

Permanent Mission of India
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Press Release

India supports Food Fortification Project in Lao PDR

Responding to a request from Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR), Government of India (GoI) extended a grant amount of around USD 1 million under the India-UN Development Partnership Fund for the project, "***Strengthening large Scale Food Fortification: the case of investing in Rice Fortification***".

2. World Food Programme is the implementing agency. The project aims to promote food fortification programmes, address long term supply of nutrition-specific strategies, strengthen food systems, increase nutritional diversity and overcome micro-nutrient deficiencies in Lao PDR. Support to the project is a reflection of India's deep-rooted ties with Lao PDR that encompasses multiple areas of cooperation.

3. India-UN Development Partnership Fund, established by GoI in June 2017, provides support to projects in developing countries that aim to contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The Fund attaches centrality to the principles of South-South cooperation and places priority on national ownership, sustainability, and development of local capacity. A sum of USD 150 million has been committed by GoI towards this Fund, which has catered to 85 projects across 65 countries.

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