



Lao PDR

Summary of country engagement at SWA

Lao PDR joined SWA in 2010. Linked to the national planning process, 5 major actions are proposed within the SWA engagement to ensure a proactive approach to comprehensive sector progress: 1) resource mobilization and allocation to rural WASH, and initiate safely managed urban sanitation strategy, 2) scale-up strategies in Social Behaviour Change Communication and sanitation marketing to eliminate open defecation in rural areas and improve access to basic sanitation level, 3) raise competency and capacity for the Sector as the foundation for better performance and efficiency, 4) identify and better target resources to improve WASH coverage for vulnerable groups, schools and health facilities through collaboration and convergence with partners' programmes, and 5) increase regulatory oversight and monitoring of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in urban water supply and improve quality in order to achieve and sustain the new standards for safely managed services and enable utilities to become attractive for additional financing.

Commitments by the government

Commitment	Body / Organizations	Target Year	Progress Description	Constituency	Progress
By 2019, a National WASH Committee is established to provide guidance on WASH policy implementation.	Ministry of Health	2019		Government	Reviewing prog

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By 2020, establish a National WASH Trust Fund to finance sustainable WASH services delivery.	Ministry of Public Works and Transport	2020		Government	Reviewing prog
By 2025, all Lao citizen live in Open Defecation Free Environment in the country. No one left behind.	Ministry of Health and Ministry of Public Works and Transport	2025		Government	Reviewing prog

Focal Points

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[Lao PDR: Aligned commitments from all constituencies](#)

Documents

[2022 Country Overview: Lao PDR](#)

[Lao - Collaborative Behaviour Country Profile 2020](#)

