



Lao Landscapes and Livelihoods Project (P170559)

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Implementing Agencies: Lao People's Democratic Republic, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Key Dates

Key Project Dates

Bank Approval Date: 23-Feb-2021

Effectiveness Date: 14-May-2021

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 31-Jul-2024

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:

Original Closing Date: 30-Sep-2027

Revised Closing Date: 30-Sep-2027

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

To promote sustainable forest management, improve protected area management, and enhance livelihoods opportunities in selected landscapes in Lao PDR.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

Components Table

Name

Investing in Natural Wealth and Resilience in Forest Landscapes:(Cost \$31.54 M)

Livelihoods Opportunities from Sustainable Forest Landscapes:(Cost \$9.24 M)

Institutions, Incentives, and Information:(Cost \$8.77 M)

Project Management and Monitoring:(Cost \$7.82 M)

Overall Ratings

Name

Previous Rating

Current Rating

Progress towards achievement of PDO

Moderately Satisfactory

Moderately Satisfactory

Overall Implementation Progress (IP)

Moderately Satisfactory

Moderately Satisfactory

Overall Risk Rating

Substantial

Substantial

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

Good progress has been made during 2023, particularly in completing Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) activities in priority project villages. This is a critical step toward moving forward with many of the project's livelihood enhancement investments and subprojects. The development of village forest land use zoning (FLUZ) to help strengthen the sustainability of forest management is also making stronger progress than expected, and is on track to be completed in the second quarter of 2024. Enhanced monitoring systems and databases to track progress on these and other project activities and outcomes have also been put in place and continue to be improved. Overall implementation is still behind the original project



schedule due to delays in the early stages of the project that are now largely resolved. The project's small-scale village development and infrastructure subprojects, as well as its activities aimed at strengthening capacity for protected areas management and other aspects of forest landscape management, are expected to be well underway in early 2024, with measurable progress against project indicator targets later in the year.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial
Macroeconomic	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High
Sector Strategies and Policies	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial
Technical Design of Project or Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial
Fiduciary	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial
Environment and Social	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial
Stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Overall	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

To promote sustainable forest management				
▶ 1. Landscape area with maintained or increased forest cover (Hectare(Ha), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000,000.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027
Comments:	This indicator measures the PDO aspects of forest and protected area management at landscape level. Progress on indicator achievement is expected in 2024.			
□ 1a. Conservation forest (PAs) area with maintained or increased forest cover (Hectare(Ha), Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,300,000.00



Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027
□1b. Protection forest area with maintained or increased forest cover (Hectare(Ha), Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	400,000.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027
□1c. Production forest area with maintained or increased forest cover (Hectare(Ha), Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	300,000.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027
□1d. Village forest with maintained or increased forest cover (Hectare(Ha), Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	800,000.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-Jan-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027

to improve protected area management

►2. Protected areas that score over 50 on the global PA Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT) (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	3.00	3.00	3.00	8.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027
Comments:	<p>The indicator measures the strength and effectiveness of the GOL's PA authorities in managing PAs and biodiversity in targeted PAs using the globally standardized METT for PAs. NNT, NEPL, and HNN National Parks had a score higher than 50 METT score at project preparation. While no METT analysis was yet conducted since project implementation began, it is expected that the score of these 3 national parks has not decreased substantially. The current value will be updated once a new METT survey is conducted. Progress in indicator achievement is expected in 2024.</p>			

to enhance livelihoods opportunities in selected landscapes in Lao PDR

►3. Households or Economic Interest Groups engaged in alternative and/or improved traditional livelihood activities supported by the project (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	72,050.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	29-Sep-2023	30-Sep-2027



Comments:	This indicator measures the number of households or economic interest groups that have added new activities to their livelihood strategies and/or improved existing farm- and forest-related livelihood activities. Progress in indicator achievement expected in 2024.			
<input type="checkbox"/> 3a Economic Interest Groups engaged in alternative and/or improved traditional livelihood activities supported by the project (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Date	21-Oct-2020	26-May-2023	29-Sep-2023	30-Sep-2027
► Beneficiaries of job-focused interventions (Number, Corporate)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	144,000.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	29-Sep-2023	30-Sep-2027
Comments:	Progress in indicator achievement expected in 2024.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Beneficiaries of job-focused interventions - Female (Number, Corporate Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	75,000.00

Overall Comments

The new online cloud database was launched on August 15, 2023. The system was developed by the M&E team for LLL and replaced the previous offline excel-based system. The core function is to trigger sub-activity implementation (i.e. budget request process) and sub-activity reporting (i.e. budget report process). Other functions and modules are also available, and all data can be exported to excel and used for further analysis and feed into results indicators' reporting.

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Investing in Natural Wealth and Resilience in Forest Landscapes				
► Forest area brought under management plans (Hectare(Ha), Corporate)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,300,000.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027
Comments:	Progress of related Activities: PtFA and PFA forest management plans are subject to multiple activities (i.e. the PtFA/PFA Boundary Demarcation which is subject to the village FLUZ). Approaches on demarcation implementation are to be expected 2024 onwards.			



