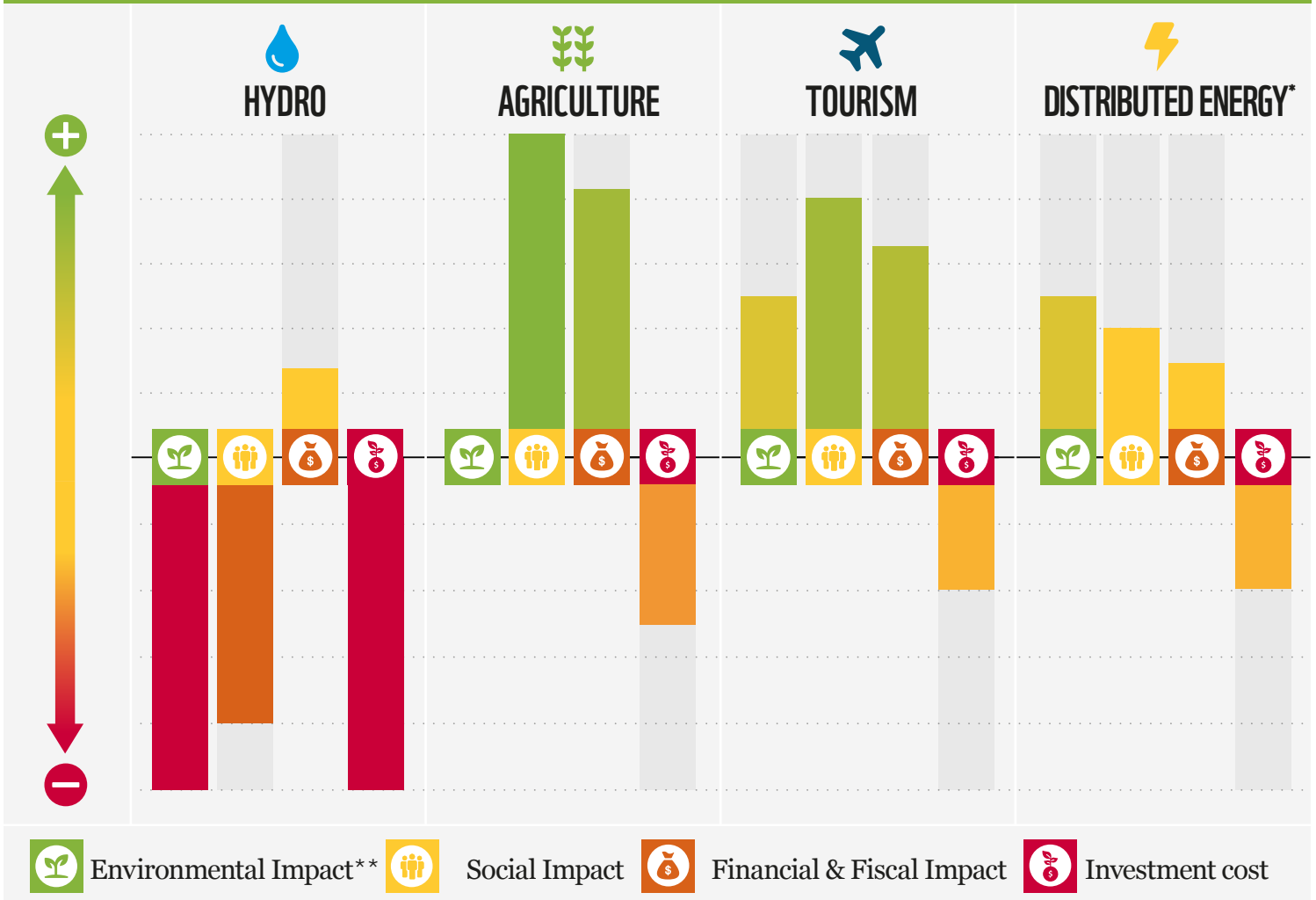




# ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS TO SECURING FOREIGN EXCHANGE REVENUE FOR LAO PDR - REPORT INFOGRAPHIC

Lao PDR has **significant opportunity** to further diversify foreign exchange revenue sources. Tapping into new markets can fund **national development** and **protect natural capital**. The new Lao-China Railway and ending of post-pandemic restrictions creates opportunities to diversify revenue streams through sustainable agriculture, tourism, and distributed energy solutions.

SELECTED INDICATORS ARE HIGHLIGHTED TO DEMONSTRATE THE COMPARABLE ADVANTAGE OF FOUR ECONOMIC PATHWAYS TO FOREX FOR LAO PDR. FULL DETAILS CAN BE FOUND IN THE REPORT.



Environmental Impact\*\* 
 Social Impact 
 Financial & Fiscal Impact 
 Investment cost

\*Sustainable small, grid-connected or distribution system-connected devices e.g. small solar, wind, hydro and biogas  
 \*\*This figure combines environmental and conservation impact based on proposed sustainable opportunities

# LAO PDR'S HYDRO-POWER STRATEGY HAS GENERATED POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS



## FINANCIAL DIMENSIONS



## SOCIAL DIMENSIONS



## ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSIONS



ENERGY EXPORT



NATIONWIDE ELECTRIFICATION



ECOSYSTEM-SERVICES AND NATURAL CAPITAL



DEBT



LIVELIHOODS

In addition to social and environmental risks, the **high upfront cost** for hydropower will **increase Lao PDR's debt** position relative to GDP. Hydropower export revenue alone is **unlikely to support debt** service costs short to medium term.



Uses up to

**40%** OF GOVERNMENT REVENUE



**100%** DEBT TO GDP RATIO FORECAST 2022



DEBT SERVICE EXPENSE TO **RISE SHARPLY** FROM INVESTMENT IN ELECTRICITY GENERATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Implementing a foreign exchange **diversification strategy** taps into underdeveloped markets, **alleviating fiscal pressure** and embracing **lower-risk opportunities**.

**FIND OUT MORE IN THE REPORT "ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS TO SECURING FOREIGN EXCHANGE REVENUE FOR LAO PDR."**

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