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| **Table X. Exclusive breastfeeding among children 0-5 months (Lao PDR)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | **2000** | | | **2006** | | | **2012** | | | **2017** | | | **Difference-in-difference†** | | | **t statistic** | **P**  **value** |
| **Child Sex** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| **Difference** | | | | **-0.2** | | | **0.5** | | | **-3.2** | | | **-2.7** | | | **-2.6** | | | **-0.53** | **0.597** |
| (Female - Male) | | | |
| **Residence** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Rural – Urban) | | | | **13.8** | | | **6.3** | | | **2.8** | | | **3.5** | | | **10.2** | | | **1.72** | **0.085** |
| **Region** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Worst – Best)‡ | | | | **-30.9** | | | **-37.8** | | | **-30.8** | | | **-19.3** | | | **-11.6** | | | **-2.06** | **0.039** |
| **Mother’s education** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference (None/Primary – Sec+) | | | | **6.1** | | | **-0.1** | | | **-3.5** | | | **2.7** | | | **3.5** | | | **0.57** | **0.572** |
| **Wealth quintile** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Poorest - Richest) | | | | **17.1** | | | **3.4** | | | **12.5** | | | **24.0** | | | **6.8** | | | **0.95** | **0.344** |
| **Ethnicity** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (non-Lao-Tai – Lao-Tai) | | | | **21.3** | | | **---** | | | **16.6** | | | **22.1** | | | **-0.8** | | | **-0.17** | **0.866** |
| **Elderly HoH** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Yes - No) | | | | **-2.8** | | | **-4.5** | | | **-7.7** | | | **3.1** | | | **-6.8** | | | **-0.94** | **0.347** |
| **Female HoH** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Female - Male) | | | | **-8.6** | | | **4.6** | | | **-17.7** | | | **-14.1** | | | **4.3** | | | **0.47** | **0.637** |
| †Negative values indicate improvement in equity gap over time; positive values indicate deterioration; insignificant values not shaded  ‡ Worst = South; Best = North | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  | | |

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| **Table X. Continued breastfeeding among children 12-23 months (Lao PDR)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | **2000** | | | **2006** | | | **2012** | | | **2017** | | | **Difference-in-difference†** | | | **t statistic** | **P**  **value** |
| **Child Sex** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| **Difference** | | | | **-1.9** | | | **-2.7** | | | **-0.4** | | | **-0.2** | | | **-1.6** | | | **-0.44** | **0.661** |
| (Female - Male) | | | |
| **Residence** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Rural – Urban) | | | | **20.8** | | | **24.5** | | | **25.3** | | | **22.1** | | | **-1.3** | | | **-0.30** | **0.761** |
| **Region** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Worst – Best)‡ | | | | **-9.0** | | | **-16.5** | | | **-15.5** | | | **-9.0** | | | **0.0** | | | **0.09** | **0.993** |
| **Mother’s education** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference (None/Primary – Sec+) | | | | **19.1** | | | **30.2** | | | **28.5** | | | **20.4** | | | **-1.3** | | | **-0.31** | **0.757** |
| **Wealth quintile** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Poorest - Richest) | | | | **28.0** | | | **40.7** | | | **48.2** | | | **47.1** | | | **-19.1** | | | **-3.56** | **0.000** |
| **Ethnicity** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (non-Lao-Tai – Lao-Tai) | | | | **22.8** | | | **---** | | | **32.3** | | | **28.0** | | | **-5.2** | | | **-1.40** | **0.161** |
| **Elderly HoH** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Yes - No) | | | | **-6.0** | | | **-10.5** | | | **-11.4** | | | **-9.9** | | | **3.2** | | | **0.61** | **0.541** |
| **Female HoH** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Female - Male) | | | | **-15.8** | | | **-21.4** | | | **-17.5** | | | **-9.5** | | | **-7.0** | | | **-1.05** | **0.296** |
| †Negative values indicate improvement in equity gap over time; positive values indicate deterioration; insignificant values not shaded  ‡ Worst = Central; Best = North | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  | | |

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| **Table X. Minimum meal frequency (MMF) among children 6-23 months (Lao PDR)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | **2000** | | | **2006** | | | **2012** | | | **2017** | | | **Difference-in-difference†** | | | **t statistic** | **P**  **value** |
| **Child Sex** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| **Difference** | | | | **---** | | | **---** | | | **-1.3** | | | **-3.3** | | | **2.0** | | | **0.86** | **0.388** |
| (Female - Male) | | | |
| **Residence** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Rural – Urban) | | | | **---** | | | **---** | | | **-6.6** | | | **-12.1** | | | **5.5** | | | **2.09** | **0.037** |
| **Region** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Worst – Best)‡ | | | | **---** | | | **---** | | | **-16.6** | | | **-1.9** | | | **14.7** | | | **4.85** | **0.000** |
| **Mother’s education** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference (None/Primary – Sec+) | | | | **---** | | | **---** | | | **-9.7** | | | **-10.9** | | | **-1.3** | | | **-0.53** | **0.593** |
| **Wealth quintile** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Poorest - Richest) | | | | **---** | | | **---** | | | **-20.6** | | | **-24.9** | | | **4.3** | | | **1.22** | **0.223** |
| **Ethnicity** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (non-Lao-Tai – Lao-Tai) | | | | **---** | | | **---** | | | **13.0** | | | **13.3** | | | **0.3** | | | **0.14** | **0.888** |
| **Elderly HoH** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Yes - No) | | | | **---** | | | **---** | | | **2.4** | | | **2.4** | | | **0.0** | | | **0.01** | **0.992** |
| **Female HoH** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Female - Male) | | | | **---** | | | **---** | | | **5.4** | | | **10.1** | | | **-4.6** | | | **-1.16** | **0.244** |
| †Negative values indicate improvement in equity gap over time; positive values indicate deterioration; insignificant values not shaded  ‡ Worst = North; Best = South | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  | | |

