



World Bank Group Country Survey FY 2024 – Lao PDR

The World Bank Group seeks your insights regarding our engagement and activities in the Lao PDR. Our goal is to refine our country program to achieve greater impact and tangible results. As an integral partner, leader, and decision-maker, your perspective is invaluable.

We deeply value your participation in this crucial consultation. Your honest feedback will not only shape the future of our work in the Lao PDR but also foster better development outcomes for the country. We are committed to sharing the findings of this survey with you, ensuring that your voice drives our initiatives forward.

To maintain the integrity and confidentiality of this process, we have engaged a reputable local firm to manage the survey logistics. Your responses will remain anonymous and no feedback will be linked to any specific individual.

Please note that the average time to complete the survey is approximately 20 minutes. Please click the arrow below to begin the survey. By starting the survey, you indicate that you have read the purpose of the survey and voluntarily agree to participate.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. What is your primary professional affiliation? (Select only 1 response)	
1	Office of the President, Prime Minister, Minister
2	Office of a Parliamentarian (National Assembly, Legislative body)
3	Government Institution: Employee of a Ministry / Ministerial Department / Project Implementation Unit / Independent Government Institution (e.g. Central Bank, Regulatory or Oversight Agency) / Judiciary / State-Owned Enterprise
4	Local Government Office or Staff
5	Bilateral or Multilateral Agency (e.g. embassy, development organization, development bank, UN Agency)
6	Civil Society Organization: local and regional (NGO; Non-profit Organizations; Private Foundation; Professional / Trade Association, Religious Institution, Youth Group)
7	Private Sector: Private Company / Financial Sector Organization / Private Bank
8	Academia / Research Centers
9	Media
10	Other (please specify): _____

2. How familiar are you with the work of these organizations in Laos?		Not familiar at all										Very familiar
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	World Bank Group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
2	International Monetary Fund	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
3	United Nations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
4	European Union	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
5	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
6	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

3. Do you collaborate/work with the World Bank Group (WBG) in Laos?	
1	Yes
2	No

4. Which of the following WBG agencies do you collaborate/work with in Laos? (Select ALL that apply)	
1	World Bank (IDA)
2	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
3	Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
4	International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)

SECTION A: OVERALL ATTITUDES TOWARD THE WORLD BANK GROUP IN LAOS

A1. How much do you trust each of the following institutions to do what is right?													
		Not at all										Very much	Don't know
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	National government	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Local government	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	National Assembly	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	Bank of the Lao PDR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	World Bank Group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	International Monetary Fund	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7	United Nations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8	Regional development banks (e.g. ADB, AIIB)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9	Bilateral organizations (e.g. AusAID, JICA, GIZ, KOICA)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10	Private sector	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11	Civil society (e.g. NGOs, non-profit organizations)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12	Academia / research centers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13	Media	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	

A2. How effective is the World Bank Group (WBG) in helping Laos achieve development results?												
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
Not effective at all										Very effective	Don't know	
										<input type="checkbox"/>		

A3. How significant a contribution do you believe the WBG's <u>knowledge work</u> make to development results in Laos?												
<i>Knowledge work includes data resources, analytical reports, policy notes, hands-on advice, and knowledge-sharing workshops or training programs.</i>												
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
Not significant at all										Very significant	Don't know	
										<input type="checkbox"/>		

To what extent do you agree with the following statements?													
		Strongly disagree										Strongly agree	Don't know
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
A4	The WBG currently plays a relevant role in development in Laos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
A5	The WBG's work is aligned with what I consider the development priorities for Laos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
A6	The WBG has a positive influence on shaping development policy in Laos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
A7	The WBG's work helps end poverty in Laos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	

SECTION B: WORLD BANK GROUP'S WORK AND EFFECTIVENESS IN LAOS

B1. Which WBG instruments do you VALUE the most in Laos? (Select up to 2)	
1	Capacity development and training
2	Financial resources (e.g. budget support, investment lending, grants, trust funds)
3	Donor coordination
4	Knowledge and analytical products (e.g. data, reports, policy notes)
5	Mobilizing third party financial resources (including both public and private)
6	Convening / bringing together different groups of stakeholders
7	Technical assistance and implementation support (including project design and implementation)
8	Other (please specify): _____

