria)	issued	Husband	wife	name	Ollo	Hand over
Г		Phase 1,2 & 3	7,002	6,246	10,580	2,914	1,657	5,900	109	10,580
		Ownership (%)				28%	16%	56%	1%	100%

... Phase I subprojects: **completed**. Total 2,099 certificate have been issued for 1,014 HHs in command area.

Details:

Names on the Land Certificates in the Phase I Subprojects

		Direct Command		Total	Ownership of Land Certificates					
No.	Subproject Name	Benefit	area (Ha)	cerificate	Name of	Name of	Both	Others	Total	
		Househo	area (na)	issued	Husband	wife	name	Others	Hand over	
1	Nam Oun	612	420	743	195	119	426	3	743	
2	Nam Beng	402	386	1,356	664	290	399	3	1,356	
	Sub-Total	1,014	806	2,099	859	409	825	6	2,099	
	Ownership (%)				41%	19%	39%	0%	100%	

... Phase II subproject: **Completed.** Total 5,505 plots (for 3,091 households) of land title certificate has been issued.

Names on the Land Certificates in the Phase II Supprojects

		Benefit	Command	Total	Ownership of Land Certificates						
No.	Subproject Name	HHs	area (Ha)	cerificate	Name of	Name of	Both	Others	Total		
		11115	area (ria)	issued	Husband	wife	name	Others	Hand over		
1	Nam Hao	701	606	1,751	743	454	550	4	1,751		
2	Namtong	625	610	1,194	402	56	736	-	1,194		
3	Nam Ngene 2	209	186	164	42	42	80	-	164		
4	N.Lue-N.Chang	642	475	699	121	121	405	52	699		
5	Nam Sa	247	238	270	55	55	152	8	270		
6	Houay Bong	495	310	219	31	31	157	-	219		
7	Houay Xo2	172	216	208	28	28	148	4	208		
	Sub-Total	3,091	2,641	4,505	1,422	787	2,228	68	4,505		
	Ownership (%)				32%	17%	49%	2%	100%		

Phase III subproject: **Implementation completed.** Progress to date 3,976 certificate has been issued for 2,897. Land ownership is giving below:

	Out and at Name	Benefit	Command	Total	Ownership of Land Certificates						
No.	Subproject Name	HHs	area (Ha)	cerificate issued	Name of Husband	Name of wife	Both name	Others	Total		
1	Nam Ngaad	523	390	1,196	241	246	705	4	1,196		
2	Nam Gna 2	262	540	567	56	42	457	12	567		
3	Nam Ma	448	360	487	93	26	351	17	487		
4	Dong Nouak	219	267	280	41	17	221	1	280		
5	Nam Hoy-Nam Lou	335	250	353	154	92	107	-	353		
6	Nam Kha	909	680	828	48	38	741	1	828		
7	Nam Satone	201	312	265	-	-	265	-	265		
	Sub-Total	2,897	2,799	3,976	633	461	2,847	35	3,976		
	Ownership (%)				16%	12%	72%	1%	100%		

Output 3: Capacities of national, provincial and district agencies strengthened to enable a sector development approach.

16. Village Lao
Women's Union
consulted in the
design of all
project
infrastructure
improvements.
Activity 10

Achieved

During project design period, the project conducted consultation meeting with 132 villages for all 22 subproject project infrastructure improvements of Phase I, II, III and IV, and all of those meeting invited Village Lao Women's Union to participate. The key VLWU concerned were:

The key VLWU concerned were:

Phase I and II:

- Lack of basic knowledge such as gender, human trafficking, agrochemical usage and labor law causes issues especially to female;
- (ii) Thus it is important for the project to provide trainings on basic knowledge;
- (iii) The project needs to encourage females' participation in the trainings and study tour.
- (iv) The project also needs to more actively listen to opinions and suggestions of females in formulation of project activities through group discussion and other methods.

Phase III and IV

- Insufficient irrigation water: Most of the farmers in the villages hope to grow pumpkin, green bean and watermelon during dry season but water shortage prevents them from the commercial crop production,
- (ii) Low quality and low price of rice: Many farmers started to use HYV seeds but in an improper way,
- (iii) Lack of farming techniques meeting for the market standard: Sales price of the harvested crops are low due to improper post-harvest management such as drying and storage,
- (iv) Inactive or no formally established WUG and FPGs
- (v) Poverty among landless households (LLHH), female headed households (FHH), and ethnic minorities that recently moved from the mountainous area.
- (vi) Village organizations and committees are generally dominated by males. Female participation and involvement in village meetings needs to be improved,
- (vii) Low gender awareness, especially among some ethnic groups. Women's roles and performance of responsibilities are not well recognized and given importance. Women are burdened with responsibilities at home and production/income generation. Their role on decision-making is over-shadowed by men,
- (viii) Poor waste management and disposal: Poor sanitation and hygiene practices,
- (ix) Uncontrolled use of agrochemicals, herbicide and fertilizer as the commercial agriculture is developing in the subproject areas,

