

Lao PDR

This factsheet provides an overview of economic inclusion programs in Lao PDR. Economic inclusion programs are a bundle of coordinated, multidimensional interventions that support individuals, households, and communities in raising their incomes and building their assets. The data used for this factsheet comes from the Partnership for Economic Inclusion's Landscape Survey 2023.

COUNTRY FACTS

Region	Population	Income Group	FCV country (WB FY24 list)
East Asia & Pacific	7.43 million	Lower middle income	No

Poverty Headcount (share of population below the poverty line)

National Poverty Line	Multidimensional Poverty Index	\$2.15/day (2017 PPP)
18.30%	23.07%	7.10%

PROGRAMS

Number of economic inclusion programs

1

Institutional delivery (lead agency)

1

■ Nongovernment-led ■ Government-led

Geographic area

1

■ Rural only ■ Urban/peri ■ Mix (urban & rural)

PARTICIPANTS

Number of participants

5,000

Number of people benefiting

26,500

Participants served by government-led programs (%)

100.00%

MAIN PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Wage employment

Self-employment

Income diversification

Productivity

Food security

Market access

Women's empowerment

Social inclusion

Social cohesion

Financial inclusion

Social services

Climate resilience

■ More than 2/3 of programs ■ Between 1/3 and less than 2/3 of programs ■ Fewer than 1/3 of programs

PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Targeted Poverty Segments

Poor

Extreme poor

Ultra-poor

Those above the poverty line

Doesn't target by poverty level

Targeted Population Groups

Women

Children

Youth

Older people

Persons with disabilities

Displacement-affected

Climate-affected

Marginalized

Conflict-affected

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CORE PROGRAM COMPONENTS



TRANSFER



BUSINESS CAPITAL



WAGE EMPLOYMENT
FACILITATION



SKILLS TRAINING



COACHING



FINANCIAL SERVICES
FACILITATION



MARKET LINKS



CLIMATE RESILIENCE SUPPORT

ECONOMIC INCLUSION PROGRAMS SURVEYED

Program Name	Year program began	Lead Agencies	Program Description	No. of Current Participants	% Female Participants	Poverty Targeting	Digital
Lao Landscapes and Livelihoods Project	2021	Department of Forestry at the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	The project aims to promote sustainable forest management, improve protected area management, and enhance livelihoods opportunities.	5,000	26-50% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes

Only programs that have given their consent to share their program data are included in this table



The Partnership for Economic Inclusion (PEI) is a global platform that unites non-governmental organizations, UN agencies, research institutions, funding partners, and the World Bank to support government adoption and scale up of economic inclusion programs that empower vulnerable people to lift themselves out of extreme poverty.

DNA: Does Not Apply; FY: Fiscal Year; FCV: Fragility, Conflict, and Violence; MPI: Multidimensional Poverty Index; NPL: National Poverty Line; N/A: Not available; WB: World Bank