Lao PDR's FP2030 Commitment

LAO PDR’S FAMILY PLANNING VISION FOR 2030:

Accelerate progress towards the achievement of universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights.

1. Improve access to adolescent and youth-responsive health systems for contraceptive use

To lower the maternal mortality ratio and adolescent pregnancy rate, and address unmet need for family planning (FP) among unmarried adolescent girls, the government will:

- Enforce family registration and family laws
- Enhance community engagement such as CONNECT (on sexual and reproductive health and rights, including youth-friendly services (YFS) for adolescents and young people)
- Expand comprehensive sexual education within lower and high level education in Lao PDR
- Establish a partnership with the Mass Organization/CSOs/NGOs and the private sector to conduct national and regional advocacy campaigns on the prevention of teenage pregnancy and child marriage
- Strengthen multi-sectoral coordination and collaboration to prevent/reduce teenage pregnancy
- Enhance disaggregated data in the DHIS2
- Enhance innovation and digital technology to increase access to contraceptive information and uptake

2. Ensure the availability of quality and safe YFS/FP information and services to decrease the unmet need for FP among adolescents and young people (15-24 yrs) from 31.1% to 12% by 2030

To address the high teenage pregnancy rate, and high unmet need for family planning among adolescents, as well as a lack of access to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) information among young people, the government will:

- Increase demand for quality FP information and services through YFS at all levels
- Ensure access to quality counseling and informed family planning information and services with a full method mix at all levels of the health care delivery system.
- Ensure the availability of motivated Competent and Compassionate health workforce for YFS/FP through outreach and supervision
- Improve availability of quality post-partum and post-abortion FP services
- Ensure the availability of the facility standards of YFS/FP service integration at health service delivery point

3. Increase the availability (no stock out) of Contraceptive /RH commodities from 53% to 100%

To reduce the “no stock-out” status of five modern contraceptive methods at lower health facility levels, the government will:

- Build the capacity for health staff involved in the supply chain and logistics management system at all levels
- Strength forecasting, supply planning and logistics management information system at the HC levels
- Enhance quality control and registration of Reproductive Health Commodity Security (RHCS) at public private and non-profit sectors working on commodities and logistics
- Strength monitoring and evaluation system for effective and data-driven decision-making for proper and efficient supply chain and logistical management
FINANCIAL COMMITMENT OBJECTIVE: INCREASE FAMILY PLANNING FUND TO SUPPORT THE AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE AND COMMODITIES AT THE LOWER LEVEL

To diversify sources of funding, the government of Lao PDR will increase domestic resources to finance family planning commodities by at least 5% annually from the current annual allocation of 120 million LAK, and ensure full disbursement of these funds.

They will also:
- Use available models and tools to generate evidence for FP contribution to measure and improve maternal health outcomes
- Engage members of parliament and other sectors to sustain advocacy for increased allocation of funds and timely disbursement
- Enhance CSOs’ advocacy efforts towards accessing FP funds from external funds, and from the Emergency Preparedness Fund
- Strengthen the use of data for decision-making towards increasing allocation and disbursement for reproductive maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (RMNCAH) including the Family Planning Programme
- Mobilize the private sector in contributing to FP financing
- Include family planning in public and private health insurance packages
- Strength the expenditure reporting and tracking

Approach to Accountability

Lao PDR will utilize:
- National FP platforms such as DHIS2, surveys, and census
- Quarterly progress update meetings convened by CSO and youth focal points
- Overall review meetings led by the MOH every six months
- Channel based platforms where stakeholders will share regular updates and progress

The government of Lao PDR will use a mutual accountability approach to monitor progress of commitment implementation. They will provide opportunities for dialogue and cooperation between various government actors, civil society, and other key stakeholders to implement, review and monitor the progress of the FP2030 country commitments.

Commitment Principles:

FP2030 Commitments should...
- Align with the country’s other partnerships
- Be grounded in available data and evidence
- Address FP2030's 5 focus areas
  - policy
  - data
  - financing
  - gender norms
  - system responsiveness
- Be developed and validated through an inclusive, equitable, and transparent process

Steps to Consider in Making a Commitment:

1. Stakeholder Engagement
2. Buy-in from Decision-makers
3. Develop Process Roadmap
4. If Applicable, Review Prior Commitment Progress
5. Define Accountability Approach
6. Draft Vision and Objectives
7. Share Draft for Review
8. Finalize Commitment
9. Launch Locally, Amplify Globally

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