

DFAT Response to GEDI Review Recommendations

Recommendation	Response	Management Response	Who	When
# 1 Develop an Embassy-wide GEDI strategy for Australia's aid investments in Lao PDR, including an action plan, drawing on the experience of neighboring Posts.	Agree	GEDI strategy to be developed alongside the development of the next AIP and an Integrated Country Strategy. GEDI strategy should be broader than just development (ie include trade, foreign policy, corporate). In the interim, the management responses to the GEDI synthesis recommendations will be reviewed by June 2019.	(GEDI MR review) DHOM with LADLF support	Dec 2018
# 2 Resource the GEDI action plan appropriately, taking into consideration the findings of the upcoming Review of the GEDI Focal Point System.	Agree	Appropriate resources to be considered when developing the new GEDI strategy and action plan. Review of GEDI Focal Points to be undertaken by LADLF. Post to investigate future access to GEDI expertise after departure of Regional Social Development Specialist.	(review of focal points) DHOM and LADLF	July 2018
# 3 Encourage all investments to develop a GEDI strategy that is multidimensional (i.e. considers change across levels) and incremental (i.e. consider increasing intensity over time) to integrate gender equality and disability inclusion objectives.	Agree	All investments over \$3 million to develop a GEDI strategy or similar and ensure appropriate resources for effective implementation to meet required M&E, gender equality, and disability standards, including access to appropriate expertise.	Section Teams and Focal Points	December 2018

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# 4 Investment design and plan should meet DFAT quality gender, disability and M&E standards, with adequate resources attached to gender equality and disability inclusion priorities. For example, gender and disability elements and resources should be included in the designs of DFAT's new private sector development investments; the upcoming social protection pilot (ECAP); and the upcoming GMWRP phase II.	Agree	Gender expertise to be included in the design of Post's new investments in Trade & Private Sector Development, early childhood grant project with Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, the Mekong Australia Water Facility, and development of the next phase of the Greater Mekong Water Resources Program.	Relevant Section Teams and Focal Points	Ongoing
# 5 Require all investment's annual planning and performance reports to articulate how activities are responding to gender equality and/or disability inclusion.	Agree	Post to work with implementing partners to ensure investments report against their respective GEDI strategies.	Relevant Section Teams and Focal Points	Ongoing

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# 6 Reported progress on GEDI results should identify beneficiaries' participation in investment planning, consultation, implementation and feedback processes.	Agree	Investment performance reporting to include greater detail on the processes and mechanisms by which beneficiaries have been involved in planning, implementation and monitoring.	Relevant Section Teams and Focal Points	Ongoing
# 7 Improve disaggregation performance data by sex and disability status in all investments. Ensure at minimum that indicators are disaggregated by sex and/or disability status and qualitative indicators for change at individual, collective and environment levels are reported for all investments by 2019.	Agree	All investments over \$3 million to update their MEL frameworks to ensure sex and disability disaggregation by December 2018.	Relevant Section Teams and Focal Points	December 2018

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# 8 Encourage all investments to conduct periodic contextual analysis of gender and disability in Lao PDR, with particular attention to the following dimensions: decision-making; institutional practices, policy and regulation; social norms; access to and control over resources; service delivery.	Partially Agree	Depending on resources, other priorities, and need, Post to look for opportunities to conduct contextual reviews relevant to GEDI as part of planning processes (ie. MTRs, designs) and work with LADLF to provide cross-portfolio contextual updates.	Section teams, Focal Points, DHOM and LADLF	Ongoing
# 9 Post to hold learning events across investments to share lessons for the purpose of improving performance. For example, LAI could present their lessons about increasing their programming focus on disability inclusion with DFAT teams and implementing partners.	Agree	Post shared preliminary GEDI findings with implementing partners at a workshop on 7 March, hosted a 'banana leaf lunch' with all staff on 8 February, and disseminated results at a 'Development Partners Dialogue' on 11 June 2018. Progress on GEDI recommendations will be incorporated into Program Steering Committee meetings with partners under both the bilateral and water regional programs as appropriate.	DHOM and LADLF	Ongoing