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| **Table X. Stunting among children 0-59 months (HAZ < -2SD WHO standard) (Lao PDR)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | **2000** | | | **2006** | | | **2012** | | | **2017** | | | **Difference-in-difference†** | | | **t statistic** | **P**  **value** |
| **Child Sex** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| **Difference** | | | | **-1.7** | | | **-1.4** | | | **-3.1** | | | **-2.0** | | | **0.2** | | | **0.09** | **0.930** |
| (Female - Male) | | | |
| **Residence** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Rural – Urban) | | | | **13.7** | | | **18.4** | | | **21.2** | | | **15.7** | | | **-2.0** | | | **-0.62** | **0.533** |
| **Region** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Worst – Best)‡ | | | | **7.7** | | | **8.5** | | | **8.5** | | | **5.2** | | | **2.5** | | | **0.74** | **0.461** |
| **Mother’s education** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference (None/Primary – Sec+) | | | | **12.8** | | | **19.8** | | | **20.5** | | | **13.4** | | | **0.6** | | | **0.17** | **0.867** |
| **Wealth quintile** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Poorest - Richest) | | | | **8.6** | | | **35.2** | | | **40.9** | | | **34.1** | | | **-25.5** | | | **-6.35** | **0.000** |
| **Ethnicity** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (non-Lao-Tai – Lao-Tai) | | | | **13.5** | | | **---** | | | **23.8** | | | **22.6** | | | **-9.9** | | | **-3.26** | **0.001** |
| **Elderly HoH** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Yes - No) | | | | **-3.1** | | | **-7.3** | | | **-7.6** | | | **-4.2** | | | **1.5** | | | **0.35** | **0.724** |
| **Female HoH** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Female - Male) | | | | **-2.8** | | | **-8.6** | | | **-8.9** | | | **-8.0** | | | **5.9** | | | **1.11** | **0.268** |
| †Negative values indicate improvement in equity gap over time; positive values indicate deterioration; insignificant values not shaded  ‡ Worst = South; Best = Central | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  | | |

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| **Table X. Overweight among children 0-59 months (WHZ > 2SD WHO standard) (Lao PDR)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | **2000** | | | **2006** | | | **2012** | | | **2017** | | | **Difference-in-difference†** | | | **t statistic** | **P**  **value** |
| **Child Sex** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| **Difference** | | | | **-0.2** | | | **-0.5** | | | **0.1** | | | **-0.8** | | | **0.6** | | | **0.60** | **0.550** |
| (Female - Male) | | | |
| **Residence** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Rural – Urban) | | | | **0.7** | | | **-0.6** | | | **-0.3** | | | **-1.7** | | | **2.5** | | | **2.06** | **0.039** |
| **Region** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Worst – Best)‡ | | | | **0.8** | | | **0.3** | | | **0.4** | | | **1.1** | | | **-0.4** | | | **-0.30** | **0.766** |
| **Mother’s education** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference (None/Primary – Sec+) | | | | **0.0** | | | **-0.9** | | | **-0.1** | | | **-1.6** | | | **-1.6** | | | **-1.25** | **0.211** |
| **Wealth quintile** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Poorest - Richest) | | | | **-0.4** | | | **-0.4** | | | **-0.1** | | | **-2.4** | | | **2.0** | | | **1.10** | **0.271** |
| **Ethnicity** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (non-Lao-Tai – Lao-Tai) | | | | **-0.3** | | | **---** | | | **1.2** | | | **0.0** | | | **-0.3** | | | **-0.31** | **0.754** |
| **Elderly HoH** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Yes - No) | | | | **-0.9** | | | **-0.5** | | | **0.3** | | | **0.6** | | | **-1.5** | | | **-0.98** | **0.325** |
| **Female HoH** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  | | |  |  |
| Difference  (Female - Male) | | | | **1.6** | | | **-0.7** | | | **-0.8** | | | **2.4** | | | **-1.1** | | | **-0.53** | **0.593** |
| †Negative values indicate improvement in equity gap over time; positive values indicate deterioration; insignificant values not shaded  ‡ Worst = North; Best = Central | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  | | |