

List of Acronyms

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| ADB | Asian Development Bank | FDI | Foreign Direct Investment |
| ADD | Acute Diarrhoeal Diseases | FIAM | Foundation for Integrated Agriculture Management |
| ADR | Alternative Dispute Resolution | FIMC | Foreign Investment Management Committee |
| AFD | Agence Française de Développement | FMAC | Financial Management Adjustment Credit |
| AFTA | ASEAN Free Trade Association | FSEW | Farmer System Extension Worker |
| AIDS | Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome | FY | Fiscal Year |
| ANC | Antenatal Care | GDI | Gross Domestic Investment |
| APB | Agricultural Promotion Bank | GDP | Gross Domestic Product |
| ARH | Adolescent Reproductive Health | GIS | Geographic Information System |
| ARI | Acute Respiratory Infection | GMP | Good Manufacturing Practice |
| ARS | Adolescent Reproductive Health | GMS | Greater Mekong Sub-region |
| ASEAN | Association of South-East Asian Nations | GOL | Government of Lao PDR |
| ASLO | Assessment Student Learning Outcome | GPAR | Governance and Public Administration Reform |
| AUSAID | Australian Agency for International Development | GSP | General System of Preference |
| BCEL | Banque Pour Le Commerce Extérieur Lao | GTZ | Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit |
| BEI | Banque Européenne de Développement | HE | Health Education |
| BOL | Bank of Lao PDR | HC | Health Centres |
| BOOT | Build-own-operate and transfer basis | HIV | Human Immunodeficiency Virus |
| BS | Basic Statistics | HRD | Human Resource Development |
| BP | Birth Spacing | IBN | Impregnation of Bed Net |
| BSRP | Banking Sector Reform Programme | ICB | International Competitive Bid |
| CAA | Community Aid Abroad (Oxfam Australia) | ICRC | International Committee of the Red Cross |
| CBFMAC | Financial Management Capacity Building Credit | ICT | Information Communication Technology |
| CDD | Control of Diarrhoea Disease | IEC | Information, Education, and Communication |
| CEPT | Common Effective Preferential Tariff | IF | Integrate Framework |
| CHI | Community Health Insurance | IFAD | International Fund for Agricultural Development |
| CIAT | Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical | IFI | International Financial Institutions |
| CIC | Committee for International Co-operation | ILO | International Labour Organisation |
| CIDA | Canadian International Development Agency | IMR | Infant Mortality Rate |
| CIDSE | Cooperation Internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité | IMF | International Monetary Fund |
| CLC | Committee Learning Centre | IMT | Irrigation Management Technique |
| CMR | Child Mortality Rate | IRAP | Integrated Rural Accessibility Project |
| CPC | Committee for Planning and Cooperation | IRRI | International Rice Research Institute |
| CTPC | Communication Transport Post and Construction | ITC | International Trade Centre |
| DAFO | District Agriculture/Forestry Office | IWM | Integrated Watershed Management |
| DAFS | District Agriculture and Forest Service | JBIC | Japan Bank for International Co-operation |
| DCA | Department of Civil Aviation | JICA | Japan International Co-operation Agency |
| DCTPC | Department for Communication Transport Post and Construction | JSE | Joint State Enterprise |
| DDFI | Department of Domestic and Foreign Investment | JVC | Japan International Volunteer Centre |
| DEB | District Education Bureau | KfW | Kredit Anstalt für Wiederaufbau |
| DH | District Hospital | KPI | Key Performance Indicators |
| DHS | District Health System | LAA | Lao Airport Authority |
| DHUP | Department of Housing and Urban Planning | LB | Live Birth |
| DOF | Department of Forestry | LBEA | Labour-based-equipment assisted |
| DONLUPAD | Department of National Land Use Planning and Land Development | LCB | Local Competitive Bid |
| DOP | Department of Planning | LCCI | Lao Chamber of Commerce and Industry |
| DOR | Department of Roads | LCDC | Lao National Commission for Drug Control and Supervision |
| DOTS | Directly Observed Treatment, Short Course | LCRD | Leading Committee for Rural Development |
| DPACS | Department of Public Administration and Civil Service | LDB | Lao Development Bank |
| DRF | Drug Revolving Fund | LDC | Least Developed Country |
| DTC | Drug Therapeutic Committee | LECS | Lao PDR Expenditure and Consumption Survey |
| DWT | Dead Weight Tonnes | LFNC | Lao Front for National Construction |
| EAMP | Environmental Assessment and Management Plan | LFTU | Lao Federation of Trade Unions |
| EBA | Everything But Arms | LMB | Lao Mai Bank |
| EDL | Electricité du Laos | LNCCI | Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry |
| ECCD | Early Childhood Care Development | LNGC | Lao National Grid Company |
| EDP | Education Development Project | LTU | Large Tax-Payers Unit |
| EIA | Environmental Impact Assessment | LWU | Loa Women's Union |
| EFA | Education For All | LYU | Lao Youth Union |
| EGAT | Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand | MAF | Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry |
| EL | English Language | MCH | Mother and Child Health |
| EMIS | Education and Information Management System | MCHC | Mother and Child Health Centre |
| EPI | Immunisation | MCTPC | Ministry of Communication Transport Post and Construction |
| EQIP | Education Quality Improvement Project | MDG | Millennium Development Goal |
| ESCAP | Economic and Social Commission for the Asia Pacific | MFN | Most Favoured Nation |
| EU | European Union | MGT | Multi-Grade Teaching |
| EWORS | Early Warning of Outbreak and Recognition System | MICS | Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey |
| FAO | Food and Agriculture Organisation | MMR | Maternal Mortality Rate |
| | | MOAF | Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry |

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| MOE | Ministry of Education | SEDP | Socioeconomic Development Plan |
| MOF | Ministry of Finance | SEMFOP | Social and Environmental Management Framework and the Operational Plan |
| MOH | Ministry of Health | | |
| MOIC | Ministry of Information and Culture | SEZ | Special Economic Development Zone |
| MOJ | Ministry of Justice | SIDA | Swedish International Development Agency |
| MRC | Mekong River Commission | SM | Safe Motherhood |
| MTEF | Medium-Term Expenditure Framework | SME | Small and Medium Enterprises |
| NA | National Assembly | SOCB | State-Owned Commercial Bank |
| NAFES | National Agriculture and Forestry Service | SOE | State-Owned Enterprise |
| NAFRI | National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute | SPC | State Planning Committee |
| NAO | National Audit Office | SSO | Social Security Office |
| NBCA | National Bio-Conservation Area | STEA | Science Technology and Environment Agency |
| NCAW | National Commission for the Advancement of Women | STD | Sexually Transmitted Disease |
| NCB | National Competitive Bid | TA | Technical Assistance |
| NCCA | National Committee for Control of AIDS | TB | Tuberculosis |
| NCCPD | National Co-ordinating Committee for Population and Development | TE | Teacher Education |
| | | TM | Traditional Medicine |
| NDF | National Development Framework | TT | Teacher Training |
| NEAP | National Environmental Action Plan | TTC | Teacher Training Centre |
| NEM | New Economic Mechanism | TTE | Teacher Training Education |
| NER | Net Enrolment Rate | TVE | Technical and Vocational Education |
| NFE | Non-Formal Education | TVET | Technical and Vocational Education Training |
| NGO | Non Governmental Organisation | UDAA | Urban Development Administrative Authority |
| NHDR | National Human Development Report | U5MR | Under Five Mortality Rate |
| NIR | Net Intake Rate | UGC | Urban Growth Centres |
| NORAD | Norwegian Agency for Development | UN | United Nations |
| NPDP | National Population and Development policy | UNCRD | United Nations Centre for Rural Development |
| NPEP | National Poverty Eradication Programme | UNCTAD | United Nations Conference on Trade and Development |
| NPL | Non-Performing Loans | UNCDF | United Nations Capital Development Fund |
| NR | National Road | UNDCP | United Nations Drug Control Programme |
| NRSC | National Road Safety Council | UNDP | United Nations Development Programme |
| NSC | National Statistics Centre | UNGASS | United Nations General Assembly Special session |
| NSDV | National Strategic Development Vision | UNFPA | United Nations Population Fund |
| NSP | National Strategic Plan | UNICEF | United Nations Children's Fund |
| NTFP | Non-Timber Forest Products | UNIFEM | United Nations Fund for the Development of Women |
| NTR | Normal Trade Relations | UNODC | UN Office for Drugs and Crime |
| NUOL | National University of Laos | UXO | Unexploded Ordnance |
| NURBIDS | National Urban-Rural Basic Infrastructure Development Strategy | VAT | Value-Added Tax |
| | | VDF | Village Development Fund |
| ODA | Official Development Assistance | VET | Vocational Education and Training |
| ODI | Office for Domestic Investment | VTE | Vocational Training and Education |
| OIC | Office for International Co-operation | VHC | Village Health Committee |
| ORS | Oral Re-hydration Solution | VHV | Village Health Volunteer |
| PAFO | Provincial Agriculture/Forestry Office | WB | World Bank |
| PAFS | Provincial Agriculture/Forestry Service | WFP | World Food Programme |
| PDID | Provincial Development Information Day | WHO | World Health Organisation |
| PDR | People's Democratic Republic | WTO | World Trade Association |
| PER | Public Expenditure Review | WUA | Water-Users Association |
| PES | Provincial Education Service | | |
| PHC | Primary Healthcare | | |
| PI | Private Investment | | |
| PIP | Public Investment Programme | | |
| PIR | Parasite Index Rate | | |
| PM | Prime Minister | | |
| PMIS | Personnel Management Information System | | |
| PMO | Prime Minister's Office | | |
| PNC | Post Natal Care | | |
| POA | Plan of Action | | |
| PRF | Poverty Reduction Fund | | |
| PRGF | Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility | | |
| PPA | Participatory Poverty Assessment | | |
| RD | Rural Development | | |
| RDO | Rural Development Office | | |
| RHS | Reproductive Health Survey | | |
| RMF | Road Maintenance Fund | | |
| RPA | Rapid Poverty Assessment | | |
| RTI | Reproductive Tract Infection | | |
| RTM | Roundtable Meeting | | |
| RTP | Roundtable Process | | |
| SCFA | Save the Children Fund Australia | | |
| SCU | Savings and Credit Union | | |

