Laos

Overall Risk Score: **72**

Risk Level: **high**

This score is a composite of the four domain scores discussed below, which are weighted and combined to produce the overall country risk score. Each country is given a score from 1 to 100 for each domain and for the total bribery risk. A higher score indicates a higher risk of business bribery. Assessments of whether a given domain score is "good" or "poor" are made relative to all other jurisdictions within that domain.

1. **Business Interactions with Government**: Laos receives a poor score of 63 in this domain, based on a high degree of government interaction, a high expectation of bribes, and a high regulatory burden.

2. **Anti-bribery Deterrence and Enforcement**: Laos receives a poor score of 73 in this domain, based on a low quality of anti-bribery dissuasion and a low quality of anti-bribery enforcement.

3. **Government and Civil Service Transparency**: Laos receives a poor score of 76 in this domain, based on poor governmental transparency and poor transparency of financial interests.

4. **Capacity for Civil Society Oversight**: Laos receives a very poor score of 85 in this domain, based on a very low degree of media freedom/quality and a very low degree of civil society engagement.

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**TRACE Bribery Risk Typology:**

**Fragile authoritarian state**

This group is characterized by unstable states with quasi-authoritarian leaders that do not have the opportunity to enrich themselves using oil.

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