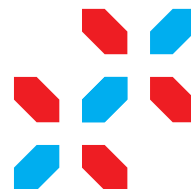


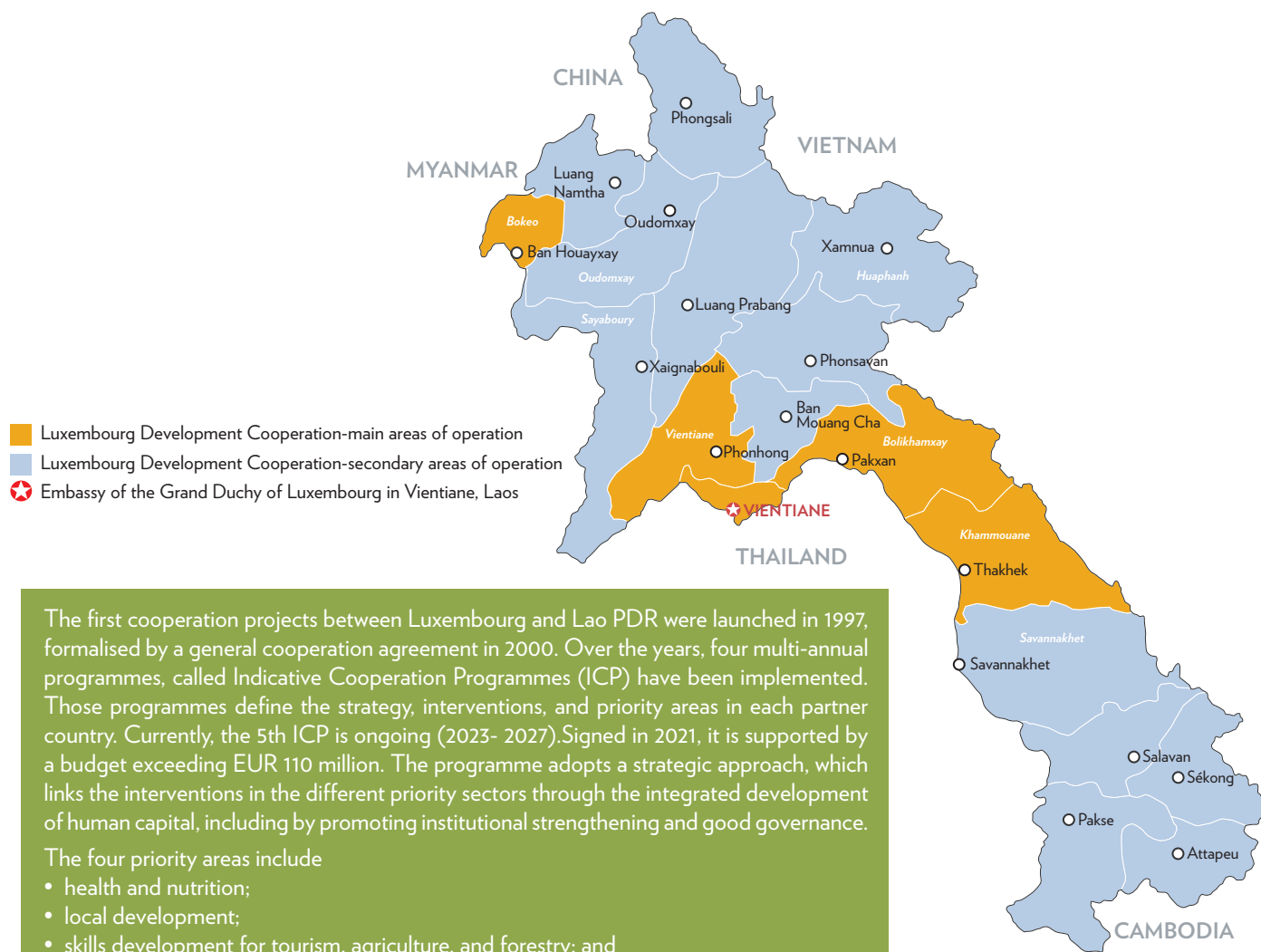
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# LUXEMBOURG DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN LAOS





The first cooperation projects between Luxembourg and Lao PDR were launched in 1997, formalised by a general cooperation agreement in 2000. Over the years, four multi-annual programmes, called Indicative Cooperation Programmes (ICP) have been implemented. Those programmes define the strategy, interventions, and priority areas in each partner country. Currently, the 5th ICP is ongoing (2023- 2027). Signed in 2021, it is supported by a budget exceeding EUR 110 million. The programme adopts a strategic approach, which links the interventions in the different priority sectors through the integrated development of human capital, including by promoting institutional strengthening and good governance.

