

PROJECT FOR ENHANCING CAPACITY IN PUBLIC INVESTMENT PROGRAM MANAGEMENT (PCAP II)

Project period: March 2008 – August 2011
Project site: Ministry of Planning and Investment
Project outline: The Government of the Lao PDR was facing difficulties in managing its public investment scheme, the Public Investment Program (PIP). Within the program, very few projects were properly planned, allotted adequate resources, implemented, regularly monitored and evaluated. As a result, many PIP projects were not as effective as they could be for the development of the country. Therefore, urgent action was needed to establish workable standards and procedures for project management and program planning.

JICA provided a technical cooperation scheme to support management of the PIP through the “Project for Capacity Building in Public Investment Program (PCAP)”. PCAP developed tools for assessment of PIP projects as well as process and methods for project monitoring and evaluation. In order to upgrade the capacity for PIP management at the individual, organizational and institutional levels, PCAP introduced a comprehensive capacity development model. The project developed PIP management manuals and handbooks, disseminating them to personnel involved in PIP planning and management, nationwide. After completion of PCAP in October 2007, JICA launched a new phase “Project for Enhancing Capacity of Public Investment Program (PCAP II)”.

The main activities of PCAP II are to: a) expand the process, methods and tools of PIP management nationwide; b) further improve and customize the manuals and handbooks produced in the first phase of PCAP in order to ensure that PIP management will be comprehensive, flexible, viable and, most importantly, in line with the Lao context; and c) support its legal framework including the issuance of Public Investment Law. For its outcomes, PCAP II is expected to ensure that sector ministries and provincial sector departments effectively implement PIP projects on schedule and in accordance with planned budgets.

