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| **Name of CDD Program:**  Poverty Reduction Fund (PRF) III |
| **Program Dates:**  2002 for PRF I (current 2016) to 2020 |
| **Implementing Agency:**  Lao Poverty Reduction Fund (PRF), National Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (NCRDPE) |
| **Geographical Coverage (# of provinces/states, municipalities, villages, which parts of the country):**   * 10 provinces (of 17 provinces in total). 6 northern, 1 central, and 3 southern provinces. * 278 Kumbans (village cluster) * 1,991 villages |
| **Annual Program Budget (USD):**  Total project cost of US$54 million. IDA - $30 million; Lao Poverty Reduction Fund – US$6 million; Swiss Development Cooperation - US$18 million. About $13.5 million per year. |
| **Program Objective:**  The program objective is to improve the access to and the utilization of basic infrastructure and services for the project's targeted poor communities in a sustainable manner through inclusive community and local development processes. |
| **Main Program Components:**   1. Community Development Grants: This component would provide technical and logistical support to eligible villages to develop the Village Development Plan (VDP) based on participatory planning processes. The VDP is developed on a five-year rolling basis, and consolidated into the Kumban Development Plan (KDP) by elected village representatives at the Kumban level. Kumban Facilitators (KBF) will continue to play a leading role in the planning process. 2. Local and Community Development Capacity-Building and Learning: This provides training to communities to assess their own needs, discuss it with local authorities, implement and supervise the construction of small infrastructure investment, procurement, financial management, operation & maintenance, and lastly monitor output and outcome at the community level. In addition, it provides the training to strengthen the capacity of district and provincial official to support pro-poor local and community development process. It also supports the National Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Eradication to refine its methodologies for national poverty targeting efforts. 3. Project Management: This includes remuneration of national, provincial and district staffs, associated equipment and operating cost, accounting, procurement, financial management, internal controls, auditing and other specialize area. 4. Nutrition Enhancing Livelihood Development: This is to strengthen self-help groups to develop pro-nutrition livelihood activities like livestock, increase knowledge through financial literacy, and monitor and evaluation project activities. |