

## *Lao Democratic Republic*

### SOURCE

**Name of source:** *1996 National Survey of Disabled Persons*

**Institution responsible for the statistics:** Ministry of Health and Power

**Type of source:** Household survey

**Periodicity:** Na

**Objectives:** To collect the information needed to determine how to provide artificial limbs, orthopaedic, aids and education services for 3 categories of disabilities. The survey found 55,600 persons with disabilities, which is 1.23% of the total population. As occurred, the major causes of disability in the country were hunger, infectious diseases, lack of appropriate pre- and post-natal care, violence and poor medical services. The war of 1950s -1970s resulted in the growth of number of disabled persons in the country.

### COVERAGE

**Disabilities:** Arm knee amputees, below knee amputees, above knee amputees, foot deformities, leg deformities, deaf, blind

**Population groups:** All

**Total population covered:** Na

**Economic activities:** Na

**Sectors covered:** Na

**Labour force status:** Na

**Status in Employment:** Na

**Geographic areas:** Na

**Establishments:** Na

**Other limitations:** Na

### TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

**Term used to denote 'disability':** 'Disability' or 'A person with disabilities'

**Definition of this term:** A person with disabilities is someone whose ability to perform daily activities has been hindered.

**Source of this definition:** Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare (MOLSW) meeting titled, 'Developing a National

Strategy for People with Disabilities,' held on February 21, 2000

**Questions used to identify persons with disabilities:** 'Does anyone have a disability: amputees, visual impairment, deformities, hearing and speech impairment?' 'What is the cause of your disability: at birth, sickness, accident, war, UXO, other?'

**Minimum duration to be considered as a person with disability:** Na

#### **CLASSIFICATION**

**Classifications:** Sex, province, type of disability, level of education, age

**Cross-classifications:** Na

**REFERENCE PERIOD:** Na

#### **DISSEMINATION**

**National publications:** Country Profile on Disability, Lao Democratic Republic

**Website:**

[http://gwwweb.jica.go.jp/km/FSubject0601.nsf/50e70e491615c34a492571c7002a982d/54a619bb76fd92034925727d0008246b/\\$FILE/LaoPDR\(2002\).pdf](http://gwwweb.jica.go.jp/km/FSubject0601.nsf/50e70e491615c34a492571c7002a982d/54a619bb76fd92034925727d0008246b/$FILE/LaoPDR(2002).pdf)