



Results of Population and Housing Census 2015



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Foreword

The 4th Population and Housing Census (PHC) 2015 was conducted from March 1-7, 2015 according to Prime Ministerial Decree No.89/PM, dated September 11, 2013. The PHC has been conducted in the country every 10 years since 1985.

The 2015 PHC is important as it provides statistics to facilitate planning and decision-making by Government planners and policy-makers. The rich stream of information from the collection of data from almost every individual in the country is invaluable for a broad scope of development plans and programmes, particularly those relating to poverty alleviation, health, education, drinking water, sanitation, improved infrastructure, promotion of gender equality and women's empowerment as well as the improved quality of life of people living in remote areas.

This national report of the 2015 PHC of Lao PDR contains detailed and disaggregated information on demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the country's population and households at national and provincial levels. Importantly, the results highlight a number of changes over the past 10 years. It is our hope that the data and information from this 2015 PHC will help ensure inclusive, sustainable growth and development, in particular for the planning, monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the 8th National Socio-Economic Development Plan (2016-2020) and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Government of Lao PDR contributed considerable resources towards the 2015 PHC to ensure its successful completion, along with technical, financial and material assistance from key development partners, including United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), World Bank (WB), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Government of the People's Republic of China, Handicap International, International Labour Organization and United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP).

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