The four priority areas include

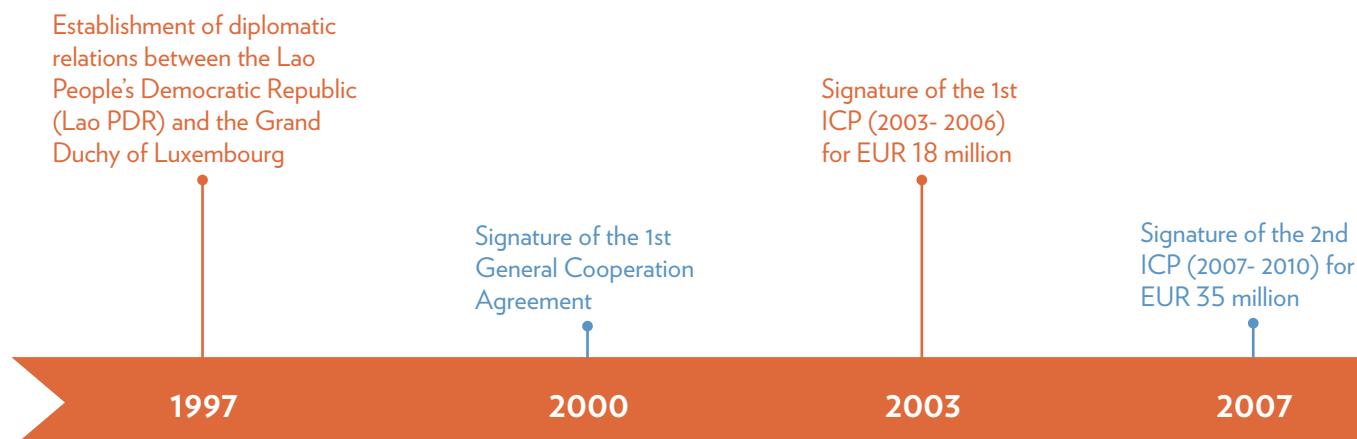
- health and nutrition;
- local development;
- skills development for tourism, agriculture, and forestry; and
- rule of Law, access to justice and good governance.

Luxembourg focuses its activities on the four priority provinces of Bokeo, Bolikhamxay, Khammouane, and Vientiane. Throughout the activities, particular emphasis is placed on human rights, gender equality, environmental protection and the fight against climate change, and the use of digital technologies.

The programmes are funded primarily by the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, with additional contributions from the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Environment, Climate and Biodiversity of Luxembourg, who approach Laos through an integrated whole-of-government approach.

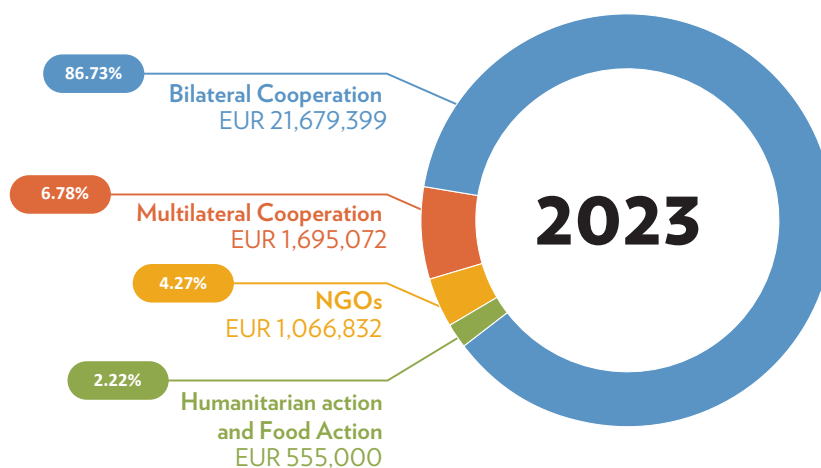
Together with its partners, including LuxDev, UN Agencies, NGOs, as well as academic and private partners, Luxembourg remains committed to eradicate extreme poverty, while ‘leaving no one behind’.

## HISTORY

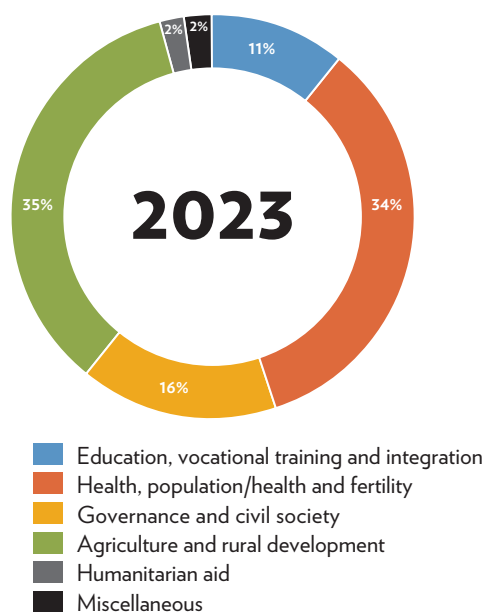


## DISTRIBUTION OF OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (ODA) IN 2023

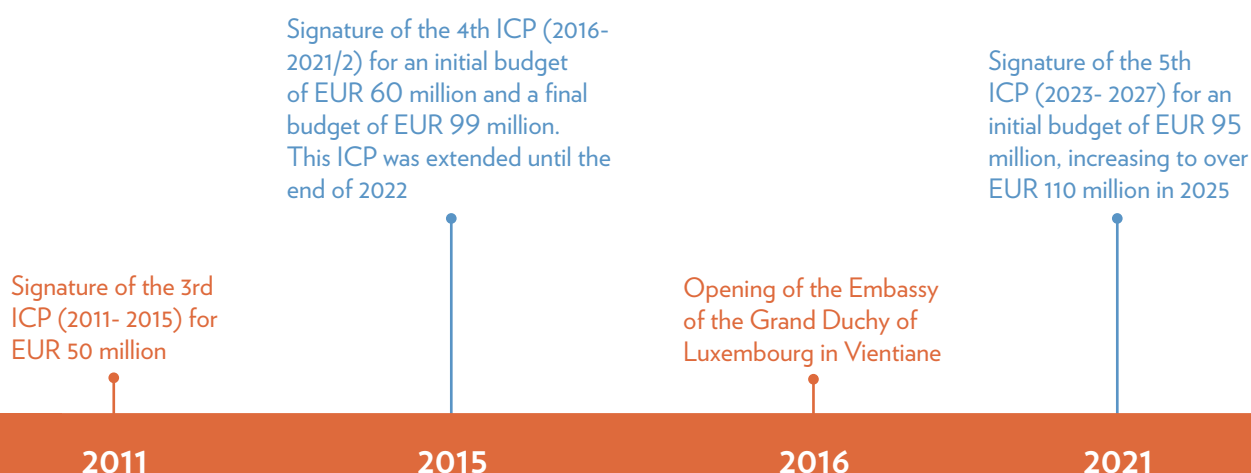
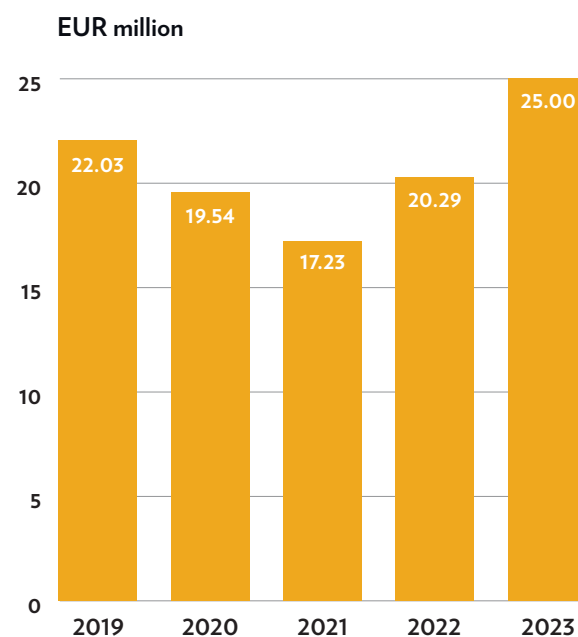
Laos 2023: EUR 24.99 million



## SECTORAL DISTRIBUTION



## EVOLUTION OF FUNDS DISBURSED





## HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Since 1997, Luxembourg's Development Cooperation, has been working with partners to support the Lao government in providing basic and good-quality health services. The main objective is to improve the access to essential health services of good quality and affordable for all, particularly for the most vulnerable. Our projects therefore focus on marginalised populations, including members of ethnic minorities and people living in remote locations. While the pivotal domain of Mother and Child Health remains at the forefront of our efforts, the aspect of nutrition has been added in the current ICP V to address malnutrition challenges in the Lao PDR. Among a whole range of activities, Luxembourg:

- supports quality, efficiency and sustainability of reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (RMNCAH) service delivery;
- supports young people through scholarships for long and short-term studies in clinical and health-related disciplines;
- promotes a high standard of quality of infrastructure and care in selected district and provincial hospitals;
- raises standards by enhancing medical treatment and nursing administration in selected healthcare facilities;
- promotes on-the-job training by skilled nurse-midwife teams;
- supports the blood cold chain in Lao PDR through specialised equipment;
- provides high quality expertise in the cardiology sector;
- works towards universal health care by strengthening the social security and health insurance systems.



