

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND FUND BALANCE

FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 OCTOBER 2012 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

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STATEMENT BY PROJECT MANAGEMENT

On 22 April 2011, the International Development Association (IDA), acting as administrator of the Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF) and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (GoL) signed Grant Agreement Number TF097786 to provide a grant of USD2,621,500 for the purpose of financing the Mobilising Ethnic Communities for Improved Livelihoods and Wellbeing Project (the Project).

The GoL will carry out the Project through the Poverty Reduction Fund (PRF or Project Implementation Entity) under the subsidiary grant agreement signed by the GoL and the PRF on 8 July 2011, in which the PRF commits to the objective of the Project and undertakes to carry out such objective.

The objective of the Project is to pilot an innovative, livelihood-focused, community-driven development programme in five selected poverty reduction priority districts in Houaphan and Savannakhet provinces, enabling 28,800 households in ethnic communities in rural areas of Lao PDR to improve their livelihoods and wellbeing through group-based activities. The implementation of the Project was approved by the IDA on 22 April 2011 and the Project implementation period is from 22 April 2011 to 22 April 2015.

The eligible expenses that will be financed out of the proceeds of the grant are allocated to the following categories:

Category 1: Goods, consultants' services and training

Category 2: Incremental operating costs

Category 3: Sub-grants under Part (b) of the Project

The Project maintains its records and prepares its financial statements in accordance with the cash receipts and disbursementsbasis of accounting. Any direct payments made by financiers for Project expenditure are recorded by the Project when paid.

The following components of the financial statements summarise the Project's financial position and performance for the period from 1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013:

- · statement of receipts and disbursements
- · statement of fund balance, and
- notes to the financial statements.

As the responsible officials, we hereby state that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the financial statements for the period from 1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013:

- have been prepared in accordance with the IDA's requirements
- have been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of accounting set out in Note 2 to the financial statements.

We also hereby state that the statement of cash receipts and disbursements includes only costs that are charble under Grant Agreement No. TF097786-LA and that adequate supporting documentation has been maintained for these costs.

On behalf of the Project:

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dr Bounkouang Souvannaphanh

Executive Director 2 8 MAR 2014

Mrs. Boualy Sayavong

Head of Finance and Administration Division 28 MAR 2014



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Government of Lao PDR, the Management of the Project and the International Development Association, acting as administrator of the Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF), on the financial statements of the Mobilising Ethnic Communities for Improved Livelihoods and Wellbeing Project under Grant Agreement No. TF097786 – LA.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Mobilising Ethnic Communities for Improved Livelihoods and Wellbeing Project (the Project) funded by the International Development Association (IDA), acting as administrator of the Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF), under Grant Agreement No.TF097786, which comprise the statement of receipts and disbursements for the period from 1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013, the statement of fund balance as at 30 September 2013 and other explanatory information. The financial statements have been prepared by the management of the Project in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 2 to the financial statements.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 2 to the financial statements and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Project's preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Project's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, if any, made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of the Project for the period from 1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013 are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 2 to the financial statements.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (continued)

Basis of accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statements, which describe the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared to assist the Project's management to comply with the financial reporting requirements of the Project. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for other purposes

Other matters

This report is intended for the information of the Project, the IDA and the Government of Lao PDR, and for no other purpose. However, upon release by the IDA, this report will be a matter of public record and its distribution will not be limited. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come, except where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

For PricewaterhouseCoopers (Lac) Co., Ltd.

By Paiboon Tunkoon

Partner

Vientiane, Lao PDR Date: 28 March 2014

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 OCTOBER 2012 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

	From 1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013	From 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012
Notes	USD	USD
3	552,509	147,647
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	380,357 16,798	211,747 5,564
	91,181	
4	488,336	217,311
	64,173	(69,664)
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Mr. Bounkouang Souvannaphanh

Executive Director

2 8 MAR 2014

Mrs. Boualy Sayavong Head of Finance and Administration Division

28 MAR 2014

The accompanying notes on pages 6 to 13 form an integral part of the financial statements. The auditor's report is on pages 2 and 3.

STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

	Notes	As at 30 September 2013 USD	As at 30 September 2012 USD
Opening fund balance		180,325	249,989
Surplus/(deficit)		64,173	(69,664)
Closing fund balance		244,498	180,325
Represented by:			
Cash on hand and cash at banks	5	238,354	175,709
Advances	6	6,144	4,616
Total current assets		244,498	180,325



Mr. Bounkouang Souvannaphanh Executive Director

2 8 MAR 2014

Mrs. Boualy Sayavong Head of Finance and Administration Division

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 OCTOBER 2012 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

1. General information

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Category 2: Incremental operating costs

Category 3: Sub-grants under Part (b) of the Project

The Project is managed by the management of the Poverty Reduction Fund. As at 30 September 2013, the Project had 10 full-time employees.

The Project's address is Poverty Reduction Fund, Souphanouvong Road, Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic. The Project's financial statements were authorised for issue by the Executive Director (Bounkouang Souvannaphanh) on 28 March 2014.

2. Significant accounting policies

a. Basis of preparation

The financial statements are expressed in United Stated dollars (USD), and have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the cash basis of accounting, except for advances. Under the cash basis of accounting, transactions are recorded when cash is paid or received by the Project. Advances are included in the statement of fund balance and presented as 'advances' until the advance is cleared by its owner and recorded as a payment.

b. Cash receipts

Cash receipts represent cash received from the IDA, and are recognised when they are actually received rather than when earned or, in the case of direct payments by the IDA, when the Project receives a notification of payment regarding the payment from the IDA.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 OCTOBER 2012 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

c. Cash disbursements

Cash disbursements represent all cash expenses of the Project for the activities funded by the IDA, paid in line with the Project's objectives and approved budgets. They are recorded when disbursed, except for advances, which are recognised as expenses after they are cleared and evidence of payment is received by the Project.

d. Disbursements of sub-grants

Sub-grants are made available by the Project from the proceeds of the financing to Kum Bans located in the Project's targeted provinces to finance sub-projects under Category 3 2, in accordance with the provisions of the sub-grant agreement.

The disbursement of sub-grants to Kum Bans by the Project is recognised as expenditure on the date money is transferred to the Kum Bans.

e. Fixed assets

The cost of fixed assets is charged to expenditure at the time the disbursements are made. Fixed assets purchased are charged to the category to which they relate. The Project maintains fixed asset registers at each location, which include vehicles, office equipment and furniture, for control purposes only.

f. Advances

Advances represent amounts paid in advance to the Project's employees for the purposes of travel to provinces, districts or overseas, or for meetings, workshops or conferences. Advance payments for Project activities are credited to cash and debited to the advance account at the time the advance is provided to the recipient. The expenses related to the advanced amount are recorded to the related expenditure category line on the date of liquidation, and any excess amount is debited to the cash account upon receipt by the Project. Outstanding advances are included in the statement of fund balance and presented as advances.

g. Foreign currency

The measurement and presentation currency of the Project is US dollars. Transactions arising in currencies other than US dollars are translated to US dollars using the rates prevailing at the transaction dates. Cash balances in currencies other than US dollars are translated into US dollars using the rate at the period end. All foreign exchange differences arising are included in the statement of receipts and disbursements. The exchange rate prevailing as at 30 September 2013 was USD1 to LAK 7,837.

h. Designated account replenishments

The designated account replenishments represent cash received by the Project under Grant Agreement No. TF097786. The designated account is replenished by the IDA in accordance with the Statement of Expenditure (SOE) and the Withdrawal Application, which are prepared by the Project and approved by the National Treasury, Ministry of Finance, Lao PDR.

