



Country Profile: Food Security Indicators

Country: Lao People Democratic Republic

		1990-92	1995-97	2003-05	1990-92 to 1995-97 (%)	1995-97 to 2003-05 (%)
<i>annual change</i>						
I. FOOD DEPRIVATION AND CONSUMPTION INDICATORS						
Food Deprivation						
Proportion of undernourishment	percent	27	26	19	-0.5	-3.8
Number of undernourished	millions	1.1	1.3	1.1	2.2	-1.9
Food deficit of undernourished population	kcal/person/day	260	260	250	0.0	-0.7
Food Needs						
Minimum dietary energy requirement (MDER)	kcal/person/day	1640	1640	1690	0.1	0.3
Average dietary energy requirement (ADER)	kcal/person/day	2030	2040	2110	0.1	0.4
Food Supply for Human Consumption						
Dietary energy supply (DES)	kcal/person/day	2070	2090	2300	0.2	1.2
Total protein consumption	g/person/day	51	52	63	0.6	2.3
Animal protein consumption	g/person/day	7	9	13	5.1	4.8
Fat consumption	g/person/day	23	26	31	2.7	2.0
Diet Composition (Share in DES):						
Carbohydrate	percent	80	79	77	-0.4	-0.3
Total protein	percent	10	10	11	0.4	1.1
Animal protein	percent	1	2	2	4.9	3.6
Fat	percent	10	11	12	2.5	0.8
Major food commodities consumed (share in DES)*						
1 - Milled Paddy Rice	percent	72	71	64	-0.2	-1.3
2 - Flour of Maize	percent	6	5	8	-2.8	5.5
3 - Vegetables Fresh nes	percent	0	0	3	3.4	23.3
4 - Pigmeat	percent	2	3	3	3.0	-0.2
5 - Beverages Dist Alcoholic	percent	2	2	2	-0.3	-0.7
Share of cereals and roots & tubers in DES	percent	84	81	75	-0.7	-0.9
Share of oils and fats in DES	percent	2	2	2	2.6	-0.6
*ranked on the latest 3-year period						
II. FOOD PRODUCTION INDICATORS						
Role of production to consumption by major commodity**						
1 - Milled Paddy Rice	percent	107	100	145	-1.4	4.6
2 - Flour of Maize	percent	100	100	100	0.0	0.0
3 - Vegetables Fresh nes	percent	105	105	105	0.0	0.0
4 - Pigmeat	percent	98	100	100	0.3	0.0
5 - Beverages Dist Alcoholic	percent	100	98	95	-0.4	-0.4
**ratio of production to consumption by major commodity						



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III. FOOD TRADE INDICATORS

Foreign Food Trade

Exports

Total merchandise	MLN US\$	149	337	417	16.4	2.7
Share of food (1) in total merchandise value	percent	13.1	4.4	1.3	-22.0	-15.3
Share in total DES production	percent	0.4	0.5	0.9	4.8	7.1

Imports

Total merchandise	MLN US\$	226	678	686	22.0	0.1
Share of food (1) in total merchandise value	percent	6.7	7.2	9.3	1.5	3.2
Share in total DES production	percent	1.4	2.5	2.4	12.3	-0.5

Role of imports to consumption by major commodity***

1 - Milled Paddy Rice	percent	2	3	3	7.7	1.0
2 - Flour of Maize	percent					
3 - Vegetables Fresh nes	percent	0	0	0		-7.5
4 - Pigmeat	percent	0	0	0		
5 - Beverages Dist Alcoholic	percent	0	2	5		11.1

***ratio of imports to consumption by major commodity

Food Aid Received

Cereal aid shipments	1000 MT		27	17		-6.3
Share of food aid in total dietary energy supply (DES)	percent	1.0	2.5	1.3	18.2	-8.5

IV. MACRO AND SOCIO ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Population

Total population	1000	4200	4806	5575	2.7	1.9
Density	Inh/sq Km	18	21	24	2.7	1.9
Share of urban in total population	percent	16	18	20	2.1	1.8
Age dependency ratio (per 100 persons aged 15-64)	ratio	91.9	91.6	78.9	-0.1	-1.9

Macro economic aggregates

GDP at market prices (constant 2000 US\$)	MLN US\$	991	1377	2203	6.6	5.9
Share of agriculture value added in total GDP	percent	60	54	46	-2.3	-1.9

Poverty (last year available) (%of population)

National (Poverty headcount) * Year 2003 only.	percent			33.0		
Rural (Poverty headcount) * Year 1998 only.	percent			41.0		
Urban (Poverty headcount) * Year 1998 only.	percent					

Inequality in Access to Food and to Income

Gini of income * Year 2002 only.	percent			34.6		
Gini of dietary energy consumption * Year 1992 only.	percent			17.1		
Share of food in total expenditure * Year 2003 only.	percent			51.7		
Consumer price index (Base=2000)	percent		16.0	152.0		28.4
Consumer food price index (Base=2000)	percent		16.0	149.0		27.9

Literacy rate

Adult female (% of females ages 15 and above) * Year 2005 only.	percent			72.7		
Adult male (% of males ages 15 and above) * Year 2005 only.	percent			82.5		
Adult total (% of people ages 15 and above) * Year 2005 only.	percent			63.2		



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V. AGRICULTURE INDICATORS

Agricultural inputs

Total labour force	1000	2049	2364	2875	2.9	2.4
Share of agricultural labour force (2) in total labour force	percent	77.9	77.1	75.8	-0.2	-0.2
Share of female in agricultural labour force	percent	47.8	48.2	48.9	0.2	0.2

Land

Arable land	1000 HA	862	910	1074	1.1	2.1
Share of irrigated in total arable land	percent	16.2	17.4	16.3	1.4	-0.8

Inputs

Fertilizer use/Arable land	kg nutr./HA					
Tractors / Arable land	no/1000 HA	1.1	1.1	0.7	1.6	-6.7

Investments in agriculture

Agricultural support estimate for OECD countries	US\$ billion					
External assistance to agriculture	Const.US\$/agric.worker	29.8	26.4	22.9	-2.4	-1.8
Agriculture, value added per worker	Const. 2000US\$	360.1	399.8	458.6	2.1	1.7

VI. HEALTH, NUTRITIONAL AND SANITATION INDICATORS

Child Nutritional Status

Stunting, less than - 2 s.d * Year 2000 only.	percent			42.4		
Overweight, more than + 2 s.d * Year 2000 only.	percent			2.7		

Adult Nutritional Status

Underweight * Year 2000 only.	percent					
Obesity * Year 2000 only.	percent			1.2		

Health and Sanitation

Life expectancy at birth	years	55	59	63	1.2	0.9
Under-five mortality rate * Year 2007 only.	per 1000 live births			70		
Infant mortality rate (0-1 year) * Year 2007 only.	per 1000 live births			56		
Access to safe water * Year 2006 only.	percent			60		
Access to adequate sanitation * Year 2006 only.	percent			48		
Maternal mortality ratio * Year 2005 only.	per 10 ⁵ live births			660		

Notes: (1) Crops & livestock products; (2) Includes fishing, forestry & hunting.