31 August 2030

Alice P. Albright
Chief Executive Officer
Global Partnership for Education
Washington D.C., USA

Subject: Endorsement of the Lao PDR 9th Education and Sports Sector Development Plan 2021-2025

Dear Ms. Albright,

The Education development partners (DPS) of Lao PDR are pleased to endorse the Lao PDR 9th Education and Sports Sector Development Plan (ESSDP) 2021-2025. The 9th ESSDP was presented and endorsed at the Executive Level meeting of the Education Sector Working Group (ESWG) held on 18 August 2020. The Executive Level ESWG was chaired by the H.E. Minister of Education and Sports and co-chaired by the Chargé d’Affaires of the Australian Embassy and the European Union to Lao PDR. Officials from the Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES), Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, and representatives from development partners, including representatives from civil society organizations participated in the Executive Level ESWG Meeting which was a combination of face-to-face and online. The 9th ESSDP was also presented at the annual education conference of the MoES on 27-28 Aug 2020.

The Executive Level ESWG and the MoES annual conference are the culmination of several consultation processes on the 9th ESSDP, including a technical level ESWG workshop held on 11 August which reviewed the full package of the ESSDP as well as the independent appraisal report and the government response. A separate consultation with development partners was also held on 19 August 2020. Consultations at the provincial level that included representatives from schools and districts were also held helping identify the challenges and priorities for the next five years. Enclosed are the minutes to these meetings as well as the participants lists.

We laud the Ministry of Education and Sports for the participatory process in developing the ESSDP package that started in mid-2019, this in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic which led to restrictions in movement and holding meetings. Based on the mid-term review of the 8th Education Sector Development Plan, recent studies relevant to the sector, the series of consultations down to the local level, and the recommendations from the appraisal, the 9th ESSDP reflects coherent and well-defined results and strategies for the next five years.

The independent appraisal of the ESSDP acknowledges the consultative and participatory process of the ESSDP development:

*Although somewhat curtailed by the Covid19 pandemic, there has been a good degree of consultation, both within the central ministry and its provincial and district branches. Stakeholders not within the confines of the formal system have also been consulted. Consultation with the DPs appears to have gone on throughout the process. Indeed, the situation with respect to
consultations appears to be dynamic, meaning that consultative meetings are planned for the immediate post-appraisal period, after which further modifications may be made in the ESSDP.

As development partners, we strongly support the focus on improving learning outcomes through the prioritization of teachers and related reforms, as well as a focus on equitable access to education especially for children and young people with disabilities, from ethnic groups, living in very remote areas, those in extreme poverty, as well as girls. The emphasis on strengthening governance of the sector, down to the school level is also critical. The recognition in the 9th ESSDP of the socioeconomic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on education and the need to strengthen disaster preparedness and resilience, including to climate change is also an important development. The MoES has prepared a COVID-19 Education Response Plan and successfully secured a GPE COVID-19 Accelerated Funding with UNICEF as grant agent.

With the ESSDP endorsed, a key next step is to ensure the effective operationalization of the sector plan. This will be carried out at district, provincial and central level via the Annual Costed Education Sector Plans (ACSEPs), which are expected to effectively inform the budgeting process, most notably in the framework of the MoES Planning and Finance Committee. With the forecasted economic downturn due to the COVID-19 pandemic, further cuts in the government budget may be expected as well as a decline in ODA to Lao PDR. It is thus important for the Ministry of Education and Sports to review the annual allocations to education and prioritize cost-effective interventions that bring the biggest impact on learning at the lowest cost.

We the Education development partners in Lao PDR also commit to work together and support the Government of Lao PDR Education priorities as outlined in the 9th ESSDP. The priorities and reforms outlined in the plan will support Lao PDR’s meeting the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG4 on Education as well as the country’s plans to graduate from Least Developed Country status. We will continue to use the ESWG mechanism and strengthen it further to ensure a harmonized approach to our support to the Ministry of Education and Sports.

We jointly sign this endorsement letter on behalf of the development partners who are members of the Education Sector Working Group.

SIGNED:

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ESWG co-chair

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Subject: Letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESSDP 2021-25

Dear Mr Yasushi Negishi,

As part of the formal endorsement process for the Lao PDR 9th Education and Sports Sector Development Plan (ESSDP) 2021-2025, the Australian Embassy, the European Union Delegation to Lao PDR and UNICEF as co-chairs of the Education Sector Working Group (ESWG) and as GPE Coordinating Agencies, have prepared the attached letter of endorsement of the plan on behalf of development partners. This is part of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) requirements that would allow Lao PDR to access GPE funding for implementation of the ESSDP.

