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The main objective of this paper was to study the existed policy and laws related to water resource management in Lao People's Democratic Republic. In order to identify limitation or obstacle and review on organization framework related to water resource management to set up the strongly river basin committee. The methods of study included investigation of existing policy and law regulation documents, SWOT analysis with line agency and provincial level, along with interviewing key stakeholders at the provincial level, district and water user groups in Num Ngum river basin.

The results of the study reveal that the water resource development was a major priority among the resources for social-economic development of LAO PDR. Currently, there was no policy on water resource. The existed law and regulation on water resources was limited on water allocation and water using and the function on water resource management framework was not so clear for implementing as well. There was three ways to achieve integrated water resource management and sustainable development. First of all, developing the policy on water resources; the second one, updating water and water resources law; and the last one, the river basin committee must be setting up for responsible coordinating in river basin level. Comparison of Mekong River Basin Management in Mekong region countries among Cambodia, Vietnam and Thailand found that they had been already integrated the water resource management into the national policy and law. The framework and mandate of water resource organization of each country had the same principle and was different a little bit in terms of social development and the priority of each country. In case of Laos, lacking of the water resource committee and the existing law and policy on water resource was not so clear and hidden in the other related policy such as: Environmental Management, Water Resource Managements, Land Management, Forest Management and Rural Agriculture Development Policy

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