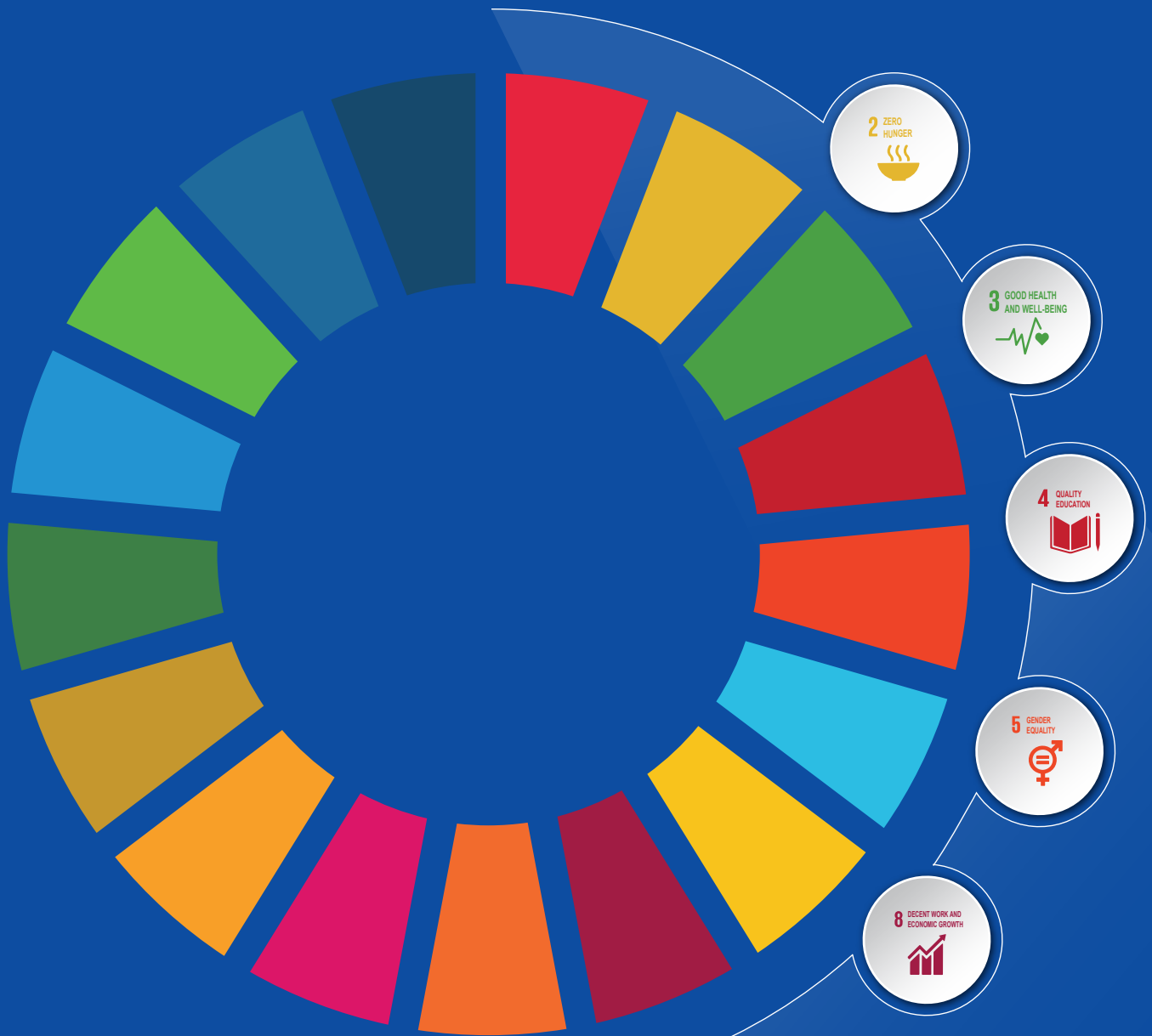




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## **Decree on Endorsement and Enforcement**

### **Lao Youth and Adolescent Development Strategy 2021-2030**

- Based on the Law on Government No. 04/NA, dated 8 November 2016
- Based on the Law on the Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Organization No. 15/NA, dated 3 May 2017
- Based on the letter of the People's Revolutionary Youth Union No. 870/LYU, dated 13 November 2020.