This letter acknowledges the several rounds of consultations on the 9th ESSDP, culminating in the endorsement of the plan at the Executive Level meeting of the Education Sector Working Group (ESWG) held on 18 August 2020. This letter also notes development partners commitment to work together and support the Government of Lao PDR Education priorities as outlined in the 9th ESSDP which will contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG4 on Education as well as the country’s plans to graduate from Least Developed Country status.

This letter will be submitted to GPE along with the 9th ESSDP package on 31 August 2020.

Please let us know if you have any objections to this letter. If your organization is in agreement with this letter and its contents, an email response that you agree would be sufficient. Please send the response email to Mrne Khampaseuth Kitignavong (khampaseuth.kitignavong@yahoo.com) and cc everyone in the cc list by noon 28 August 2020.

Warm regards,

Australian Embassy GPE Coordinating Agency & ESWG co-chair
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Kind regards,

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Dear Southhida,

Thank you for checking with ADB. The draft letter is fine with us.

Best regards,
Yasushi

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Dear Sis Khampaseuth,

Please accept my apologies for the late reply. I am so glad and confident that the draft ESSDP for 2021-2025 will improve access and quality learning outcomes for levels. The plan also emphasises on improving the learning environment for marginalized groups and people with special needs. The key actors are involving and committing wisely to the plan and working hard toward this critical time of pandemic.

I, therefore, would like to thank the MOES to involve NGOs in the ESSDP drafting processes and would agree on the endorsement letter.

King regards,
Vithanya NOONAN

3. Association for Autism (Laos)

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Dear Madam Khampaseuth,

I would like to thank you for the email and draft letter seeking our feedback.

On behalf of Association for Autism Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate the Ministry of Education and Sport for the successful completion of the 9th Education and Sport Sector Development Plan with consultation of both local and international development partners.

In this light, Association for Autism agrees to the content of the draft letter requesting for a formal endorsement of GPE funding.

We look forward to work a long side the Ministry, donors and other development partners in implementing the plan especially on ensuring access to quality education for people with autism and developmental disability. We are happy to see the focus on teacher reform a long this process too.

I would like to wish you all the best.

Best regards

Viengsang

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Dear Southida and Khampaseuth,

On behalf of ChildFund Laos as part of development partner, would like to thanks for your preparations of this letter for submission to GPE, from our reviewing, it looks great which we do not have any points to inputs or propose to revise. We hope that PGE would support the fund for implementation of ESSDP as well. However, as we are development partners who are working with the government partners closely, have high commitments to support the ESSP to achieve the goal.

Best regards/thanks
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Greetings Khampaseuth,

I am writing from CRS Laos and per the instructions from Southidia, we are writing to communicate that CRS is in agreement with the letter and its contents. I have followed up with our staff that have attended meetings and reviewed various drafts of the ESSDP and we have no objections.

Many thanks for your support.

Best regards,

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Dear Southidia, dear colleagues,

I hereby endorse the attached letter. Thanks a lot for all your hard work in coordinating the process.

Kind regards

Johann Heilmann

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Dear Mr. Khampaseuth Kittignavong,

Since Mr. Alexander Monden is currently on leave, please let me reply on his behalf.

As the team leader of the GIZ Fit for School programme working with the DGE and DECE of the MOES, our programme is also a member of the ESWG and I hereby confirm without objection on behalf of GIZ the formal endorsement letter acknowledging the consultation process for the development of the 9th ESSDP.

Thank you for facilitating the further process with GPE.

Best regards,

Alexander Winkscha

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8. GIZ Vocational Education Lao PDR (VELA)

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To: Luangphaxay, Southhida <Southhida.Luangphaxay@bequal-laos.org>
Subject: RE: Letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESSDP 2021-25

Dear Southhida,

I would like to again confirm on behalf of Alexander Monden that we have no objection to the formal endorsement letter.

Best regards,

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9. Hand of Hope (association for deaf)

From: Hands Of Hope chohlaos2016@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Luangphaxay, Southhida <Southhida.Luangphaxay@bequal-laos.org>
Subject: Re: Letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESSDP 2021-25

Greetings for the day
Apologies for the late reply.
I would like to announce my heartfelt acceptance of participation with the group and declare the me and my organization agreed with the above details.
Me and my organization ready to accompany with the team for the development of my country and the education system.
As part of my life I'm willing to work hard for the disable peoples and for there needs and growth.