<input type="checkbox"/> 5a. Conservation Forest (PA) under a management plan (Hectare(Ha), Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	977,713.00	1,500,000.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027
<input type="checkbox"/> 5b. Production Forest Area under a management plan (Hectare(Ha), Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	400,000.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027
<input type="checkbox"/> 5c. Protection Forest Area under a management plan (Hectare(Ha), Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	400,000.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	31-Aug-2027
<input type="checkbox"/> 5d. Village forest under a management plan (Hectare(Ha), Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	800,000.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027
<input type="checkbox"/> 5e. Production Forest Area certified for controlled wood or SFM (Hectare(Ha), Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	250,000.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027
► Land area under sustainable landscape management practices (Hectare(Ha), Corporate)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200,000.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027
Comments:	The indicator measures, in hectares, the land area for which new and/or improved sustainable landscape management practices have been introduced. Land is the terrestrial biologically productive system comprising soil, vegetation, and the associated ecological and hydrological processes; Adoption refers to change of practice or change in the use of a technology promoted or introduced by the project; Sustainable landscape management (SLM) practices refers to a combination of at least two technologies and approaches to increase land quality and restore degraded lands for example, agronomic, vegetative,			



structural, and management measures that, applied as a combination, increase the connectivity between protected areas, forest land, rangeland, and agriculture land.
Progress on indicator achievement is expected in late 2024 beginning 2025.

► 7. Net carbon dioxide equivalent emissions (Metric ton, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	-10,000,000.00
Date	21-Oct-2020	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027
Comments:	Project net greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are reported as metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MtCO ₂ e). It is calculated as an annual average of the difference between project gross (absolute) emissions and the emissions of a baseline scenario aggregated over the same time horizon. Progress on indicator achievement is expected in 2024.			

► 8. Beneficiaries using extension or outreach services (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	144,000.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027
Comments:	This indicator measures the extent of individuals reached annually with extension or technical outreach services, provided through the project. Progress on indicator achievement is expected in 2024.			

□ 8a. Beneficiaries using extension or outreach services (females) (Percentage, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00

► 9. Productive assets built and maintained for improved resilience (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027
Comments:	Resilience indicator. Climate adaptation indicator. This indicator measures the project contribution to small infrastructure and natural solutions that are part of Village (community) Action Plans. Progress on indicator achievement is expected in 2024.			

□ 9a. Small irrigation or multipurpose small reservoirs plus village-to-village payments for environmental services to protect forest (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027

□ 9b. Tourism or park management facilities constructed / rehabilitated (Number, Custom Breakdown)



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027
□9c. Roads constructed / rehabilitated (Number, Custom Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
▶ 10. Village conservation agreements approved and annually reported (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	267.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027
Comments:	Village Conservation Agreements (VCA) are binding between the relevant government authority and the Village Administration. These VCAs are prepared as part of the CAPs for villages inside PAs. Progress on indicator achievement is expected in 2024.			
▶ 11. Tourism agreements signed between tourism operators, local villages and relevant PA and other management authorities in targeted forest landscapes (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of partnerships (tourism agreements) among Government Authorities, private entities, and villages in established as a result of the project. Progress on indicator achievement is expected in 2024.			
▶ 12. Villages entering partnership agreements with environmentally and socially sustainable tree plantation enterprises (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of villages that enter partnership agreements that have been facilitated as a result of project support. Progress on indicator achievement is expected in 2024.			
▶ 13. Households establishing and managing tree plantations (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027



Comments:

The indicator measures the number of households involved in establishing and managing tree plantations with support provided by the project.
Progress on indicator achievement is expected in 2024.

Livelihoods Opportunities from Sustainable Forest Landscapes

▶ 14. Households using Village Development Funds for forest-smart livelihoods activities (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	72,000.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027

Comments:

COVID 19 response indicator. This indicator measures the total number of households accessing project livelihoods support from the respective Village Development Funds to implement their chosen eligible livelihood activities.
Progress on indicator achievement is expected in 2024.

□ 14a. Vulnerable households using Village Development Funds for forest-smart livelihoods activities (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Aug-2027

▶ 15. Share of women members of the Village Committees' LLL Teams (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00
Date	27-Nov-2020	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027

Comments:

Gender Indicator. This indicator measures the participation of women in decision making related to project activities. This indicator measures the participation of women in decision making related to project activities. Village Committee's LLL team members will receive dedicated technical training on the different aspects of the project, and each member will specialize, and will be the Village focal point for, one of the activities. The technical and leadership skills acquired during the project, could facilitate employment and overall empowerment beyond the project closure.

▶ 16. Share of target beneficiaries with a score 'Satisfied' or above on project interventions (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027

Comments:

Citizen engagement indicator.
Progress on indicator achievement is expected in 2025.

