

# Nam Theun 2 Hydroelectric Project

## **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

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# Preface

This document is the Final Draft of the Nam Theun 2 Projects Social Development Plan. This SDP has been developed based on the Safeguard Policies of World Bank and Asian Development Bank, especially those addressing the issues of Involuntary Resettlement and Ethnic Minorities. Thus, the SDP includes Resettlement (action) Plans and Ethnic Minority Development Plans for the three main impact areas, which are the Nakai Plateau, Downstream Areas and Project (construction) Lands.

Since the first draft of this plan – initially called the Resettlement Action Plan – in 1997, it has gone through a series of revisions which have strived to improve the analysis of impacts, the understanding of potentially impacted persons and the detailing of resettlement plans. The comments and advice from the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the Agence Française de Développement and the NT2 Project Panel of Experts have been crucial in guiding these revision and finalisation of the SDP into this Final Draft.

This Social Development Plan is presented in four volumes as follows:

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