



Lao People's Democratic Republic *Countdown to 2030*

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

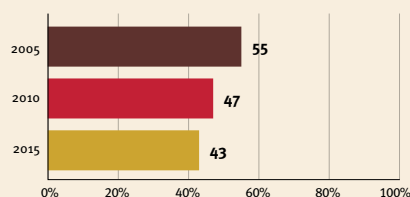
Demographics

Population	7,717,674
Annual births	162,644
Children under 5	791,701 (10%)
Under-five mortality	39/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

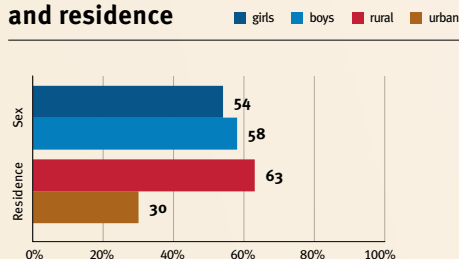
Maternal mortality	112/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	83/1,000
Low birthweight	17%	Preterm births	11%
Child poverty	30%	Under-five stunting	30%
Violent discipline	54%	Inadequate supervision	14%

Young children at risk of poor development



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

Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

3%

Children developmentally on-track

59%

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

✓	Officially adopted national multisectoral ECD policy				
	<20%	20-39%	40-59%	60-79%	≥80%
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)					

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

68%

Postnatal visits

47%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

62%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

26%

Children's books in the home

3%

Playthings at home

56%

Attendance in early childhood education

27%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

45%

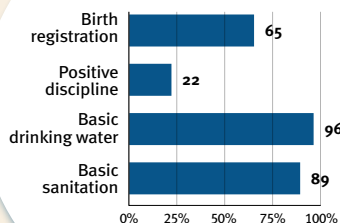
Exclusive breastfeeding

51%

Minimum acceptable diet

26%

Security and safety



Responsive caregiving

Public information about ECD
Parental mental health
Parent support (groups, home visits)
Quality child day care

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Comparative country data urgently needed

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