*Partners: LuxDev, UNFPA, WHO, UNICEF, ILO, Luxembourg Institute of Health, Institut Pasteur du Laos, Aide au Développement de la Santé (ADS), CARE, Humanity & Inclusion, Lao Red Cross*



## RULE OF LAW, ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

Since 2010, Luxembourg's Development Cooperation has been committed to supporting the Lao Government in promoting access to justice for everyone. Together with its partners, Luxembourg actively assists the Lao government in its ambition to shift from creating laws to putting them into practice and to strengthen its legal education system to train the next generation of professionals. Additional support is provided to improve the quality of data and analysis for policy making, to address money laundering issues, and to share the expertise of Luxembourg's financial sector with Lao counterparts, including in the area of sustainable and climate finance.

The Lao-Luxembourg development cooperation works at the central and the local level by:

- strengthening the academic environment at key legal institutions to produce quality legal research, e.g. through curriculum development and implementation, modernised infrastructure and facilities, and student and lecturer exchange programmes;
- training justice and financial sector professionals in a wide range of fields, including the Criminal Procedure Code, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering, and transnational crime;
- establishing and supporting 32 Legal Aid Offices on district and provincial levels to improve access to justice, especially for the most vulnerable in remote areas;
- disseminating legal information, services, and campaigns;
- improving the production of reliable statistics that comply with international standards;
- training professionals of the financial sector on topics like risk management or Anti-money laundering/ Counter financing of terrorism.



*Partners: LuxDev, Institute for Legal Support and Technical Assistance (LSTA), Uni.lu, Agence de Transfert de Technologie Financière/House of Training (ATTF/HoT), Luxembourg's National Institute for Statistics and Economic Studies (STATEC), GOPA Consulting Group*



## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Luxembourg's Development Cooperation has been a longstanding partner of the Lao government in offering relevant and accessible Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) services to young people, job seekers, and entrepreneurs, with a special focus on women and youth from disadvantaged backgrounds. Luxembourg's efforts focus on the hospitality and tourism sector, and have been extended to Agriculture and Forestry, as these are major economic drivers in Lao PDR and demonstrate a high potential for inclusive, green and digital growth. In order to improve the competitiveness of Lao PDR's workforce and small business sector and the low uptake of TVET services, Luxembourg's Development Cooperation, together with Switzerland and the European Union:

- provides technical and financial assistance to public and private TVET providers;
- fosters the availability and accessibility of courses including through the provision of scholarships for students from disadvantaged backgrounds;
- enhances the alignment of curricula with current and future industry needs through a strengthened monitoring of labour market trends;
- supports learners in the transition from training to employment;
- supports the development of appropriate multi-media platforms to reach and mobilise potential TVET students;
- fosters investment in digital and online TVET products and service delivery;
- provides modern and high-quality training facilities strategically located across the country.

Partner: LuxDev



## LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Through its Local Development Programme co-financed by Switzerland, and through its support to multilateral agencies and civil society, Luxembourg's Development Cooperation contributes to reducing poverty in the rural upland areas of Laos, where communities face increasing threats. These include land tenure insecurity, deforestation, lack of access to water, and low education outcomes. Luxembourg encourages local communities to take charge of their development by involving them in planning and by co-financing the realisation of development priorities at the district and village levels. Luxembourg's Development Cooperation thereby supports the Lao government in the sustainable transformation of rural Laos by:

- fostering agricultural investments and access to markets for smallholder farmers;
- ensuring access to clean water and sanitation;
- bolstering the construction of rural roads and infrastructure such as schools and dormitories;
- promoting inclusive village credit schemes and access to finance;
- strengthening land tenure security, climate change adaptation, and preparedness for disasters;
- clearing unexploded ordnance (UXO) in affected communities;
- supporting the development of farming and business skills.

Partners: LuxDev, UNDP, UNODC, WFP, CARE, ADA, GRET/Land Equity Int., Humanity & Inclusion



## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Complementary to its bilateral, multilateral, academic and civil society projects, Luxembourg also supports regional programmes that address a range of issues, from financial sector development, environmental protection and climate action to social protection and access to healthcare. As such, Luxembourg supports the Lao PDR and other countries in the region in

- ensuring sound management of the Mekong basin while fostering inclusive economic development that is socially just, while protecting the environment;
- enabling small farmers, especially those from ethnic minorities, to have sustainable and equitable access to land and control over their agricultural and forestry land;
- extending social security and healthcare coverage;
- and assisting microfinance institutions in strengthening their social and environmental performance.

Partners: Mekong River Commission, Mekong River Land Governance/GRET/Land Equity Int., ILO, WHO, Social Performance Task Force



## ONGOING PROJECTS

1. BILATERAL COOPERATION			
Title	Execution	Duration	Total budget EUR
Support to the Triangular Cooperation in the Finance Sector between Vietnam, Laos and Luxembourg	LuxDev	2020-2023	500,000
Strengthening the Effectiveness of Official Development Assistance Management in Laos	LuxDev	2019-2024	1,300,000
Health and nutrition programme	LuxDev	2023-2027	35,802,420
Rule of Law, Access to Justice, and Good Governance, including inter-university cooperation and ILSTA	LuxDev	2023-2027	11,457,379
Local Development Programme	LuxDev et CH	2023-2027	33,930,000
	LU	2023-2027	27,000,000
	CH	2023-2028	6,930,000
Skills for Tourism, Agriculture, and Forestry	LuxDev, CH, EU	2023-2027	25,180,000
	LU	2023-2027	10,000,000
	CH	2023-2027	8,180,000
	EU	2023-2027	7,000,000
Luxembourg — Laos Partnership for Research and Capacity Building in Infectious Disease Surveillance (PaReCIDS III)	LIH, Institut Pasteur du Laos (IPL), LaoLuxLab	2021-2026	3,129,394
Lao-Luxembourg Programme in Statistics – Phase II	STATEC, LSB	2021-2026	2,048,300
Financial sector trainings	ATTF/House of Training	2022-2025	194,000
2. MULTILATERAL COOPERATION			
UN Joint Programme on Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) in Lao PDR	UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO	2022-2025	6,456,612
Supporting Effectiveness and Efficiency in the UXO Sector to contribute to the achievement of SDG 18 and Safe Path Forward III (SPF III) and UXO Lao Operations in Khammouane Province	UNDP	2022-2027	2,500,000
Alternative Development in Huapanh (LAO/Z49)	UNODC	2022-2027	3,000,000 (MinFin)
Building Social Protection Floors for All: Support to the Extension of Social Health Protection in Asia	ILO	2022-2025	2,400,000
EU-Luxembourg-Ireland-WHO Universal Health Coverage Partnership	WHO	2022-2024	8,800,000
Accelerating Corporate Thematic Bond Issuance	Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)	2024-2025	150,000 (MFEA, MECB, MinFin)

### 3. COOPERATION WITH NGOs

Primary education integration projects	Humanity & Inclusion Laos	2023-2027	MFEA Budget: EUR 640,000 Total budget: EUR 800,000
Health and nutrition projects	CARE Luxembourg	2024-2027	MFEA Budget: EUR 1,296,806 Total budget: EUR 1,621,007
Agro-Climate Information for the Adoption of Resilient Farming Practices by Women and Ethnic Minority Farmers in Southern Laos (ACIS III)	CARE Luxembourg	2019-2024	Budget MECB: EUR 400,000

### 4. HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Promoting multi-sectoral cooperation to improve implementation of the ten-year national strategy on disaster risk reduction	Fondation Caritas Luxembourg	2023-2024	807,500
Contributing to an effective response to drought and flooding in the provinces of Xiengkhouang, Bolikhamxay and Khammouane	Fondation Caritas Luxembourg	15.09.2023-14.09.2023	300,000
Response to typhoon Yagi and related floods in Luang Namtha province	World Food Programme	2024	150,000

### 5. REGIONAL COOPERATION

Support to the Mekong River Commission (MRC)	Mekong River Commission (MRC)	2021-2025	1,000,000
Mekong Region Land Governance Project - Phase III	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Land Equity International, GRET	2023-2025	1,500,000
Responsible Inclusive Finance Facility - South-East Asia (RIFF-SEA) (Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam)	Social Performance Task Force (SPTF)	2022-2025	989,996
Supporting policy dialogue on national health policies, strategies and plans in six countries (Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Mali, Lao PDR, Niger and Senegal) within the framework of the EU-Luxembourg-WHO Universal Health Coverage Partnership (UHC-P) - Phase IV	EU-LU-World Health Organisation	2025-2028	8,800,000



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