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This report has been prepared by Earth Systems Lao (ESL) as part of the S

for a proposed Stora Enso Eucalyptus plantation project (hereafter 'the Project'). Earth Systems Lao is conducting the social assessment on behalf of the United Nations Development Programme Lao PDR (UNDP Lao PDR).

Stora Enso is a large Finnish and Swedish paper, packaging and forest products company that currently operates a Pilot Eucalyptus plantation of 257 ha in Nong District, Savannakhet province and Ta oi district in Saravane province. The company is planning to establish 35,000 ha of Eucalyptus and Acacia plantations in Nong, Sepone, Ta oi, Vilabuly and Samuoi districts, within Savannakhet and Saravane provinces, Lao PDR.

The findings of the Socioeconomic Assessment will inform the Project's overall Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) being coordinated by Salwood Asia Pacific. In addition to this study,







Socioeconomic Assessment encompasses an assessment of the Ianu, assets, and livelinood of communities living within and adjacent to the Project area that will be either directly impacted or

indirectly impacted by the Project. In summary the scope of the Study includes

• Background review of previous studies and socioeconomic data relating to the Project and villages

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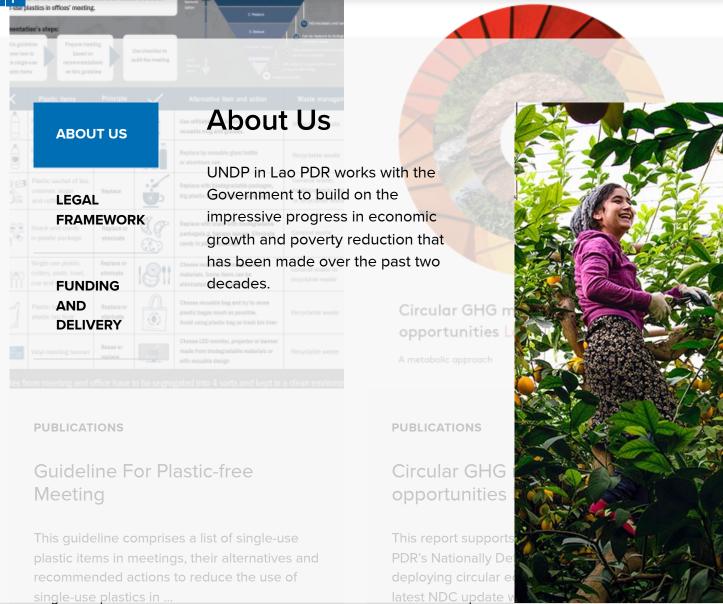




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