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The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) manages Australia's overseas aid program. The purpose of the Australian Government's aid program is to promote Australia's national interests through contributing to economic growth and poverty reduction.

BASIC EDUCATION QUALITY AND ACCESS IN LAO PDR (BEQUAL) PROGRAM

Under Australia's Education Delivery Strategy for Lao PDR 2013-2018, education is identified as a flagship intervention that commits Australia to working with Lao PDR over a ten-year strategy in basic education. BEQUAL is an approach to ensure all girls and boys (especially those experiencing disadvantage) complete a full course of quality basic education, achieving literacy, numeracy and other life skills. BEQUAL will focus on improving the quality of education, through enhanced education policy, planning and coordination; increased participation and access; teacher education and support; the provision of teaching and learning resources and school infrastructure. BEQUAL will target the 65 most educationally disadvantaged districts in Lao PDR.

There are opportunities for international NGOs and NPAs to contribute directly to the delivery of the program. A briefing for international NGOs and NPAs will be conducted on **Tuesday 9 September 2014**.

Venue: Settha Palace Hotel

Address: 6 Pang Kham Street, Rue Pangkham, Vientiane

Time: 8:30am – 12:30pm

To indicate your interest at attending this briefing, please email:

bounmy.souvannalth@dfat.gov.au by 4PM (Vientiane Time) **Monday 8 September 2014**.

Reference documents:

Delivery strategy: <http://aid.dfat.gov.au/publications/Pages/aus-laos-education-delivery-strategy-2013-18.aspx>

Design document: <http://aid.dfat.gov.au/apps/businessnotifications/Pages/notification18062014.aspx>

Tender documents for Managing Contract: <https://www.tenders.gov.au/>.