

the Lao People's Democratic Republic

Commitment to Human Capital - Scorecard

This scorecard presents a snapshot of the country's commitment to the human capital agenda and presents information on how the World Bank Group is supporting the government in the social sectors.

In the Lao People's Democratic Republic the productivity as a future worker of a child born today is **45 percent** as much as it could be. The HCI has three components: survival to age 5, health, and education. For more information on human capital outcomes and the HCI, please see the country two-pager on www.worldbank.org/humancapitalproject

KEY OUTCOME AND OUTPUT INDICATORS TO MONITOR

- **Women, Business and the Law Index.** This index measures gender inequality in the law and identifies barriers to women's economic participation, and a larger value shows higher gender equity. In the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the value is **88** out of 100. This is higher than both the average for its region (72) and the average for its income group (69).
- **Net Enrolment Rate in Secondary School.** In the Lao People's Democratic Republic, **60 percent** of girls of secondary-school age are enrolled in secondary school. This is lower than the average for its region (75) but higher than the average for its income group (58).
- **Total Fertility Rate.** In the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the total fertility rate is **2.6**. This is higher than the average for its region (2.4) but lower than the average for its income group (3.1).
- **Adolescent Fertility Rate.** In the Lao People's Democratic Republic, there are **63 births** per 1,000 women ages 15-19. This is higher than both the average for its region (26) and the average for its income group (55).
- **Contraceptive Prevalence.** In the Lao People's Democratic Republic, **50 percent** of women ages 15-49 uses some form of contraceptive method. This is lower than the average for its region (52) but higher than the average for its income group (49).
- **Social Protection Coverage** In the Lao People's Democratic Republic, **2 percent** of the population is covered by social safety net programs. This is lower than both the average for its region (33) and the average for its income group (35).
- **Open Defecation.** In the Lao People's Democratic Republic, **22 percent** of the population practices open defecation. This is higher than both the average for its region (8) and the average for its income group (13).

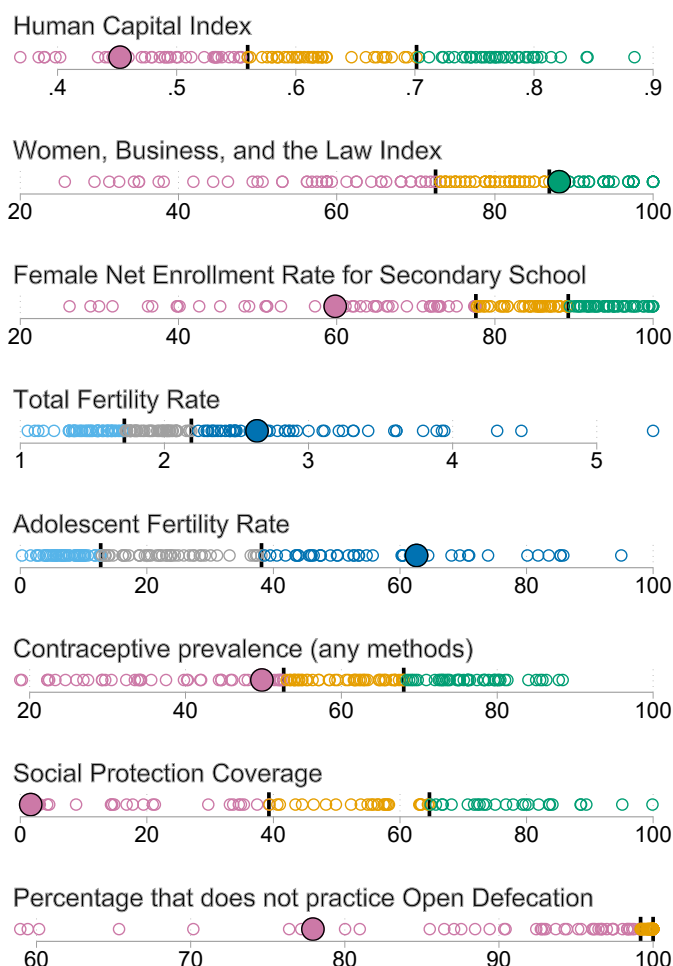
DOMESTIC RESOURCE USE AND MOBILIZATION

the Lao People's Democratic Republic is not part of a network of countries committed to the Human Capital agenda.

