LAO PEOPLE’S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC 2018

The Lao People’s Democratic Republic is a diverse country with more than 49 ethnic groups, many residing in hard-to-reach mountainous areas. The country has a high adolescent birth rate and the highest maternal mortality ratios in the region. Since 1976, UNFPA support has been integral in responding to the needs of women and the growing youth population. With 60 per cent of the country’s 6.25 million people under the age of 25, the focus is now on sexual reproductive health, needs, choices and rights as an entry point to sustainable development.

KEY RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2018

NATIONAL PLAN FOR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
A costed, integrated national plan was developed for sexual and reproductive health, which prioritizes access for key groups.

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAMMES FOR GIRLS
Over 220 Marginalized girls were reached with health, social and economic asset-building programmes.

POPULATION PROJECTIONS
Publicly available population projections at national and subnational levels, disaggregated by age, sex, location were generated.

LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM
All 10 provinces integrated essential reproductive health medicines and equipment specified in the Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health Strategy in the mSupply (electronic stock/supply management) system.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE SURVIVORS
Post disaster support to 500 women for psycho social support and other services through sessions in women friendly spaces. Women received information on mother and child health, family planning, GBV and legal issues.

FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES
National coverage of family planning services increased from 35% in 2016 to 43% in 2018.

SCHOOL-BASED COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION
Life skills are integrated into primary school curriculum.

PARTICIPATION IN POLICY AND PROGRAMMES
Finalised National Youth and Adolescent Policy.

POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY

ADOLESCENT-FRIENDLY SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES
151,958 Adolescents reached with youth friendly sexual reproductive services.

MOTHERHOOD CARE
159,310 Women of Reproductive Age provided safe motherhood care by Midwives trained with UNFPA support.
**Programme Activities**

**Integrated sexual and reproductive health services**
- Total Spending: $1,911,322 (66.6%)
  - Implemented by: UNFPA $607,958 (32%) Gov $1,303,364 (68%)
  - Funded by: Core Resources (100%) Non-core Resources (0%)

Every woman, adolescent and youth everywhere, especially those furthest behind, has utilized integrated sexual and reproductive health services and exercised reproductive rights, free of coercion, discrimination and violence.

**Gender equality**
- Total Spending: $3,222 (0.1%)
  - Implemented by: UNFPA $3,222 (100%)
  - Funded by: Core Resources (63%) Non-core Resources (37%)

Gender equality, the empowerment of all women and girls, and reproductive rights are advanced in development and humanitarian settings.

**Organizational effectiveness**
- Total Spending: $0.00
  - Implemented by:
  - Funded by:

Organizational effectiveness and efficiency, with improved programming for results and partnership coordination.

**Analysis on population dynamics**
- Total Spending: $255,832 (8.9%)
  - Implemented by: UNFPA $155,303 (61%) Gov $100,529 (39%)
  - Funded by: Core Resources (100%) Non-core Resources (0%)

Everyone, everywhere, is counted, and accounted for, in the pursuit of sustainable development.

**Adolescents and youth**
- Total Spending: $698,040 (24.3%)
  - Implemented by: UNFPA $496,017 (71%) NGO $88,208 (13%) Gov $113,815 (16%)
  - Funded by: Core Resources (63%) Non-core Resources (37%)

Every adolescent and youth, in particular adolescent girls, is empowered to have access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, in all contexts, with consideration for their active participation and leadership.

**Technical Notes and Sources**

Key Achievement Results as of December 2018. Emergency Key Results for 2018 as of May 2019. Data for the Emergency Key Results will be updated on the UNFPA website on a rolling basis as it becomes available from reporting countries. For most up to date data access the online results portal.