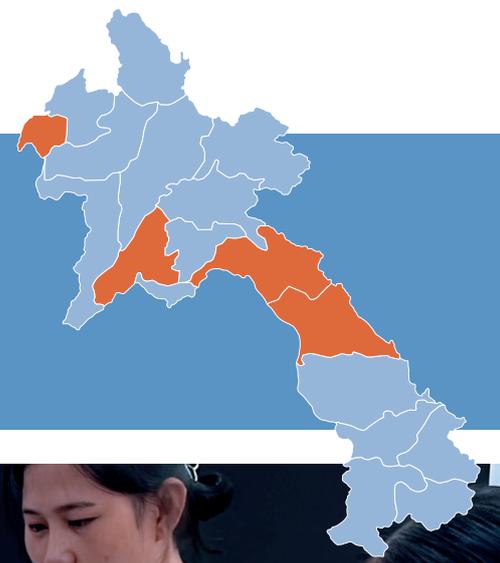




# HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAMME

LAO/035



**SECTOR** | Health

**AGENCY** | LuxDev

**DURATION** | 01.01.2023 - 31.12.2027 (60 months)

## TARGET GROUPS

National coverage with emphasis on the entire population of the four partner provinces Bolikhamsay, Khammouane, Vientiane and Bokeo, estimated at over 1,400,000 people.

## INSTITUTIONAL ANCHORAGE

Ministry of Health

## SECTORIAL POLICIES AND REFERENCE STRATEGIES

9th National Socio-Economic Development Plan and Health Sector development plans

**BUDGET** | EUR 35,802,420



Despite remarkable achievements in improving health outcomes, including life expectancy, key indicators such as infant, under-five and maternal mortality from preventable causes are still high and nutrition indicators at the village level are slow to progress. This can be attributed in large parts to health system challenges.

The Health and Nutrition (H&N) programme is the continuation of two previous healthcare support initiatives. The preceding programme's (LAO/027) specific objective aimed at supporting the implementation of the updated Health Sector Reform Framework 2013-2025, with a specific focus on mother and child health, by fostering and supporting district health systems and actors.

The H&N programme aims to build on the strengths of the previous programme and will predominantly contribute to the long-term change objective that Lao people demand and have access to an essential health service package – including Reproductive Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) and nutrition services – of adequate quality and affordable to all, leaving no one behind.

The programme will maintain a steady geographic focus in the three central provinces of Bolikhamsay, Khammouane and Vientiane with a full range of health systems strengthening actions, while increasing overall effectiveness and efficiency by deepening interventions. In addition, Bokeo, as one of Luxembourg's priority partner provinces, is being covered with actions related to Human Resource Capital Development and integrated RMNCAH, including nutrition outreach activities.

The primary/final beneficiaries of the programme are the entire population of the four current partner provinces estimated at over 1,400,000 people across all districts. Considering the focus on RMNCAH, women of reproductive age and children under the age of five will be the main beneficiaries.

Moreover, the H&N programme integrates the activities of Luxembourg based medical specialised NGO *Aide au Développement de la Santé* (ADS) in support of the Lao-Luxembourg Heart Institute in Mahosot Hospital in Vientiane capital to provide humanitarian medical assistance using high level medical techniques for cardiovascular pathology through regular in-country visits and training of local specialists.