Yours faithfully
Sophaphone
Director of HOH education Centre

10. Humanity and Inclusion

From: Reinier CARABAIN <r.carabain@hi.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:16 PM
To: khampaseuth.kitignavong@yahoo.com
Cc: 'Dyason, Anna' <Anna.Dyason@dfat.gov.au>; Davone.Bounpheng@dfat.gov.au; Chindavanh.VONGSALY@eeas.europa.eu; Leotes Helin <ihelin@unicef.org>; Kiran Pitt <kiran.pitt@savethechildren.org>; Luangphaxay, Southhida <Southhida.Luangphaxay@bequal-laos.org>
Subject: RE: Letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESSDP 2021-25
Dear Mme Khampaseuth Kittignavong,

Thank you very much for your email.

Humanity & Inclusion is in full agreement with the letter and its contents.

Hi strongly support the focus on improving learning outcomes as well as on equitable access to education especially for children and young people with disabilities, from ethnic groups, living in very remote areas, those in extreme poverty, as well as girls.

Regards
Reinier

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11. Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

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Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 7:59 AM
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yasumas.nagaoka@gmail.com; Mizuno.Keiko@jica.go.jp
Subject: RE: [External email]Letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESSDP 2021-25

Dear Mme Khampaseuh,

Thank you for sharing the letter.
JICA agrees to MOES submitting it to GPE.

Best regards,

Yuko

12. KfW Bank Development

From: Jan.Wiegelmann@kfw.de <Jan.Wiegelmann@kfw.de>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 3:08 PM
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Subject: AW: letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESSDP 2021-25

Dear Soutthida,

KfW Office Vientiane has no objection to this letter.

Kind regards
Jan
13. Lao Disabled Women’s Development Center

From: Chanhpeng Sivila <chanhpeng@laodisabledwomen.com>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 10:07 AM
To: Luangphaxay, Souththida <Souththida.Luangphaxay@bequal-laos.org>
Cc: khampaseuth.kitignavong@yahoo.com; Dyason, Anna <Anna.Dyason@dfat.gov.au>;
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Subject: Re: Letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESSDP 2021-25

Dear Ms. Souththida,
First I would like to say thank you very much to support LDWDC to be a partner of DSSDP.
It is very nice to see the letter of Endorsement of the Lao PDR 9th Education and Sports Sector Development Plan 2021-2025.
And happy to see your attachment document on page 2 said to focus on equitable access to education especially for children and young people with disabilities, from ethnic groups, living in very remote areas, those in extreme poverty, as well as girls.
I agree with this the Lao PDR 9th Education and Sports Sector Development Plan 2021-2025.

I am looking forwards to hear from you.

Warm regards,
Chanhpeng Sivila
Director

14. Lux Development

From: Laura Pineiro <laura.pineiro@luxdev.lu>
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Subject: Re: Letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESSDP 2021-25

Dear Souththida,

On behalf of the Skills for Tourism Project (LAO/029), I do not have any objection to the content of the letter endorsing the Lao PDR 9th Education and Sports Sector Development Plan 2021-2025.

Kind regards,

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15. Pestalozzi Children’s Foundation

From: Homdouangxay Khamseng <k.homdouangxay@pestalozzi.ch>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 9:47 AM
To: khampaseuth.kitignavong@yahoo.com
Cc: 'Dyason, Anna' <Anna.Dyason@dfat.gov.au>; Davone.Bounpheng@dfat.gov.au;
Chhindavanh.VONGSALY@eeas.europa.eu; Leotes Helin <helin@unicef.org>; Luangphaxay, Souththida
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Subject: RE: Letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESSDP 2021-25

Dear Mrne Khampaseuth Kitignavong,
On behalf of Pestalozzi Children’s Foundation in Laos, I am pleased to have the opportunity to take part in the process and in agreement with the letter.

Best regards,

Khamseng Homdouangxay
Country Representative Laos

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16. Plan International
From: Soumya Brata Guha <soumya.guha@plan-international.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 4:36 PM
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Cc: khampaseuth.kitignavong@yahoo.com; Anna.Dyason@dfat.gov.au; Davone.Bounpheng@dfat.gov.au; Chindavanh.VONGSALY@eeas.europa.eu; Leotes.Helin@helin@unicef.org>; Viraphanh, Vilasack <Vilasack.Viraphanh@plan-international.org>
Subject: RE: Letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESSDP 2021-25

Dear Southida,

While I am fine with the letter I would like to remind us all of the urgency for:

   a) strong argument on behalf of MOES to ring fence the education budget. There seems to be an acknowledgement that the cuts would happen.

   b) a commitment from development partners to adequately compliment the education sector budget.

