

LAO-CSOs

VISION / STRATEGY & PLAN OF ACTION

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Status of Lao-CSOs

STRENGTHS :

- Lao-CSOs are protected by the Lao Constitution (article 44),
- Lao-CSOs act under the policy guideline of the LAO PEOPLE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY and two decrees by Prime Minister on Association and Foundation.
- Lao-CSOs operate under the administrative guideline of MoHA.
- Lao-CSOs have officially declared to be a good Development Partner with GoL who is fully supported us.
- Lao-CSOs are not yet divided to be INDEPENDENT CSOs.

WEAKNESSES:

- **Most of Lao CSOs have a low understanding on the relevant law and policies that are in place.**
- **Lao-CSOs have nominated a central Board Committee representing as the Head of Lao-CSOs. However, this committee has not yet been fully recognized and accepted by International Organizations (*logo and stamp of this committee are not available yet*).**
- **Lao-CSOs are in the beginning stage: weak organization and insufficient experiences.**
- **Most Lao-CSOs do not have sufficient fund. Mostly their projects depend on the international funding. The use of Lao-CSOs by GoL as sub-contractor is rare.**
- **Some Lao-CSOs do not meet registration criteria of MoHA.**

- **There is a weak cooperation between Lao-CSOs and some local authorities. So that some Lao-CSOs have limited opportunity to take part in the socio-economic development activities.**
- **Some CSOs do not meet the project proposal and funding criteria so that they may get some funding source that are not appropriate to the Lao context.**
- **Some Lao-CSOs still do not know how to work in a constructive way with all stakeholders.**

- **All of these weaknesses have made the public and society to have negative view and low confident on Lao CSOs.**
- **Many people do not understand deeply the millennium concept of so call stream line or trend and tendency. So they don't know how to support Lao-CSOs to be a true Development Partner with GOL.**
- **The coordination system among Lao CSOs is still weak.**

Opportunities :

- **The world stream line or trend and tendency of social development in the new millennium influents all Governments to recognize the Role of CSOs in the society as a SINE QUA NON condition thereupon accept to assist and support the establishment and the development of CSOs as executive Organ Partner.**
- **The GoL is supportive to the establishment and the development of Lao-CSOs and accept as country Development Partner.**

THREATS / OBSTACLE AND BARRIERS

- **Some legally established Lao-CSOs face problems in obtaining project funding because some INGOs are not happy with Lao-CSOs for not be fully INDEPENDENT CSOs.**
- **The existence of conservative and pessimistic people in Lao society pull down and slow down the development of Lao-CSOs .**
- **Groups of people who lose economic interest and political Rights refuse to accept and recognize the reality. They never congratulate GoL for the successful development activities. Contrarily they actively seek and find all pretexts and reasons to accuse the GOL for its avoidable mistake. They have determined objective in creating barriers and subverting the GOL. They will continue to attract some of Lao CSOs especially the non-registered CSOs to form**

9 THEMATIC ISSUES of INTEREST for LAO SOCIETY

- **Land conflict and Tenure removing**
- **Gender issues and Violence against children**
- **Narcotic issues and Youth problems**
- **Trafficking and migrants issues**
- **Poverty, Health and Nutrition**
- **Corruption and accountability**
- **Environment issues**
- **Democracy, Human rights and Freedom**
- **Development issues.**

Taking account the results of SWOT analysis on the Lao-CSOs, the board committee have created its Vision, Strategy and Plans of actions as follows.

Lao-CSOs VISION

*In fully believing of **PEOPLE's POWER** and the ASEAN ideology of **PEOPLE CENTERED** and in the hope to have opportunity to take part in the Noble Tasks of **DEFENDING** and **DEVELOPING** of the Lao Nation,*

Enhance all Lao-CSOs to be a qualified organization with sufficient funding, high level of capacity building, have tight solidarity among all Lao-CSOs and with ASEAN CSOs / International Organizations and act as a good DEVELOPMENT PARTNER with GoL.

LAO-CSOs' STRATEGY & PLAN OF ACTION

I. STRATEGY :

Built & Develop Lao-CSOs to be a qualified Organization , with tight solidarity and Good Development Partner.

II.3 PROGRAMMES (P) shall be developed:

P1: Built and Develop Lao-CSOs to be a qualified Organization .

P2: Built and Develop Lao-CSOs to be Close Friend & Tight solidarity with Partners .

P3: Built and Develop Lao-CSOs to be Good Development Partner with GOL .

III.10 PROJECTS: To be elaborated

- P₁₁ Strengthen Capacity building of Lao-CSOs**
- P₁₂ Creation of Lao-CSOs FUND**
- P₁₃ Upgrade to High tech for CSOs**
- P₁₄ Form Lao-CSOs a Good Management Organization**

- P₂₁ Built Lao-CSOs a Tight Solidarity Org in LaoPDR**
- P₂₂ Built Lao-CSOs a Tight Solidarity with ASEAN CSOs**
- P₂₃ Built Lao-CSOs a Tight Solidarity with INGOs**

- P₃₁ Develop Lao-CSOs to be a good Partner with GoL**
- P₃₂ Develop Lao-CSOs to be a good Partner with ASEAN CSOs**
- P₃₃ Develop Lao-CSOs to be a good Partner with INTERNATIONAL Org.**

Lao-CSOs NETWORK

In the mean time 9 NETWORKS of Sectoral Working Groups will be established to address the 9 mentioned Thematic Issues:

- 1. ENVIRONMENT WG. NETWORK**
- 2. PRODUCTIVE WG. NETWORK**
- 3. MALE AND WOMAN ROLE WG. NETWORK**
- 4. LAW WG. NETWORK**
- 5. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WG. NETWORK**
- 6. AGRICULTURE AND FOREST WG. NETWORK**
- 7. HEALTH WG. NETWORK**
- 8. EDUCATION WG. NETWORK**
- 9. SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT WG. NETWORK**

THANK YOU

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