### **Prime Minister Issues the Decree**

Article 1 Endorse and enforce the Lao Youth and Adolescent Development Strategy 2021-2030

Article 2 The People's Revolutionary Youth Union takes the lead and coordinates with other relevant sectors to effectively and efficiently disseminate and implement the strategy, as well as to periodically report to the government

Article 3 Ministries, government organizations, provinces, the capital and other relevant stakeholders

Article 4 This Decree shall become effective from the date of its signature onward.

Prime Minister



H. E. Thongloun Sisoulith



## Preface

Secretary General, The Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union

The Lao Youth and Adolescent Development Strategy has been drafted for the first time in the history of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) and is a very important strategy because the country has a very young population, accounting for a large proportion of the population and representing the main future labor force in all areas of work. In the past, the Lao PDR did not have a specific strategy for adolescents and youth development. The 7th National Youth Congress conceived seven programs and 40 projects, with the Lao Youth and Adolescent Development Strategy falling under Program 2, "Institutional empowerment of adolescents", and Program 3, "Protecting the rights and interests of adolescents and youth and preventing adolescents and youth from engaging in unhealthy behaviors", to promote the Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union (LPRYU) at all levels and in all sectors concerned in their development plans and action plans in relation to adolescents and youth as a whole. It is also the intention to continue developing the National Youth Development Index, which in turn contributes to the development of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Youth and International Development Index.

As a result, the LPRYU has consulted with concerned ministries, relevant organizations, international organizations, young people and civil society organizations about the importance of developing the Lao Youth and Adolescent Development Strategy. The initial ideas for the development of the strategy, together with the action plan, were developed and adopted. In order to ensure the effective operationalization of the drafting process, coordination mechanisms and implementation mechanisms were established. These mechanisms included the establishment of a National Steering Committee, a technical team and a secretariat. Then formulated and defined the priority areas by identifying questions for research in each area and desk reviews were conducted for each of the priority areas, The United Nations networks, mainly the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), provided technical and financial support throughout all stages of the development of the Lao Youth and Adolescent Development Strategy and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) also provided support in this process.

This strategy is based on the Law on the Lao Revolutionary Youth Organization, amendment version 2019, the results of a UNFPA-LPRYU joint study "Adolescents and Youth Situation Analysis", conducted in 2014, and the 5-year strategic plan of the LPRYU. The discussion to develop the Lao Youth and Adolescent Development Strategy was started in 2016.

It also utilized existing technical documents and information from various sources (secondary data) to identify problems and the needs of adolescents and youth. This was to ensure that the strategy is developed based on the contextual needs. The draft Lao Youth and Adolescent Development Strategy (2021-2030) was then prepared, presented and consulted on through several technical meetings, stakeholder consultations and steering committee meetings.

The secretariat implemented the measures necessary to ensure the effective participation of adolescents and youth. The youth leadership, having authority to make decisions on the process of drafting the strategy, has been engaged to ensure that the directions of the strategy are consistent with the requirements, needs and desires of adolescents and youth in the country without discrimination based on any grounds. The aim is for comprehensive development of adolescents and youth to ensure that no one will be left behind.

In order to ensure appropriate implementation of the strategy with full seriousness by the sectors concerned with programs related to adolescents and youth development, there is a need for all concerned parties, as well as people of all ethnic groups, to support and contribute to the implementation of the strategy as best they can.

In order to ensure the full and proper implementation of the strategy by the sector concerned, as the representative of the LPRYU, I am grateful to all of you who have contributed experiences and expertise to the development of this historic Lao Youth and Adolescent Development Strategy. Hopefully this strategy will be useful for the actual implementation of youth and adolescent development initiatives by each sector concerned. Nevertheless, this strategy may not be as comprehensive as it should be. The LPRYU welcomes feedback on this strategy to ensure that its implementation is complete and comprehensive. We will be pleased to consider all the feedback to further improve this strategy.

**The Lao People’s Revolutionary Youth Union**

**Secretary-General**

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