B2. Which areas should the WBG prioritize to have the most impact on development results in Laos? (Select up to 5)			
1	Jobs/ Skills development	12	Digital infrastructure development
2	Debt management	13	Disaster risk management
3	Social protection	14	Macroeconomic stability
4	Trade and competitiveness	15	Private sector development
5	Social inclusion (e.g. gender and racial equity)	16	Environment / natural resource management
6	Transport infrastructure	17	Urban development
7	Gender equity	18	Public sector governance
8	Energy	19	Climate change
9	Education	20	Health / pandemic preparedness
10	Agriculture / food security	21	Tourism development
11	Water / sanitation	22	Other (please specify): _____

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Listed below are development areas where the WBG is engaged in Laos, organized by major thematic clusters.

How EFFECTIVE has the WBG been at achieving development results in each of these areas of human development in Laos? <i>(If you have NO exposure to/experience in working in any of these areas, please respond "Don't know")</i>													
B3. Human Development:		Not effective at all										Very effective	Don't know
1	Education: more resilient and equitable education systems	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Health: universal health coverage, primary health systems, pandemic preparedness, eradicating infectious diseases	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Social protection: pensions, social assistance, social safety nets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	Social inclusion: increasing opportunities for marginalized people to participate fully in markets, services, technologies, and society	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Gender equity: close gender gaps in health, education, social protection, economic opportunities, and voice and agency	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	

How EFFECTIVE has the WBG been at achieving development results in each of these areas of infrastructure in Laos? <i>(If you have NO exposure to/experience in working in any of the sectors listed below, please respond "Don't know")</i>													
B4. Infrastructure:		Not effective at all										Very effective	Don't know
1	Transport: roads, bridges, sustainable transportation, connections to new infrastructure	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Water supply and sanitation infrastructure	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Digital development: digital infrastructure, digital services, digital skills development	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	Energy / extractives: access to energy, transition to cleaner energy sources; governance of oil, gas, and mineral resources	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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How **EFFECTIVE** has the WBG been at achieving development results in each of these areas of **finance / institutions / economic growth** in Laos?

(If you have NO exposure to/experience in working in any of the sectors listed below, please respond "Don't know")

B5. Finance / Institutions / Economic growth:		Not effective at all										Very effective	Don't know
1	Public sector governance: efficiency, effectiveness, accountability, and transparency of the government institutions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Debt sustainability: management, relief, financing, and transparency	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Trade: access to markets, tariffs, customs	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	Private sector development: business regulation, access to finance, improved competitiveness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Job creation / employment: labor policies, skills development	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Macroeconomic stability: sustainable fiscal policy, effective tax administration, monetary policy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7	Regional integration: promote common physical and institutional infrastructure	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	

How **EFFECTIVE** has the WBG been at achieving development results in each of these areas of **environmental sustainability** in Laos?

(If you have NO exposure to/experience in working in any of the sectors listed below, please respond "Don't know")

B6. Environmental Sustainability:		Not effective at all										Very effective	Don't know
1	Environment / natural resource management: air/water quality, sustainable land and aquatic resource management, biodiversity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Climate change: transition to low-carbon economy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Agriculture and food security: sustainable agriculture, inclusive and efficient food systems	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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B7. How concerned are you about the following potential impacts of climate change in Laos?		Not concerned at all	A little concerned	Somewhat concerned	Very concerned	NA
1	More frequent and intense wild fires	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Decreased crop yields / increased food insecurity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Climate-driven migration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	More frequent and severe floods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	More frequent and severe droughts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	More frequent and severe heatwaves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Air pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Extinction of plant / animal species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Land and forest degradation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Loss of jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Increased erosion of riverbanks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Decreased water availability / quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION C: WORLD BANK GROUP'S ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION IN LAOS

C1. To what extent is the WBG an effective development partner in terms of the following?												
		To no degree at all					To a very significant degree					Don't know
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	Responsiveness to needs in Laos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Access to WBG staff and experts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Flexibility when circumstances change in Laos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Openness (sharing data and other information)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Being a long-term partner to Laos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>

C2. To what extent is the WBG an effective development partner in Laos, in terms of collaborating with the following groups?												
		To no degree at all					To a very significant degree					Don't know
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	National government	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Local government	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	National Assembly	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Private sector	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Civil society (e.g. NGOs, non-profit organizations)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Other donors and development partners (e.g. UN, ADB, AIIB, JICA, GIZ, KOICA)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Academia / research centers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>

