As PRF is a multi-sectoral program working in the poorest areas of the country, it is important that PRF coordinates with government line agencies. Likewise, the PRF through successful implementation of rural development and poverty reduction strategies can also influence Government policy and share lessons learned and good practices.

Government authorities, mainly at the provincial and district levels are responsible for ensuring coordination of PRF activities with those carried out by all GoL agencies. PRF staff will inform Government authorities and consult with them in a timely manner or relevant PRF activities. This is especially relevant in order to avoid duplication of poverty reduction initiatives, to make optimal use of resources and to ensure that the impact of sub-projects is sustainable beyond the lifespan of the Program.

The Program hopes to develop a single planning process that integrates PRF participatory planning into regular government planning. This will allow the Government of Lao PDR to ensure that eventually a single planning process takes place at village, Kum ban and district levels for all poverty reduction initiatives (inclusive of the provision of services by the different government line ministries, other community driven development programs and all supports provided by the international community).

While PRF does not pay salaries to government officials, it encourages the active involvement of Government authorities (as well as those of mass-based organizations) particularly with respect to supervision and technical advice during planning and implementation of PRF sub-projects. Towards this goal, the Program can pay travel costs and/or per diems to GoL officials in order to facilitate their participation in relevant supervisory or advisory activities.