The replenishments are made to the designated account at the Bank of Lao PDR (BoL) and are used exclusively to cover the IDA's share of eligible expenses under Grant Agreement No. TF097786.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 OCTOBER 2012 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

3. Designated bank account replenishments

Application number

September 2012

For the period from 1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013

Application number	Date of application	Particulars	USD
No. 009	18 October 2012	DA-A IDA TF097786	27,802
No. 010	10 January 2013	DA-A IDA TF097786	89,871
No. 011	15 March 2013	DA-A IDA TF097786	93,161
No. 012	15 March 2013	DA-A IDA TF097786	20,576
No. 013	17 May 2013	DA-A IDA TF097786	34,386
No. 014	6 June 2013	DA-A IDA TF097786	61,431
No. 015	2 July 2013	DA-A IDA TF097786	69,312
No. 016	31 July 2013	DA-A IDA TF097786	59,060
No. 017	28 August 2013	DA-A IDA TF097786	53,718
No. 018	19 September 2013	DA-A IDA TF097786	43,192
Total replenis	shments of designated account	No. 0000010056200100	552,509
Accumulated 2013	total replenishments of design	ated account as at 30 September	950,156

Withdrawal applications (W/A) for the Project are submitted to the IDA by Project management through the Ministry of Finance. W/A No. 001 for USD 250,000 dated 20 September 2011 is an advance from the IDA to the Project for the initial implementation activities of the Project.

Particulars

USD

147,647

397,647

Accumulated total replenishments of designated account as at 1 October 2011

Date of application

Total replenishments of designated account No. 0000010056200100

Accumulated total replenishments of designated account as at 30

No. 001	20 September 2011	DA-A IDA TF097786	250,000
Total replenishmen	ts of designated account No	0. 0000010056200100	250,000
Total accumulated to October 2011	otal replenishments of desi	gnated account as at 1	250,000
For the period from	1 October 2011 to 30 Septe	mber 2012	
Application number	Date of application	Particulars	USD
No. 002	8 February2012	DA-A IDA TF097786	11,371
No. 003	12 March 2012	DA-A IDA TF097786	28,720
No. 004	22 April 2012	DA-A IDA TF097786	3,554
No. 005	1 June 2012	DA-A IDA TF097786	43,401
No. 006	19 June 2012	DA-A IDA TF097786	15,160
No. 007	31 August 2012	DA-A IDA TF097786	19,587
No. 008	7 September 2012	DA-A IDA TF097786	25,854

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 OCTOBER 2012 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

4. Summary of disbursements by component

	Total budget ("Unaudited")	Accumulated as at 30 September 2013	For the period 1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013	Accumulated as at 30 September 2012	For the period 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012
	USD	OSD	USD	USD	OSD
Component 1: Training and Consultancy Training, monitoring costs and information, education and communication (IEC) materials	257,080	230,783	177,202	53,581	53,581
Consultancy - local staff	630,420	187,305	138,677	48,628	48,628
Consultancy - international goods	214,000	174,016	64,478	109,538	109,538
Component 1 expenditure subtotal	1,101,500	592,104	380,357	211,747	211,747
Component 2: Incremental operating costs					
Incremental operating costs	120,000	22,373	16,798	5,575	5,564
Component 2 expenditure subtotal	120,000	22,373	16,798	5,575	5,564
Component 3: Sub-grants					
Sub-grants under Part (b) of the Project	1,400,000	181,181	181,181	1	1
Component 3 expenditure subtotal	1,400,000	91,181	91,181	•	
Total disbursements 2,621,500 705,658	2,621,500	705,658	488,336	217,322	217,311

Source of budget: Total budget provided by the Head of Finance and Administration Division of the Project.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 OCTOBER 2012 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

4. Summary of disbursements by component (continued)

Component 1: Training and Consultancy

This represents salary for staff hired on a full-time basis, consultant costs for international consultants and procurement of computers. As at 30 September 2013, the Project had 10 employees and 1 international advisor (as at 30 September 2012: 13 employees and 1 international advisor).

Component 2: Incremental operating costs

This mainly pertains to vehicle maintenance costs and fuel costs.

