



Country Presentation

Use of Census Data for Gender Statistics in Lao PDR

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Country Background

- **Area :** 236,800 Km²
- **Population:** 6.678 million (2013)
- **Population Growth Rate (percent):** 2.1
- **Ethnic Group :** 49
- **Religion :** Buddhism



- **Infant Mortality Rate (per thousand): 70**
- **Under 5 Mortality Rate (per thousand): 97.6**
- **Life Expectancy at Birth (year)**
 - **Female : 63**
 - **Male : 59**
- **Fertility**
 - **CBR (per thousand) : 34.7**
 - **TFR : 4.5**

- **Adult Literacy Rate (percent)**
 - **Female : 63.2**
 - **Male : 82.5**
- **Per capita GDP(US\$) : 1 281 (2011)**

Promotion on Gender Equality

- The first Constitution of Lao PDR, adopted in 1991, is a legal guarantee of equality between men and women in politics, economy, culture and society, as well as in the family (Articles 22, 24, 27).

Promotion on Gender Equality

- The Family Law (1990) provides generally that “the husband and wife have equal rights in all aspects within the family. The husband and wife together make decisions on their own family matters. Spouses are mutually obliged to love, shows mutual respect and care a joint obligation for child rearing and education and build up a genuine family bond, happiness and advancement” (Article 13).

Gender Differences in Education

Table 1: The Proportion of Population 6 Years and above by Sex and School Attendance in 2005

School Attendance	Census 2005		
	Female	Male	Total(%)
Never been to School	29.5	16.1	22.8
At School	25.6	31.3	28.4
Left School	42.4	51.1	46.7
No answer	2.6	1.6	2.1
Total (%)	100	100	100
Total number	2 393 104	2 367 389	4 760 493

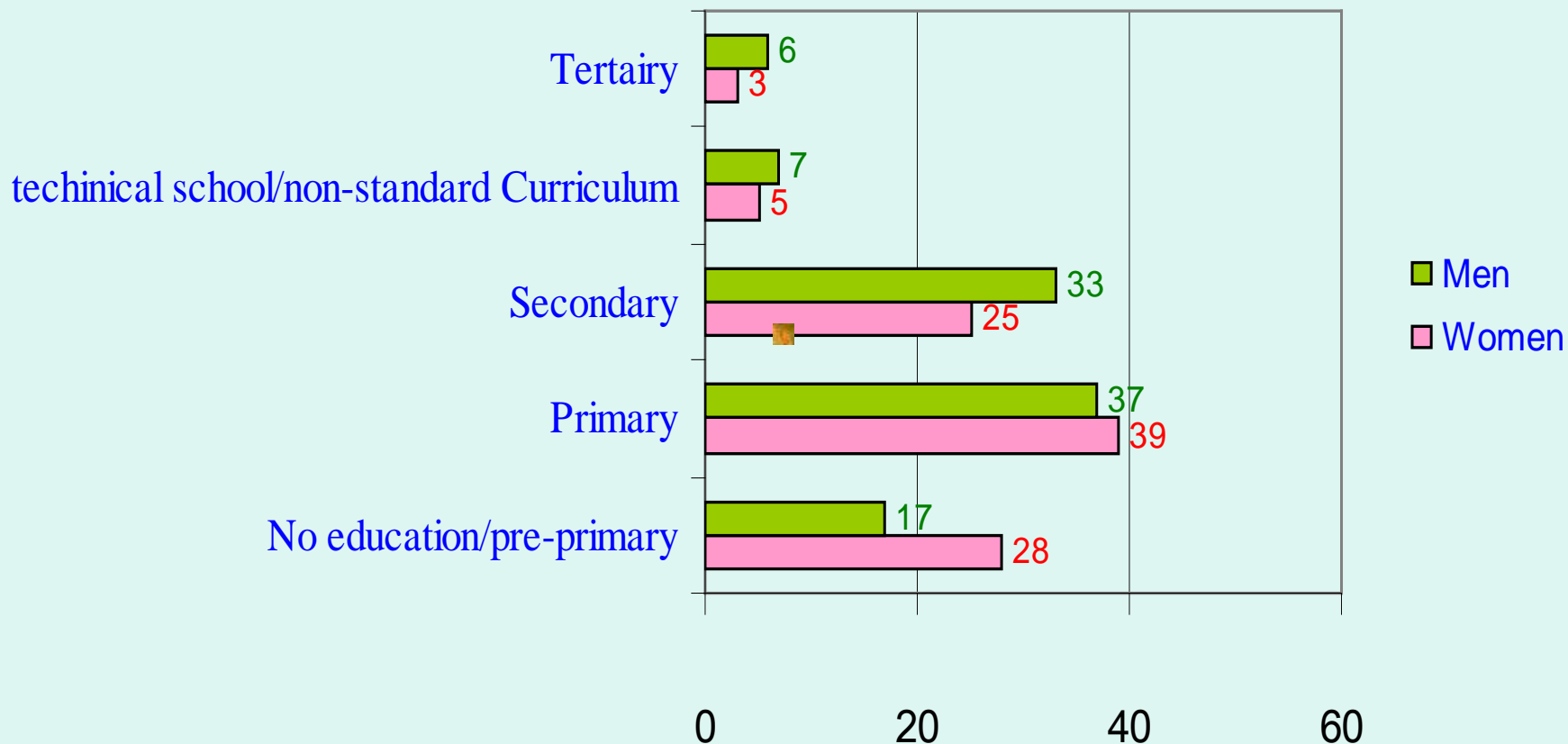
Source: Population and Housing Census 2005

