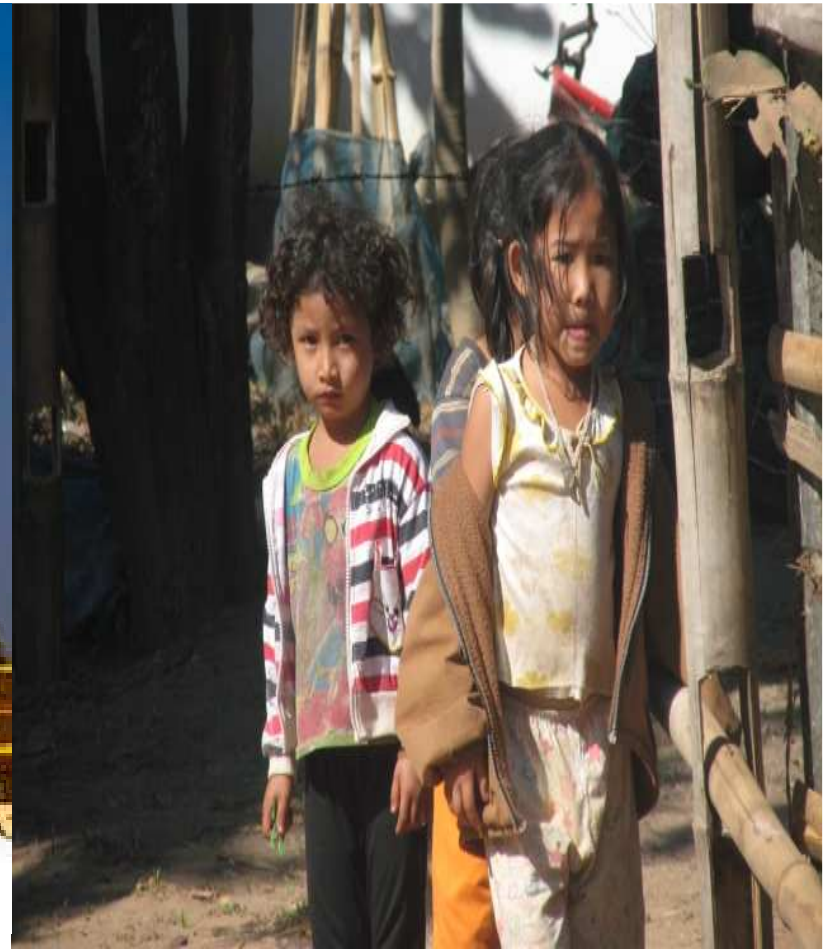




Youth Employment in Lao PDR

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Labour Force Structure

- Lao Population 5,8 M
- GDP growth 8,1%
- About 80% are in Agricultural sector
 - LF 3,2 M
 - Employed 3,1 M
 - Unemployed 1,2 %
 - LFPR of Population aged 5-17 years old is 15 %

Source: LF & CL survey 2010

Youth employment

- Populations 15 – 24 years old 1,2 M
 - Employed 97,8%
 - Unemployed 2,2%
 - 20-24 years old unemployed 3,0 %

Source: LF & CL survey 2010

School to Work

- Pupils Finished Upper secondary School (11 years) 45,000 per year .
 - Go to Higher educational institute approximately 50% (21 domestic Institutes)
 - Go to Technical and Vocational institutes approximately 20% (53 domestic institutes)
 - Go to Labour market 30%

Challenges

- Very few jobs vacancies for High educated people, many of them can not find the job.
- Lack of Labour in manufacturing & agricultural sector (Garment, plantation)
- Lao young workers can not access to the high skill work in the country (Big construction projects)
- The Labour Market Information System Very weak
- Many of Lao young people go to work in abroad illegally.

Policy and regulations

- Ministerial agreement on Lao workers sending to abroad number 68/PM, and Directive of Decree on Lao workers sending to abroad number 2417/MLSW
- Regulation of The Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare on Regions and Jobs Prohibition for Lao workers sending to abroad number 3824/MLSW
- Ministerial agreement on working permission and Employment duration for foreign workers in Laos number 5418/MLSW and Ministry`s Regulation on Recruitment Agency Establishment and Controlling number 043/MLSW
- MOU on employment cooperation with Thailand in 2002
- Drafting Employment service Code
- Revising Labour Law
- Conducting TVET and Labour market Project with MOE
- ILO – China Project on employment strengthening

Thank you



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