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Engaging with stakeholders and responding to policy priorities as part of the 2021 VNR process, Lao PDR.

Data support an evident base policy monitoring. The requirement for timely, quality and open disaggregated data of the monitoring National Socio Economic Development Plan (NSEDP) with the SDG mainstreaming provided opportunities and challenges for the National Statistical System. Despite efforts have been made, the stocktaking for the 2nd Voluntary National Review 2021 (VNR) indicated that the statistical capabilities and data availability gaps are critical to be addressed, with the shock from COVID-19, achieving the statistical activities and targets on securing the SDG indicators become even more challenging. Work together with better coordination and collaboration, cross the stakeholders is a key for the successes.

Stakeholder engagement for an effective SDG localization, the monitoring and VNR reporting. The Statistics Law, 2017 and National Statistical Development Strategy 2016-2025 form an enabling environment for SDG monitoring and assessment. The Government of Lao PDR, have strongly been toward capitalization of the data revolution and strengthening country statistical systems such as: creating ownership for data collection and reporting by designated the Lao Statistics Bureau's (LSB) to coordinate of the national statistical system, using technology to improve data collection, analysis and accessibility, mobilization external assistance. The Round Table Process and the Sector Working Groups consultations have implications for the SDG implementation and monitoring. The VNR prepared and based on an inclusive and participatory process. The National SDG Secretariat to the National SDG Steering Committee in partnership with UN agencies organized series of consultations with stakeholders from Government, the National Assembly, private sector, academia, civil society organizations, international non-governmental organizations, international donors and development partners. Through these arrangements, the National SDG Secretariat has been able to seek contribution, inputs, and feedbacks at different levels for the preparation of the VNR and the SDG implementation.

Open SDG Data platform and national database. LSB with the support from partners has been working on data analysis and generate indicators using existing data sources, work on modification of existing and explore new alternative data sources and compilation of metadata. Create, the national reporting platform for the SDGs, and link with existing national database "Laoinfo" to improve data availability in a user-friendly and integrity context for better support the 9th NSEDP and next VNR monitoring.

The VNR process is a good tool strengthening stakeholder engagement, institutional coordination for integrated the SDG implementation and monitoring.

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