




Laos Country Report

THE WORKSHOP ON GENDER STATISTICS FOR SDG
INDICATORS



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Introduction

- **Location:** Middle of South-East Asia;
- **Area:** 236,800 Square kilometers;
- **Border:** Vietnam, China, Myanmar, Thailand, and Cambodia;
- **Regions, Provinces and Districts:** 3 regions: North, Center and South, 18 provinces and 149 districts;
- **Season:** 2 seasons such: rainy season and dry season;
- **Population:** 6.5 Mill. People in 2015 (Census);
- **Density:** 29 persons per square kilometer;
- **GDP:** 6.9% in 2017;
- **Poverty:** 23.2% in 2013;
- **Unemployment rate:** 9.4% in 2017.



Legislation in Laos regarding to gender

- BASED ON THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW);
- THE NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN (NSAW) 2016-2025 AND NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN;
- DECREE ON IMPLEMENTATION AND ACTION OF NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD;
- SDGS AND VISION 2030.
- ADAPTED TO NATIONAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NSEDPP);

Formation of a gender equal society

○ Formation of a gender equal society

A society in which both men and women, as equal members of society, are given opportunities to freely participate in activities in any fields of society and thereby equally enjoy political, economic, social, and cultural benefits as well as share responsibilities;

○ Basic principles for realizing a gender equal society

- 1) Respect for the Human Rights of Men and Women;
- 2) **Consideration for Social Systems or Practices;**
- 3) Joint Participation in Planning and Deciding Policies, etc;
- 4) Compatibility of Activities in Family Life and Other Activities;
- 5) International Cooperation.

DATA SOURCE

- POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS;
- AGRICULTURE CENSUS;
- LAO EXPENDITURE AND CONSUMPTION SURVEY (TIME USE AND POVERTY MEASUREMENT) ;
- LABOR FORCE SURVEY ;
- LAO SOCIAL INDICATOR SURVEY/MICH SURVEY;
- ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY.

Examples of statistics by sex, of Laos

LABOR FORCE BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Education attained	Lao PDR			Urban			Rural		
	Both sex	Male	Female	Both sex	Male	Female	Both sex	Male	Female
Not enrolled	9.3	6.5	12.7	4.3	3.0	5.7	13.0	8.9	18.1
Less than primary	33.9	32.8	35.3	23.6	21.0	26.6	41.5	41.0	42.2
Primary completed	20.4	21.6	18.9	20.3	20.5	20.1	20.4	22.4	17.9
Lower secondary	13.4	14.5	12.3	16.6	17.6	15.4	11.1	12.2	9.8
Upper Secondary	3.5	3.8	3.1	4.1	4.6	3.5	3.0	3.2	2.8
Vocational first	1.7	2.1	1.3	2.3	2.7	1.9	1.3	1.6	0.9
Vocational middle	4.9	5.2	4.6	6.9	7.1	6.6	3.5	3.8	3.0
Vocational high	6.9	7.2	6.6	10.9	11.2	10.5	4.0	4.4	3.6
University and upper	5.9	6.4	5.2	11.1	12.4	9.7	2.1	2.3	1.8
Lao PDR	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

