



Lao People's Democratic Republic
Peace Independence Democracy Unity Prosperity

National Nutrition Advocacy Meeting

Programme











4 May, 2006 at Don Chanh Palace,
Vientiane, Lao PDR
































1. Objectives:

- To strengthen the awareness among decision-makers, line ministries and mass organizations of malnutrition and other nutritional problems in Lao PDR and the importance of urgently addressing these issues to reach the goals set forth in the National Growth and Poverty Eradication Strategy (NGPES) and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);
- To mobilize support and directions for the development of the National Nutrition Policy and Strategy to improve nutrition;
- To strengthen the coordination and cooperation with all concerned ministries, agencies and organizations in order to improve nutritional status of the Lao people and contribute to poverty reduction


















2. Participants:

2.1 V.I.P persons:

 Minister of Health	1
 Minister of Agriculture and Forestry	1
 Vice Minister of Education	1
 Prime Minister Office, Cabinet	1
 Committee for Planning and Investment, Cabinet	1
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cabinet	1
 UNICEF Representative	1
 WHO Regional Office	1
 FAO Headquarter and Regional Office	3
 National Nutrition Institute, Vietnam	1

2.2 Ministry of Health:		
 Departments		7
 Centers		8
 Food and Drug Laboratory Center		1
 Medical Science Council		1
 Central Hospitals		6
 Public Health Institute		1
 Technical Public Health School (Lido)		1
 Minister's Secretariat		1
2.3 Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry		
 Department of Planning		1
 Department of Agriculture		1
 Department of Forestry		1
 Department of Livestock and Fisheries		1
 NAFRI ¹		1
 NAFES		1
2.4 Development of the National Nutrition Strategy Technical Working Group		30
2.5 Concerned Ministries:		
 Committee for Planning and Investment		1
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs		1
 Ministry of Education		1
 Ministry of Industry and Handicraft		1
 Ministry of Commerce		1
 Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare		1
 Ministry of Information and Culture		1
 Lao Women's Union		1
 Lao Front Union		1
 Lao Trade Union		1
 Lao Youth Union		1
 National University of Lao PDR – Faculty of Agriculture		1
 Mother and Child Committee		1
2.6 International Organizations including NGO's:		
 UNICEF		2
 WHO		2
 FAO		1
 WFP		2

¹ It is suggested to invite Agricultural Research Centres: Livestock, Forestry, Agriculture and Horticulture (total 4)

 UNDP	1
 UNFPA	1
 WB	1
 ADB	1
 JICA	1
 AUS-Aid	1
 Kidsmile	1
 Sida/Embassy of Sweden	1
 European Union/European Commission	1
 ACF	1
 CCL	1
 Medicine San Frontiere	1
 IFMT	1
 Health Unlimited	1
 IUCN	1
 CIAT	1
 GTZ	1

2.7 Mass media:

 Lao Television	1
 Vientiane Times	1
 Pasason	1
 Le Renovateur	1

3. Program:

Timing:	Activities:	Presenters:
8.00-8.30	Registration	
	Advocacy session for decision makers and concerned ministries, agencies and organizations on the situation of malnutrition in Lao PDR and future actions	
8.30-9.00	Opening ceremony: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting objectives 2. Remarks 3. Opening remark 4. Opening remark 	Dr. Khamseng Philavang, MHC UN Resident Coordinator Minister of Health Permanent Secretary
9:00-9:20	Key Note Speech: <i>Nutrition problems and its impact in Lao PDR and existing programmes related to Mother and Child Health</i>	Dr. Duangchanh Keoasa, Dept. of Hygiene and Prevention, MOH
9:20-9:35	<i>Food-based approaches to improving malnutrition problems– lessons from Lao PDR and the Region</i>	FAO RAP/HQ Nutrition Officer
9:35-9:50	<i>Food insecurity in Lao PDR and links to malnutrition</i>	World Food Program
9:50-10:05	<i>Future role of agricultural sector in improving nutritional status</i>	Ministry of Agriculture
10:05-10:25	Coffee break	
10:25-10:40	<i>Future roles of the Education sector in improving nutritional status</i>	Ministry of Education
10:40-10:50	<i>Future roles of the Lao Women’s Union in improving nutritional status</i>	Lao Women’s Union
10:50-11:00	<i>The importance of nutrition in reaching the MDGs and NGPES goals</i>	Committee for Planning and Investment
11:00-11:20	<i>Experiences on Implementing the Nutrition Strategy in Vietnam</i>	Professor Nguyen Cong Khan National Nutrition Institute, Vietnam
11:20-12:00	Discussion	
12:00-12:15	Closing Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry - Minister of Health 	
12:15-13:15	Lunch	
	<i>(Continued in the afternoon for technical officers)</i>	

13:30-16:30	National Nutrition Strategy Technical Working Group – Working session and brainstorming	
13:30-13:45	Introduction to the session	Professor Nguyen Cong Khan National Nutrition Institute, Vietnam
13:45-14:00	Presentation of the plan for Developing the National Nutrition Strategy – Steps and Outline of the Strategy	Working group on Nutrition and Food Security
14:00 -15:00	Working session to discuss the following topics: 1. Components of the National Nutrition Strategy 2. Institutional set-up and establishment of National Nutrition Committee – Steering Committee, National Technical Working Group and Core Group 3. Integration and coordination among sectors	
15:15-15:30	Coffee break	
15:30-16:15	Presentations of working session outcomes	
15:30-16:15	Closing of the Meeting	Director-General, Dept of Hygiene and Prevention, MOH, Director-General of Dept of Planning, MAF