

VET and skills development in Lao PDR (draft)

INTPA VET training – practical training
 about VET and employability
 opportunities

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Lao PDR: Context

Key-data on TVET, education, labour market

- 42.1% of youth not in employment, education or training (NEETs) - 2019
- Low participation in formal VET (6,500 enrolment vs planned 21,000); 2022-2023 (MoES)
- Massive labor migration to ASEAN neighboring countries
- Labour-market demand in higher specialised professions not met
- Budget constraints often temporarily solved by ODA
- Lack of knowledge among youth about career opportunities after TVET

Guiding topics for the slide content:

Focus on the main features of the country context using relevant data for the TVET system:

- ***Labour market indicators, and other economic and social dynamics indicators, informal economy***
- ***TVET specific data on access and participation, completion, etc. – what is offered and who has access/completes it, including information/data on the most disadvantaged groups, and including non-formal and formal TVET solutions***



Lao PDR: TVET reforms

Main elements in TVET reforms in the past 5 years

- Employment Law / Skills Development Law, MoLSW
- Revised TVET Law / Lao Qualification Framework / 5-years TVET Development Plan, MoES
- 14 Occupational Standards (Agriculture, ICT, Automotive), MoES
- Development of 28 CBT; 18 DCT (273 cooperated enterprises), MoES
- TVET Development Fund (to be approved soon), MoES
- Reform objective: to coordinate TVET measure among MoES and business sector (represented by LNCCI) and MoLSW

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List of priority policy reform areas and specific measures - What have been the main TVET reforms in the past 5 years in the country?

Main challenges faced and success factors - Is the country doing the things right? Is the country doing the right things?



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Lao PDR: EU responses

EU intervention (programmes), ongoing or planned and interventions by others development agencies:

- LuxDev/SDC/EU: Skills for Tourism, Agriculture and Forestry (STAF)
- GIZ: Vocational Education Lao PDR (VELA)
- KfW: Vocational Education Financing Facility (VEFF)
- World Bank: Lao PDR Priority Skills for Growth
- ILO/UNFPA: Rural Employment Promotion project (REP) / (USAID programme)
- Switzerland: Vocational Training and Employment Support Services (VTESS)
Regional Swiss project on work-place based TVET (ASTI)

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List of main EU interventions in the recent years and links to the main policy reform areas identified by the country authorities

Other donors' interventions - To which extend there has been a coordination? Complementarity or overlapping?



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