Component 3: Sub-grants

This relates to part (b) of the Project: providing sub-grants to eligible village self-help groups (SHGs) through a competitive, transparent and participatory selection process to support the planning, implementation and sustainability of livelihood activities, including, (i) provision of empowering SHGs through training and technical assistance and (iii) promoting sustainability of community assets and SHGs through basic input support for production and marketing through sub-grants and in-kind contributions including labour and materials from villagers, (ii) financial literacy and links to finance and markets.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 OCTOBER 2012 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

5. Cash on hand and at banks

	As at 30 September 2013	As at 30 September 2012
Cash on hand	USD	USD
Cash on hand at provinces	4	88
Cash on hand at Vientiane	4,464	1,447
Total cash on hand	4,468	1,535
Cash at banks		
Operating accounts	-	
Vientiane operating account) =	-
Province operating accounts	37,196	602
Total operating accounts	37,196	602
Designated account (BOL)	196,690	173,572
Total cash at banks	196,690	173,572
Total cash on hand and at banks	238,354	175,709

The cash on hand balance comprises individual petty cash balances maintained at each office for small payments made by the Project.

Cash at bank represents cash deposited in current accounts at local banks, bearing no interest.

Operating accounts are bank accounts opened at local banks by each office of the Project (three offices in total) to manage funds received from the designated account. Operating accounts are normally current accounts that bear no interest.

The details of the designated account are as follows:

Designated account

Account No: 0000010056200101

Account Name: Poverty Reduction Fund Project II

Depository Bank: Bank of Lao PDR (BOL)

Type of account: Current account

Interest rate: Nil

Address: Yonet Road, PO Box 2925, Vientiane, Lao PDR

Related credit: IDA Grant No. TF097786-LA

Currency: USD

Note: The Project uses the Poverty Reduction Fund II Project designated account as its designated bank account for receiving funds from donors.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 OCTOBER 2012 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

6. Advances

Advances by province	At 30 September 2013 USD	At 30 September 2012 USD
- Vientiane - Houaphan - Savannakhet	2,566 3,578	2,739 1,877
Total advances outstanding	6,144	4,616

Advances as at 30 September 2013 were mainly advances to the Project's staff for conducting Kum Ban and village training. All such advances were cleared in October and November 2013.

7. Statement of designated account

	For the period from 1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013 USD	For the period from 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012 USD
Opening balance of designated bank account	173,572	249,989
Add: Designated bank account replenishments (Note 3)	552,509	147,647
Add: Total cash on hand, advances and cash at bank at opening	6,753	-
Less: Total disbursements for the period (Note 4)	(488,336)	(217,311)
Less: Advances (Note 6)	(6,144)	(4,616)
Less: Replenishments to operating accounts (Note 5)	(37,196)	(602)
Less: Cash on hand (Note 5)	(4,468)	(1,535)
Closing balance of designated bank account	196,690	173,572

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 OCTOBER 2012 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

7. Statement of designated account (continued)

Reconciliation of designated account	For the period from 1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013	For the period from 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012 USD
Amounts advanced to the Project by the IDA	950,000	
Less: Total amount recovered by the IDA	250,000	250,000
Total advanced to the Project by the IDA	250,000	250,000
Designated account ending balance (Note 5) Amounts withdrawn by the Project but not yet	196,690	173,572
replenished by the IDA*	53,310	76,428
Total advanced to the Project by the IDA	250,000	250,000

^{*}This amount was replenished through W/A 019. The replenishment for W/A 019 was received in October 2013.

8. Commitments

The details of commitments as at 30 September 2013 are shown below.

	As at 30 September 2013
	USD
Local consultants*	30,781
Total	30,781

^{*}Committed contracts for local consultants mainly comprise contracts for local full-time staff, who work on the monitoring and implementation of the Projects. Contracts are usually entered into for a period of 3, 6 or 12 months. Thus the commitment balances are expected to be cleared within one year from the reporting date.