C3. In addition to its partnership with the national government, which of the following should the WBG collaborate with more to have greater impact in Laos? (Select up to 2)	
1	Bilateral organizations (e.g. AusAID, JICA, GIZ, USAID, KOICA)
2	The United Nations
3	Academia / research centers
4	Civil society (e.g. NGOs, non-profit organizations)
5	Regional development banks (e.g. ADB, AIIB)
6	Other donors and development partners
7	Local government
8	Private sector
9	National Assembly
10	Bank of the Lao PDR
11	Other (please specify): _____

SECTION C: WORLD BANK GROUP'S ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION IN LAOS

The following questions ask about **the WBG's financial support to Laos**.

C4. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?													
<i>(If you have NO exposure to, or experience with the WBG's financing, please respond "Don't know")</i>													
		Strongly disagree										Strongly agree	Don't know
1	The WBG's financial instruments (i.e., budget support, loans, grants, trust funds) meet the needs of Laos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	The conditions of the WBG's financing are competitive compared to markets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	The WBG insists on accountability through its lending (e.g. performance-based financing, resources tied to results)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	The WBG's Environmental and Social Framework requirements are reasonable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	The WBG provides financial support in a timely manner	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	The WBG's conditions on its lending are reasonable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7	The WBG effectively monitors and evaluates the projects it supports in Laos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	

The following questions ask about **the WBG's knowledge work in Laos**.

***Knowledge work** is WBG's non-lending activities that include data resources, analytical reports, policy notes, hands-on advice, and knowledge-sharing workshops or training programs.*

C5. Have you ever used the WBG's knowledge work, including participating in workshops or training programs?	
1	Yes
2	No

SECTION E: WORLD BANK GROUP'S COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SHARING

E1. How would you prefer to receive communication from the WBG? (Select up to 2)			
1	e-Newsletters	4	Direct messaging (e.g. WhatsApp, Telegram, Viber)
2	Direct contact with staff (e.g. in person, virtually, phone, email)	5	Event / conference / seminar / workshop (in person or online)
3	Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter)	6	Other (please specify): _____

E2. Do you recall seeing or hearing anything about the WBG recently?	
1	Yes
2	No

E3. Where do you recall seeing or hearing this information? (Select ALL that apply)			
1	Television (TV)	7	Direct contact with WBG staff (e.g. in person, virtually, phone, email)
2	Radio	8	Blogs
3	Newspapers (print or online)	9	Podcasts
4	Event / conference / seminar (in person or online)	10	e-Newsletters
5	WBG websites	11	Direct messaging (e.g. WhatsApp, Telegram, Viber)
6	Social media	12	Other (please specify): _____

SECTION E: WORLD BANK'S COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SHARING

E4. What topics were included in what you saw or heard about WBG's work or research? (Select ALL that apply)	
1	Changes to the WBG financial and operational model
2	Ending poverty in developing countries
3	WBG economic forecasts
4	Human capital
5	Food security
6	Digital economy
7	Climate change
8	Pandemic preparedness
9	Women empowerment
10	Youth development
11	Debt relief for developing countries
12	Job creation / employment
13	Other (please specify): _____

SECTION F: ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

F1. What is the primary specialization of your work? (Select only 1 response)			
1	Education	10	Macroeconomics, fiscal / debt management
2	Health / pandemic preparedness	11	Private sector development / trade
3	Social protection	12	Environment / natural resource management
4	Gender equity	13	Climate change
5	Transport	14	Agriculture and food security
6	Water / sanitation	15	Urban development
7	Digital development	16	Legal / human rights
8	Energy	17	Generalist (specialize in multiple sectors)
9	Public sector governance	18	Other (please specify): _____

F2. What is your gender?	
1	Female
2	Male
3	Other
4	Prefer not to specify

F3. What is your age?	
1	25 or younger
2	26-35
3	36-45
4	46-55
5	56 and above
6	Prefer not to specify

F4. Which best represents your geographic location?	
1	Vientiane Capital
2	Provincial capital
3	District town
4	Other town or village

Thank you for completing this survey!