

UNDP-GEF

Terminal Evaluation Management Response

Management response to the Terminal Evaluation of Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Lao PDR's Agricultural and Land Management Policies, Plans and Programmes" (ABP Project)¹

Project Title: Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Lao PDR's Agricultural and Land Management Policies, Plans and Programmes" (ABP Project)

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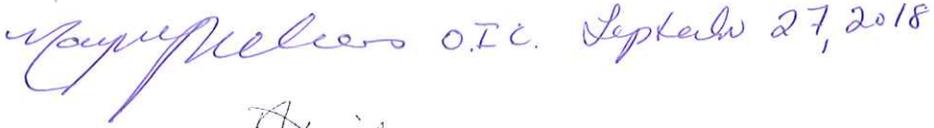
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¹ This template is in alignment with the [Management Response Template](#) for UNDP project-level evaluations in the Evaluation Resource Centre.

Context, background and findings

The Project was initiated in April 2011 and was completed in December 2016, after an approved extension by UNDP GEF. The Terminal Evaluation was started on time, but had significant delays as the international consultant did not complete the task. The national consultant completed the Terminal Evaluation, including the presentation of initial findings at the Final Annual Review Meeting, Meeting of the Project Steering Committee and Project Close-Out Meeting.

Recommendations and Management Response

| Action #1: It is very important to ensure the continuation of ABD Sub Sector Working Group (ABP Project was instrumental in starting SSWG and ensuring FAO chairmanship). | | | | |
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| Management response: Agree. | | | | |
| Key action(s) | Time frame | Responsible unit(s) | Tracking ² | |
| | | | Comments | Status ³ |
| 1.1 Discuss with FAO and MAF to ensure SSWG on ABD continued. | December 31, 2106 | UNDP | SSWG on ABP is one of recognized SSWGs under the SWG of Agriculture and Rural Development. The SSWG on ABD has met at least two times per year since it was formed and this is expected to continue. | Completed |

² If the Terminal Evaluation is uploaded to the ERC, the status of implementation is tracked electronically in the Evaluation Resource Centre database (ERC).

³ Status of Implementation: Completed, Partially Completed, Pending.

| Action #2: Continue and scale out capacity development to further develop awareness and knowledge among concerned parties with expansion to new vulnerable geographic areas | | | | |
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| Management response: Agree. | | | | |
| Key action(s) | Time frame | Responsible unit(s) | Tracking | |
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| 2.1 Share information and ABP Project achievements and outputs to seek opportunities of up-scaling and expansion. | December 2017 | UNDP | ABP Project information has been shared through UNDP Project Briefs at various events and with various stakeholders. Discussions have been held with other UN Agencies and development on the potential for a new project in agro-biodiversity. | Completed |

| Action #3: Continue to support and further strengthen cooperation and networking between partners | | | | |
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| Management response: Agree. | | | | |
| Key action(s) | Time frame | Responsible unit(s) | Tracking | |
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| 3.1 Participate in meetings, workshops and networking opportunities. | December 31, 2017 | UNDP/FAO/MAF | UNDP has continued to participate in events with FAO and MAF and to seek opportunities for cooperation. UNDP, FAO and MAF has since submitted a Funding Proposal to the Green Climate Fund in October 2017. | Completed |

| Action #4: Evaluate technical trials made to be able to modify and improve with expansion into markets and rural financing issues | | | | |
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| Management response: Agreed. | | | | |
| Key action(s) | Time frame | Responsible unit(s) | Tracking | |
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| 4.1 Review and evaluate trials | December 31, 2017 | UNDP | Review and evaluation of the technical trials have provided a basis for some of the local communities to seek additional financing to continue expanding production and supply local markets. | Completed |

| Action#5: Institutionalization of ABP Project Outputs and Expertise (how will DOP continue ABP work, role of TABI) | | | | |
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| Management response: Agree. | | | | |
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| 5.1 Project outputs printed and disseminated. | June 2017 | UNDP/MAF | Project outputs have been printed and disseminated, including in Lao language. The TABI Project has now moved into a Phase 3, and the ABP project outputs are available within MAF. Project outputs such as the Provincial Biodiversity Strategies have been approved and being implemented by provincial authorities. | Completed |

| Action #6: Resource Mobilization for ABP initiative (discussions with UNDP CO and GEF SGP) | | | | |
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| Management response: Agree. | | | | |
| Key action(s) | Time frame | Responsible unit(s) | Tracking | |
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| 1. Connect ABP project communities with GEF SGP. | March 2017 | UNDP | UNDP connected ABP former TA with GEF SGP | Completed |