Warm Wishes,
Soumya

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17. Room to Read

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Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 9:51 AM
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<helin@unicef.org>

Subject: RE: Letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESDDP 2021-25

Dear all,
I would like to congratulate MOES, ESWG co-chairs and GPE Coordinating Agency for successfully putting together the 9th ESDDP through a very consultative process. Room to Read Laos has no objection and is in full support of the plan to be submitted to GPE as appropriate.

Many thanks and regards,
Norkham

18. Save the Children

From: Deborah Leaver <deborah.leaver@savethechildren.org>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 4:02 PM
To: Luangphaxay, Southhida <Southhida.Luangphaxay@bequal-laos.org>; khampaseuth.kitignavong@yahoo.com <khampaseuth.kitignavong@yahoo.com>
Cc: khampaseuth.kitignavong@yahoo.com; Anna.Dyason@dfat.gov.au; Chindavanh.VONGSALY@eas.europa.eu; Leotes Helin <helin@unicef.org>; Somxay Inthasone <somxay.inthasone@savethechildren.org>

Subject: RE: Letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESDDP 2021-25

Thank you for your email. Very happy to endorse.

Kind regards,
Deborah

19. Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

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Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 12:14 PM
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Cc: khampaseuth.kitignavong@yahoo.com; 'Dyason, Anna' <Anna.Dyason@dfat.gov.au>; Davone.Bounpheng@dfat.gov.au; Chindavanh.VONGSALY@eas.europa.eu; Leotes Helin <helin@unicef.org>; Phetsiriseng Sonenaly EDA PHESO <sonenaly.phetsiriseng@eda.admin.ch>

Subject: RE: Letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESDDP 2021-25

Dear Ms. Southhida Luangphaxay

Thank you for consulting us on the letter. From SDC's side we are in agreement with its content.

Kind regards

Christian ENGLER (Mr)
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20. SWISS Contact
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Subject: RE: Letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESSDP 2021-25

Dear Khampaseuth,

On behalf of Swisscontact in the Lao PDR I have no objection to the contents of the letter.

Best wishes

Richard

Richard Rose
Country Director, Lao PDR

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21. UNESCO
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Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 11:27 AM
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Cc: khampaseuth.kilignavong@yahoo.com; Dyason, Anna <Anna.Dyason@dfat.gov.au>;
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Subject: RE: Letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESSDP 2021-25

Dear Coordinator Southida Luangphaxay,

Thank you for sharing below the letter. We have of course no objections to it with a great pleasure to have been part of the development.

Warm regards,

Shigeru
22. UNFPA

From: Oloth Sene-Asa <sene-asa@unfpa.org>
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Subject: Re: Letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESSDP 2021-25

Dear Southida,

UNFPA has no any objections to this letter.

Best regards

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23. USAID

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Cc: Phetviengkhone Sayasane <psayasane@usaid.gov>
Subject: Re: Letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESSDP 2021-25

Dear Southida,

Thank you for reaching out. USAID has no additional questions or concerns at this time. I look forward to working with the Government and Development Partners working in the education sector. Regards, Michael
24. World Bank

From: Nicola Pontara <npontara@worldbank.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 4:56 PM
To: Luangphaxay, Southhida <Southhida.Luangphaxay@bequal-laos.org>
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Subject: RE: Letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESSDP 2021-25

Dear Southhida,

Many thanks for reaching out to us. The letter looks good. Nothing to add from our end.

Best regards,
Nicola

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25. World Food Program

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Cc: Fumitsugu TOSU <fumitsugu.tosu@wfp.org>; Outhai SIHALATH <outhai.sihalath@wfp.org>
Subject: Letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESSDP 2021-25

Dear Mme. Khampaseuth,

WFP agrees with the letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESSDP 2021-25.

Best Regards.

Jan

Jan Delbaere
26. World Vision International

From: roslyn_gabriel@wvi.org <roslyn_gabriel@wvi.org>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 7:55 PM
To: khampaseuth.kitignavong@yahoo.com
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Subject: Re: Letter on behalf of Education Development Partners endorsing the 9th ESSDP 2021-25

Dear Mme Khampaseuth Kitignavong,

On behalf on World Vision I am happy to provide our support of the wording of the letter in the below email, we have no objections and commit to continue working together to support the Government’s priorities in education.

Warm regards

Roslyn Gabriel
Country Program Director,
World Vision International - Lao PDR

Sent from IBM Verse