
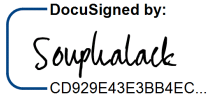
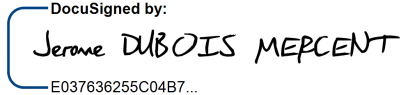


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Subject: Mid-term Evaluation report of GPAR-GIDP

This memo has been prepared as Note to File: Governance and Public Administration Reform – Governance for Inclusive Development Programme (2017-2021) conducted its Mid-term Evaluation from 21 October 2019 to 30 November 2019 that includes an in-country mission from 24 October to 7 November, 2019.

The Mid-term Evaluation was conducted by one international evaluator assisted by one national consultant in consultation with an external expert commissioned by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) Office for the Mekong Region, a development partner of the GPAR-GIDP.

It is noted that the report submitted on 30 November 2019 is deemed incomplete due to the lack of appropriate consideration of the consolidated written comments to the draft Mid-term Evaluation Report provided by UNDP and UNCDF, which were based on discussion with the Implementing Partner, Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA).

It is also noted that the report displayed a limited understanding of the governance strategy and the intended objectives of the project and the country context. In the absence of objective consideration to the comments provided, UNDP and UNCDF, in consultation with and full endorsement of MoHA/Government of Lao PDR, are not accepting the recommendations of the report as well as the report which will remain a draft.

Enclosure: Letter from MoHA on MTE dated 10 January 2020