

Name	<i>Strengthening the national statistical system</i>		
Role/other partners	GOPA Consulting (Leader) Tched Consulting Services ISTAT	Financing body	World Bank
		Max total funding	1.682.696,00 USD
Type of contract	Twinning		
Duration (total months; from/to)	24 months July 2015 – June 2017		
Short description	Beneficiary		
	<i>LaoStat (The Lao Statistics Bureau)</i>		
	Specific objective		
	<p>Support the implementation of the SDNSS guaranteeing the sustainability of the results. The objective is to improve the capacity of the NSS to produce and disseminate reliable and timely macroeconomic and poverty statistics in accordance with international standards and in response to user needs. The project will be developed mainly on three components:</p> <p>A. strengthening macroeconomic and poverty data development and management; B. improving policies and strengthening capacity; C. improving data sharing and access.</p>		
Short description	Expected results		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improvement of the system of production and management of data; - Strengthening of the LSB ability to coordinate the national statistical system; - Improving technical resources and technical processes of the national statistical system. 		
	<p>Activities in which the Institute is involved: Experts of the Institute have been involved in the field of components A and C. In the first component ISTAT has carried out a review of statistics on consumer prices which, inter alia, included the revision of the basket. For component C Istat experts have dealt with: assessment of microdata, development of a strategy for the dissemination, development of an ICT plan for the Laotian National Statistical System , improved metadata and SDMX system. As of November 2016, the Istat is fully involved in ICT training with 13 missions on: IT security, web administration, relational databases, metadata management, GIS and statistical software.</p>		
Progress of activities	The phase of the training provided in the strategic plan for IT is under construction. Almost all of the courses, which include different topics (web administration, relational databases, statistical software, GIS, SDMX), are implemented by ISTAT experts. The closure of the training activities is provided for the month of June 2017		
Budget	Istat funding share: € 169.466		