



### What is the World Bank Group Strategy?

In 2013, the World Bank Group (WBG) adopted its Strategy focusing on two ambitious goals:

- To end extreme poverty: reduce the percentage of people living on less than \$1.9 a day to 3 percent by 2030.
- To promote shared prosperity: foster income growth for the bottom 40 percent of the population in every country.

The WBG is committed to helping countries reach these goals in a sustainable manner.

### What is a Systematic Country Diagnostic?

A Systematic Country Diagnostic (SCD) is conducted by the WBG to operationalize the WBG strategy. A SCD will be conducted in Lao PDR in close engagement with national authorities and other stakeholders. The SCD will be a systematic and evidence-based identification of Lao PDR's priorities for ending absolute poverty and promoting shared prosperity. In particular it will seek to identify and prioritize opportunities, constraints and challenges, as well as risks to achieving these goals. The SCD will not be limited to areas or sectors where the WBG is currently active. The SCD will be conducted upstream of the Country Partnership Framework to inform strategic discussions about priority areas for WBG future support to Lao PDR.

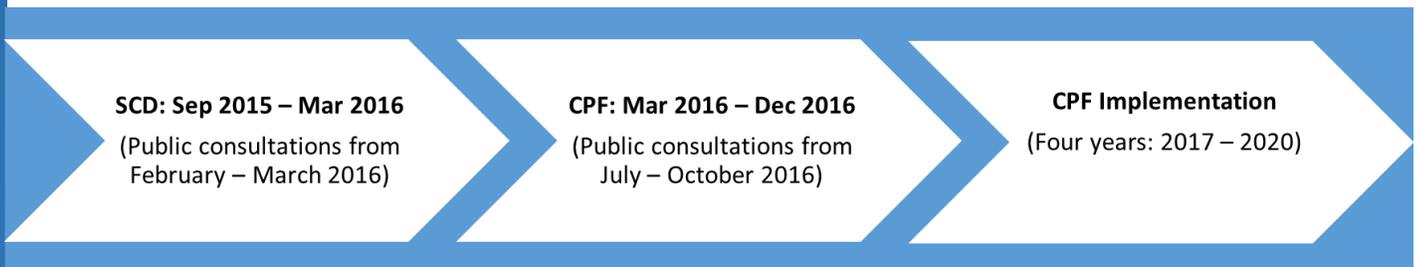
## What is a Country Partnership Framework?

The Country Partnership Framework (CPF) will determine priority areas and guide the WBG's engagement in Lao PDR over the coming four years (2017 – 2020). It will succeed to the current WBG Country Partnership Strategy 2012-2016. This process will build on other diagnostic processes, in particular the SCD, and will involve engagements with a wide range of stakeholders. The CPF priorities will be aligned with the 8th National Socio-Economic Development Plan 2016-2020.

## Where else have SCD and CPF been conducted?

The Systematic Country Diagnostic (SCD) and the Country Partnership Framework (CPF) are corporate tools for guiding and reviewing the WBG's country programs. These tools were endorsed by the WBG management in July 2014 to define the new WBG country engagement. As of December 2015, 51 countries around the world have started or completed their SCD and 12 countries have started the implementation of their CPF.

## What is the timeline for Lao PDR



## Who will be engaged?

SCD and CPF engagements are currently planned to take place in Vientiane Capital, Luang Prabang, Oudomxay and Champasak regions. Engagements will be conducted with a wide range of stakeholders, including Government (national and provincial), National Assembly, Development Partners, private sector, civil society, and academics.

## How will engagement inputs feed into the SCD and CPF documents?

Engagements for the SCD and the CPF will seek insights from stakeholders on specific questions related to Lao PDR's development priorities. Summaries of the engagement meetings will feed into the final SCD and CPF documents. These summaries will be made publicly available on the World Bank Lao country webpage after the engagement meetings.

## Who will have access to the SCD and CPF?

After final approval, the SCD and the CPF will be made publicly available and posted on the World Bank Lao PDR country webpage. It is hoped that the analysis of the SCD will also be useful to Lao PDR Government and other stakeholders.