



Lao People's Democratic Republic

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

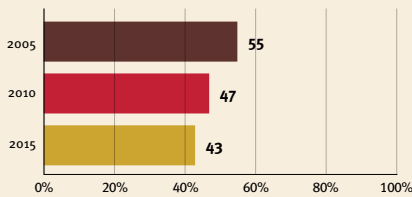
Demographics

Population	7,529,475
Annual births	161,682
Children under 5	787,424 (10%)
Under-five mortality	43/1,000

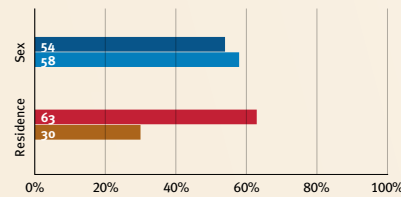
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	126/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	83/1,000
Low birthweight	17%	Preterm births	11%
Child poverty	30%	Under-five stunting	28%
Violent discipline	65%	Inadequate supervision	12%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty



Children developmentally on-track

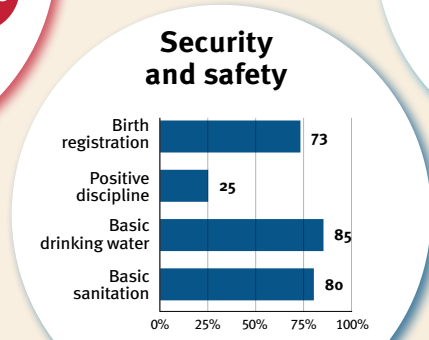
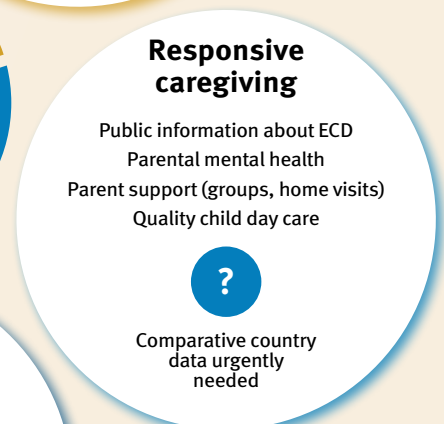
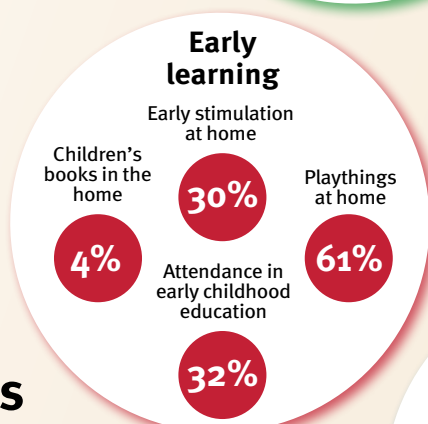
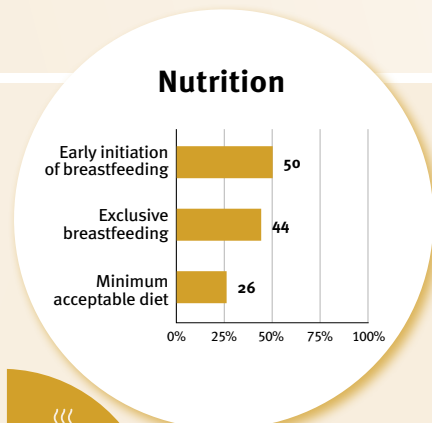
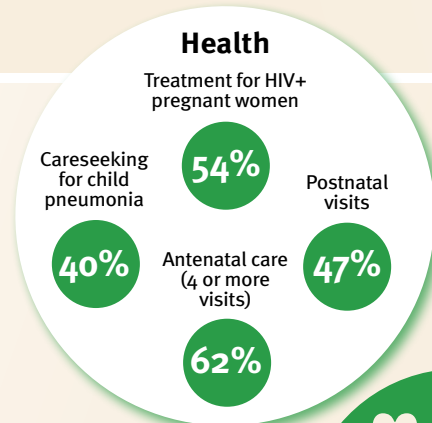


At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

Parents and caregivers need a facilitating environment of laws, policies, services and community support to assist them in providing their young children with nurturing care.

Facilitating environments



Policies				
✓	20-39%	40-59%	60-79%	≥80%
Officially adopted national multisectoral ECD policy				
Child and family social protection				
None	<14	14 - <18	18 - <26	≥26
Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

International conventions	
✓	Convention on the Rights of the Child
✓	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
✓	CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
✗	Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption