

Project Disclosure

1. Project

Operational improvement of 8 Water Utilities

2. Short project/ transaction description

The objective is to fund 50% of the required external project costs to support World Waternet and its partners in the preparation of a performance improvement and investment plan for 8 provincial water utilities in Lao. The performance improvement and investment plan will assist the 8 provincial water utilities to increase cost recovery and revenue through improvements in key areas of operations identified by the utilities and the Department of Water Supply.

3. Country of investment

Laos

4. Volume

We provide a EUR 150,000 non-repayable development contribution which will bring the project towards the next development phase which will ultimately lead to financial close.

5. Name client

World Waternet was founded in 2007 on the initiative of Waternet, the public water organization of Amsterdam and surroundings. Waternet provides water services to 1.3 million people and covers the entire water cycle. Waternet works for the Regional Public Water Authority Amstel, Gooi and Vecht (AGV) and for the municipality of Amsterdam. World Waternet leverages the expertise of Waternet, to improving sustainable access to clean, sufficient and safe water for all. World Waternet supports public water organizations through peer-to-peer knowledge exchange in water cycle management. World Waternet is doing this through long-term Water Operators' Partnerships (WOPs) with water organizations in more than 15 countries to strengthen capacity, improve performance and enable them to provide a better service to more people.

6. Impact / target SDG's

The project aims at increasing technical and financial performance and resilience in the water supply sector in Lao PDR (SDG 6). This project will assess the possibilities to improve the efficiency of Provincial water authorities' services, with the aim to expand coverage of the water utilities in urban areas, reduce NRW, improve water quality, lower costs, improve monitoring capabilities and enhance knowledge exchange between Dutch and Lao water sector.

7. Sector

Water

8. ESG Risk category

B for the feasibility.