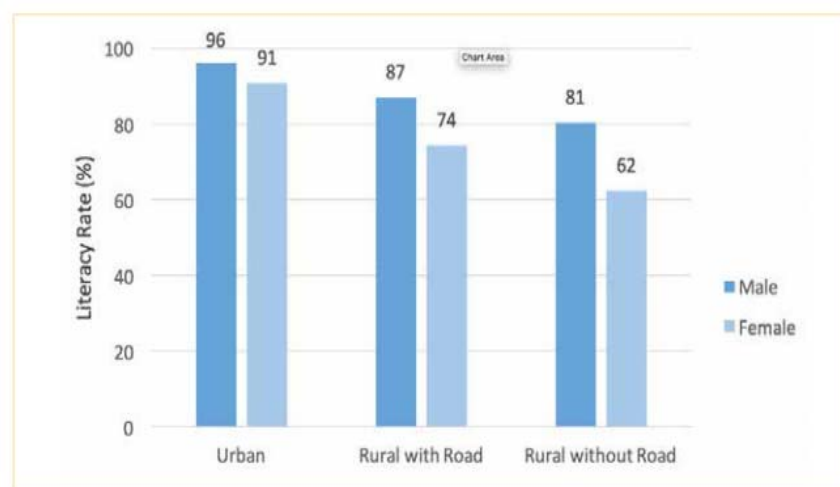
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE, BY PROVINCE, SEX AND GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Code	Province	Total			Urban			Rural		
		Both sex	Male	Female	Both sex	Male	Female	Both sex	Male	Female
1	Vientiane Capital	62.6	69.6	56.3	63.4	69.4	57.7	60.9	70.0	53.4
2	Phongsaly	50.8	55.7	45.8	58.9	63.4	54.2	47.4	52.4	42.4
3	Luangnamtha	42.3	50.4	34.6	55.7	59.6	52.1	34.7	45.2	24.5
4	Oudomxay	41.0	48.0	34.3	53.9	62.6	45.8	35.9	42.3	29.6
5	Bokeo	37.7	48.3	26.0	47.7	56.9	38.9	33.9	45.4	20.6
6	Luangprabang	36.6	41.2	32.1	46.5	48.0	45.2	32.3	38.3	26.2
7	Huaphanh	36.8	38.4	35.2	50.7	53.0	48.4	33.3	34.6	32.1
8	Xayabury	68.7	73.7	63.6	68.1	74.7	61.5	68.9	73.3	64.5
9	Xiengkhuang	58.5	60.0	57.0	83.5	83.7	83.2	49.8	51.7	48.0
10	Vientiane	39.6	42.7	36.5	57.5	64.3	51.6	33.8	36.4	31.3
11	Borikhamxay	33.0	36.0	30.2	30.3	33.8	27.3	36.4	38.7	34.0
12	Khammuane	30.0	33.0	27.3	42.3	42.6	42.0	25.2	29.2	21.5
13	Savannakhet	16.5	19.2	13.7	26.6	33.8	19.4	15.1	17.3	12.9
14	Saravane	23.0	25.2	20.9	58.7	58.2	59.3	18.4	20.8	16.1
15	Sekong	18.5	21.6	15.7	40.0	46.0	34.8	13.8	16.5	11.4
16	Champasack	47.1	52.4	42.2	51.2	55.6	47.3	45.0	50.8	39.6
17	Attapeu	37.5	44.7	30.9	51.1	51.3	51.0	32.4	42.3	23.1
18	Xaysomboun	36.9	42.1	31.7	53.6	60.5	47.0	31.4	36.2	26.3
	Lao PDR	40.8	45.2	36.5	53.8	58.6	49.3	34.6	39.0	30.4

SEX RATIO OF THE POPULATION CENSUS: 2005-2015

	Census Year	
	2005	2015
Total Population	5,621,982	6,492,228
Female	2,821,431	3,237,458
Male	2,800,551	3,254,770
Sex Ratio	99	101

LITERACY RATES BY SEX AND BY URBAN-RURAL



Source: Table P5.1 (2015 PHC, Appendix 1)

DISTRIBUTION OF NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS BY SEX OF THE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD BY URBAN-RURAL, HOUSEHOLD SIZE AND MARITAL STATUS

	Number of Households	Sex of the Household Head		
		Total	Female	Male
Total	1,183,386	100	13.2	86.8
Urban-Rural				
Urban	408,610	100	17.8	82.2
Rural with roads	687,492	100	11.2	88.8
Rural without roads	87,284	100	7.4	92.6
Household Size				
1	27,218	100	54.1	45.9
2	73,386	100	31.5	68.5
3	154,696	100	17.2	82.8
4	242,281	100	10.3	89.7
5	217,354	100	10.0	90
6	164,877	100	9.7	90.3
7	113,831	100	9.7	90.3
8+	189,743	100	10.0	90.6
Marital Status				
Never married	30,171	100	49.2	50.8
Married	1,024,585	100	4.5	95.5
Divorced/separated	34,567	100	75.0	25.0
Widowed	87,830	100	78.3	21.7
Stay together/In union	6,233	100	12.5	87.5

Source: Table P8.2 and P8.3 (2015 PHC, Appendix 1)

NEXT PLAN

- Improving and strengthening the promotion system for gender equality;
- Promoting planning and implementation of policies introducing the perspective of gender equality;
- Strengthening efforts of local governments and private organizations;
- Legislations Dissemination regarding to gender equal and human rights of men and women for grassroots level;
- Enhancement of the statistical information on gender equality and inequalities in the situation of women and men in all areas of life; the information will be promoted in accordance with the Statistics.



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Thank you