□ 16a. Share of female target beneficiaries with a score 'Satisfied' or above on project interventions (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
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Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	26-May-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027

Institutions, Incentives, and Information

► 17. New or revised laws, policies, and regulations drafted and submitted to relevant authority for approval (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	3.00	5.00	15.00
Date	01-Mar-2021	11-Jul-2023	08-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2027
Comments:	<p>This indicator measures the support provided by the project to the GoL to enhance legislation, policy, and regulations.</p> <p>The Wildlife Law was submitted to the Government for approval on March 25, 2023. The Law is expected to be reviewed by the National Assembly by October 2023.</p> <p>A Prime Minister's Decree on Protected Areas a revision of the 2010 Protected Areas Decree was approved in June 2023.</p> <p>A new Prime Minister's Order on Forest Encroachment was issued in July 2023.</p>			

Overall Comments

Implementation of village activities is finally underway, with results that will start flowing into the newly launched M&E cloud-based tool in 2024. The mission discussed the results framework and agreed to hold a technical discussion between the Bank and the NPCU to clarify some indicators and monitoring strategies by January 31, 2024. The mission also recommended that a detailed set of recommendations on potential revisions of indicators and targets is included in the clients MTR report by May 31, 2024.

Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P170559	IDA-68320	Effective	USD	34.00	34.00	0.00	5.74	26.20	18%
P171406	TF-B4784	Effective	USD	7.37	7.37	0.00	1.12	6.25	15%
P170559	TF-B4829	Effective	USD	16.00	16.00	0.00	2.66	13.34	17%

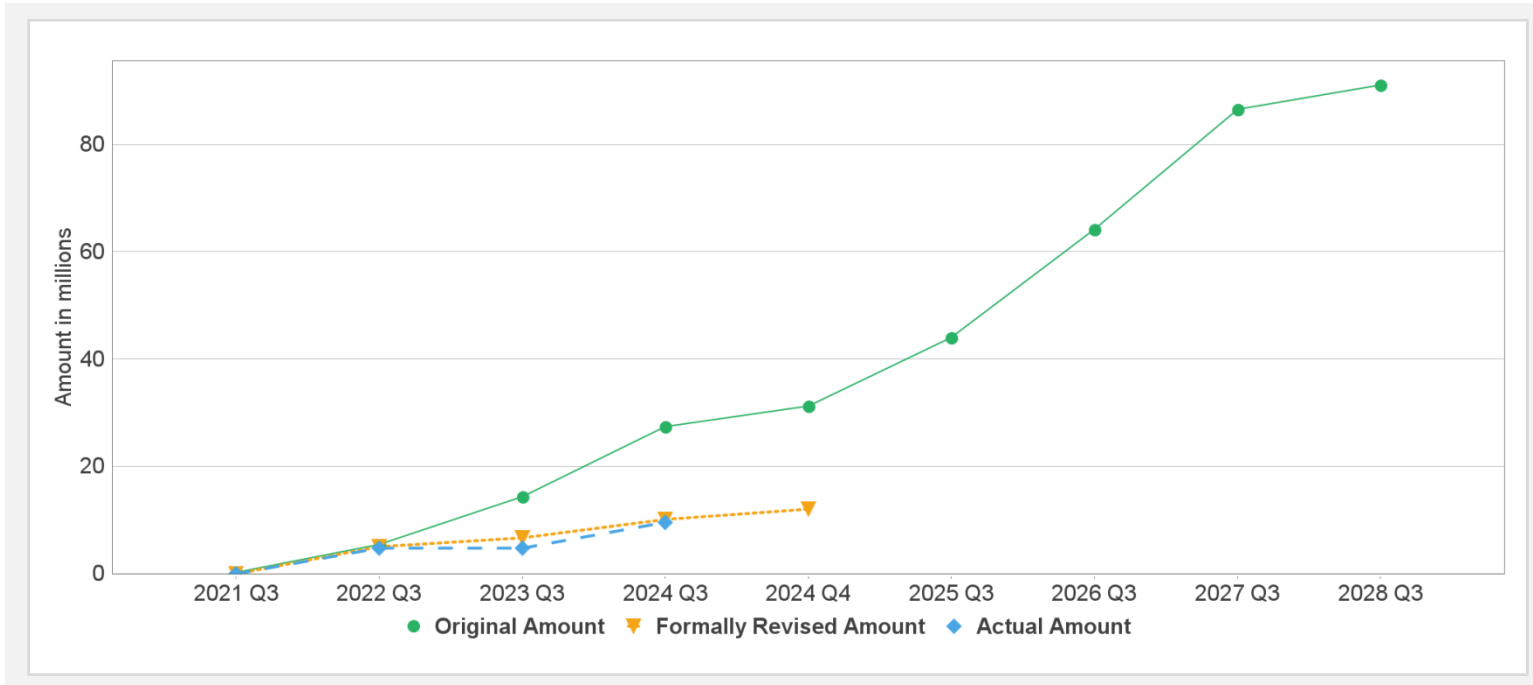
Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
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P170559	IDA-68320	Effective	23-Feb-2021	19-Mar-2021	14-May-2021	30-Sep-2027	30-Sep-2027
P171406	TF-B4784	Effective	23-Feb-2021	19-Mar-2021	14-May-2021	30-Sep-2027	30-Sep-2027
P170559	TF-B4829	Effective	23-Feb-2021	19-Mar-2021	14-May-2021	30-Sep-2027	30-Sep-2027

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

P171406-GEF Landscapes and Livelihoods Project