

Grade 1 implementation School year 2019-2020 Achievements

New teaching and learning resources for the classrooms

Coverage of the implementation



18 provinces
148 districts



8,747
primary schools



162,342
Grade 1 students
(47% Female)

What materials were supplied?



856,000 textbooks with 3 subjects
146,300 teacher guides with 6 subjects



9,105 teacher resource packs, including:
» **351,000** story books
» **540,000** decodable readers
» **650** enhanced teacher resource packs for remote schools

Nationwide in-service training for the teachers

How was the training delivered?



59 Master Trainers (36% F)



611 Provincial Trainers (37% F)

483 six-day training workshops

Who was trained?



9,662 Grade 1 teachers (60% F)

6,300 primary principals (22% F)

551 pedagogical advisors and district support staff (27% F)

What in-semester support is provided to teachers?



32 target districts



2,386 schools being supported and monitored using Kobo toolbox

20 teacher development videos in production

Communications Campaign

What is Learn Together?

A fun, innovative, educational program especially created to help primary children with the new curriculum

2 national channels broadcasting

15 episodes with clay animation and story telling

55,000 views on YouTube



How many brochures were distributed?



39,321 Different brochures for educational staff

235,659 Booklets for Grade 1 students and parents

What media campaign?



National launch with **83** releases in newspapers, TV and radio



2 TV spot and **1** Radio spot with loud speaker announcements in **4,000** villages



117 posts in target social media and websites



Photo: Student with new textbook



Photo: Delivery of curriculum materials by motorbike

Improving learning outcomes for more girls and boys

Since 2015, the Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES) has been developing and implementing a new improved national primary curriculum, along with new teaching and learning materials for students and new training for teachers. The implementation of the new curriculum materials progresses with one new grade every year through to Grade 5. It started in September 2019 with Grade 1.

The new national primary curriculum will make an important contribution to the quality of the learning outcomes of Lao children. It will help more primary Lao girls and boys, especially those experiencing disadvantage, complete good quality primary education, achieving literacy, numeracy and life skills. Ultimately, this new curriculum will enable them to have more opportunities in life.

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Curriculum Implementation Information

Implementation key steps

Jan-April		Production of learning and teaching materials
May-June		Training of Master and Provincial trainers teams
May-Aug		Distribution of materials to schools
July-Aug		Training of teachers
September		School year starts with new curriculum

New curriculum by school-year

2019-2020		New Grade 1
2020-2021		New Grade 2
2021-2022		New Grade 3
2022-2023		New Grade 4
2023-2024		New Grade 5



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