	(x) Lack of basic knowledge on HIV/AIDS/ST protection despite of high risk for young p					
17. Gender awareness training for NPMO, PPO and DCOs at project commencement including (i) project gender requirement/targe ts and monitoring and reporting of GAP. Activity 11	Achieved Gender awareness training on project gender monitoring and reporting was organized for NF DCOs on October 2018 at Oudomxay PAFO nout of 54 participants were women.)				
18. Capacities of	Partially achieved (Overall)					
national, provincial, and district agencies strengthened to enable a sector	Total 11 training programs have been conduct participants of the training were female. In get staff is responsible for engineering-related fiel non-engineering field. Therefore, engineering occupied mainly by male staff. On the other harticipate in non-engineering training as follows:	nale for are	Overall, the target is partially achieved. This is due to lower percentage of female staff in			
development						charge of
approach at least	Achieved	ic 227	porco	n which	a io	engineering.at NPMO, PPOs
50% of trainees are women	Non-engineering related trainings participant comprised of female 123 (or 52%).	13 231	ρειου	II WITHOL	1 13	and DCOs. On
(DMF)	<u></u>					the other hand,
Target 7	No Activity	Total	Fe	male %		the target has
	Non-engineering related trainings 1 Training on Financial Management attached	1	T	1		been achieved
	with the inception workshop	52	31	60%		in non-
	2 On the job training on Gender Awareness Campaigns	55	34	61%		engineering training.
	Training on Community Development and Gender activities attached with the inception		36	51%		trailing.
	workshop 4 On the job training on establishment and development of Water User Groups for the PAFO and DAFO focal staff. The project consultant closely monitors and observed the PAFO and DAFO team to carry out the tasks and provides supports when needed.	60	22	37%		
	Sub-total	237	123	52%		
	Partially achieved Mainly engineering related trainings participal comprised of female 113 (or 24%). Detail givin	nt is 462 g below:	2 perso	on whicl	h is	
	No Activity	Total	Fem	ale %		
	Engineering related training programs 5 Training on O&M Irrigation Facilities and Agricultural Development in Project Inception Workshop (5 – 19 Nov. 17) in the 4 target provinces. Total participants in 4 provinces is 170 staffs including 33 females (19%)					
	6 Training on land used planning and					
	management for the land titling field work team Training on Engineering Design Concept of					
	Irrigation System for PPO managers and, head of irrigation section and irrigation engineers, representative of DOI and DOI engineers.					
	On job training on O&M irrigation facilities to PPO and DCO staff	56	21	38%		
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	pi m	reparatio anagem	n of ent to PA	on use catchmer FO and DA	it land AFO offic	d use cers	15	0	0%			
			n Irrigatio DCO staff	n Managei	ment Tra	ansfer to	110					
						ub-total: nd Total:	462 699			-		
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Output 4: Efficient a	and effecti	ve deli	very of	subproi	ects a	nd Pro	iect m	nanage	ment.			
19. Include national	Achieved											
gender specialist	A nationa											
and assign	additional											
project gender focal point in the	2022, remat NPMO											
provincial	and 11 ap					·	•	•				
subproject implementation	All of then	n alrea	dv recei	ved the	trainin	a on GA	AP imr	lement	ation			
level.	monitoring				ci ali ili i	g 011 07	· · · · · · · ·	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	duon			
Activity 12	·											
20. NPMO and	Achieved											
PPOs responsible	Monitoring											
for monitoring and reporting of	participati PPOs, an											
GAP performance	quarterly.								7,00			
indicators,	'		,			,						
including												
women's												
participation, training and												
employment												
targets.												
Activity 13												
21. 20% of staff in	Achieved	l									,	
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technical and	(III) Gup	port ste	2 (0	1 70) Out	01 0 11	CIC ICII	idio.					
	PPO: 17	7 (34%	out of	50 staff i	n 4 PF	Os we	re won	nen as	details:			
support staff).	(i) Seni	or man	agemer	nt: 2 (229	%) out	of 9 wa	s fema	ale.				
Target 8								33 were	female.			
	(iii) Sup	port sta	aff 5 (65	.5%) out	of 8 w	ere fen	nale.					
	Details for	r each	PPO:									
		Total		Senior	··	Technic		Suppor	t staff.			
	management Administrativ e											
	B1/2	total	F	total	F	total	F	total	F			
	BKO PPO	13	4	2	1	10	2	1	1			
	LNT PPO	14	5	3	1	10	3	1	1			
	ODX PPO	13	4	2	0	9	3	2	1			
	PSL PPO	10	4	2	0	4	2	4	2			
	110	50	17	9	2	33	10	8	5 65.5%))		
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22. All data will be disaggregated by sex and ethnic. Activity 14	Achieved All data have been disaggregated by sex such as participants of consultations meeting and trainings, committee members of WGUs, Product group, FFES Disaggregated by sex and ethnic are included in the participants registration form. This form is being used at all levels from central, province, district to village.	
23. GAP performance report to ADB with attaches GAP monitoring table in the quarterly reports. Activity 15	Achieved. GAP performance monitoring is attached to the project quarterly progress report	

GAP includes: 15 activities and 8 targets

Progress of GAP implementation:

... 15 activities: 15 (100%) have been achieved.

... 8 targets: 7 (87.5%) have been achieved, and 1 (12.5%) is partially achieved.

	Achieved	On-track	Partially achieved	Not achieved
15 Activities	15	0	0	0
8 Targets	7	0	1	0

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