The Noi 2030 Framework – Achieving Gender Equality & Empowerment of Adolescent Girls

Noi represents all 700,230 adolescent girls aged 10-19 in Lao PDR.** The unfinished MDG agenda has proven that adolescent girls have been left behind. The SDGs aim to reach those left furthest behind.

Noi was created as an advocacy tool to raise awareness, build partnerships and increase investments in adolescent girls that enable them to achieve their full potential. Noi was launched on the International Day of the Girl Child in 2016.

**SDG 2**
The high adolescent birth rate is a root cause of the intergenerational cycle of malnutrition, with a **42.6% prevalence rate of anaemia in girls aged 15-19,*** increasing the risk of stunting in children.

**SDG 3**
Gender inequality is intrinsically linked to the Adolescent Birth Rate which remains one of the highest in the region at 83 per 1,000 and increases the risk of maternal mortality.

**SDG 4**
41.8% of girls aged 15-17 are currently out of school,* keeping them behind in developing their social and economic potential.

**SDG 5**
Gender inequality impedes Noi’s development. This is particularly emphasized in the most recent data on child marriage, revealing that 23.5% of girls aged 15-19 are currently married.*

**SDG 8**
Due to the lack of social protection, 42.4% of girls aged 5-17 are involved in child labour.*

Noi’s progress is closely monitored through 5 indicators aligned with the global SDG framework until 2030 when she turns 25, using the available disaggregated data on adolescents generated by the Lao Social Indicator Survey every 5 years.

A holistic approach to addressing Noi’s obstacles accelerates the progress towards the SDGs, inducing a virtuous circle with a poverty reduction outcome, benefitting Noi, her community and the nation.