Table 2: Literacy Rates for Population Aged 15 Years and above by Sex, and Residence in 2005

Urban/Rural	Census 2005					
	Female			Male		
	Population	Literate	Rate	Population	Literate	Rate
National	1 726 633	1 091 698	63.2	1 678 070	1 383 598	82.5
Urban	522 560	441 514	84.5	520 018	489 892	94.2
Rural	1 201 896	648 424	54.0	1 154 065	890 140	77.1

Source: Population and Housing Census 2005

Chart 1: Percent of Women and Men in Employment by Level of Education



Source: Lao PDR Labour Force Survey & Child Labour Survey, 2010

Sex Biases in Data Collection

- In May 2000, the Prime Minister's Office issued a Directive on the integration of sex-disaggregated statistics in policy and planning gender-sensitive development programs/projects.
- In January 2005 the Prime Minister's Office issued an additional Notification on the implementation of sex-disaggregated statistics in order for all sectors to widely apply in their real practice.

Sex Biases in Data Collection

Health



Health Personnel

Category	Unit	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
PhD	Person				
MA	Person				
Diploma	Person				
Expert	Person				
Health personel	Person				
Dentist	Person				
Pharmacist	Person				
Nurse	Person				
...	Person				
Other	Person				

Source: Ministry of Health

Health



Service Record in the Hospital

Name of Hospital:

Month.....20.....

Serial Number	Department or Sector	No. of bed	Existing Pateint	In		Out				Presence of patient	No. of exit	No. of day in Hospital	Average No. of stay
				Entry	Move in	Out	Move out	Dead	Total out				
1													
2													
3													
4													
5													
6													
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.													
.													
.													
	Total												

Source: Ministry of Health

Media, Culture, Tourism

Number of trainer, valunteer, children visit child cultural hall

Item	Unit	year	year
Technical trainer	Person		
Permanence trainer			
Invited trainer			
Valunteer	Person		
National			
International			
Children visitor	Person		
Member			
Not Member			

Source: Ministry of Medai, Culture and Tourism

Media, Culture, Tourism



Number of tourism by countries

Country	Unit	Year	Year
Total	Person		
Country A			
Country B			
...			

Source: Ministry of Medai, Culture and Tourism

Recommendations

- Improve access to education, through investment in rural schools and educational services, to reduce gender gaps and adult female literacy;
- Improve capacity and institutional support for gender mainstreaming machinery;

Recommendations

- Strengthen capacity among government agencies in the areas of gender analysis or research .
- Promote the use of sex-disaggregated indicators in planning, implementation, monitoring;

Next Census

- 2015
- Activities prepared
- In process



Thank You