- **Health Spending.** The Lao People's Democratic Republic spends **3.7 percent** of its government budget on health. This is lower than both the regional average (10) and the average for its income group (7.7).
- **Education Spending.** The Lao People's Democratic Republic spends **12.2 percent** of its government budget on education. This is lower than both the regional average (14.8) and the average for its income group (15.7).

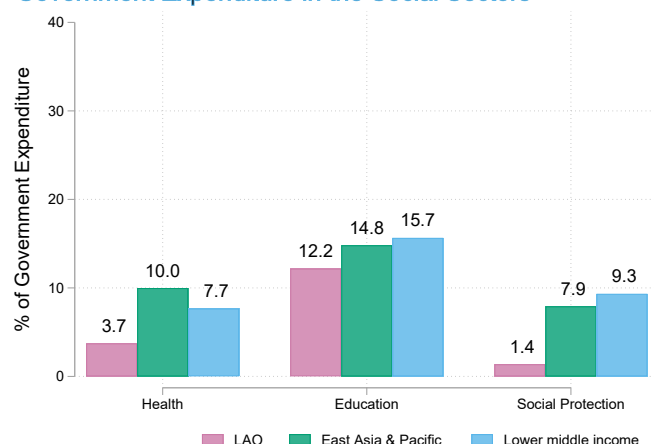
- **Social Protection Spending.** The Lao People's Democratic Republic spends **1.4 percent** of its government budget on social protection. This is lower than both the regional average (7.9) and the average for its income group (9.3).

Key Indicators on Human Capital

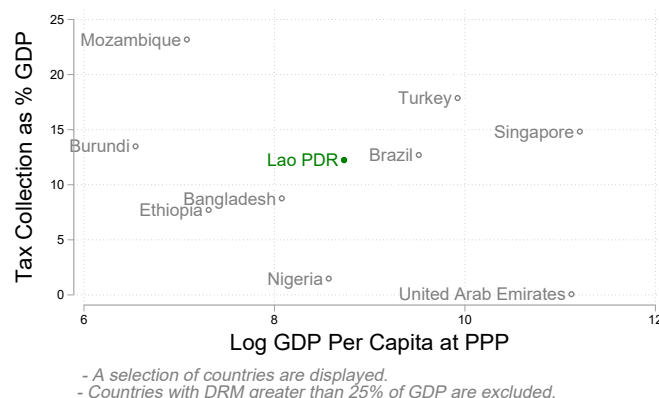


- Large circle=Lao PDR ; small circles=other countries.
 - Vertical lines separate terciles of the distribution.
 - Pink/light blue=1st tercile; orange/gray=2nd tercile; green/blue=3rd tercile

Government Expenditure in the Social Sectors

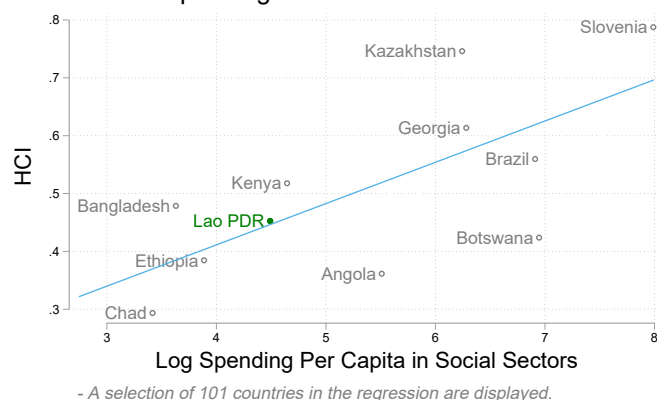


Domestic Resource Mobilization and GDP



- **Efficiency of Spending.** The HCI in the Lao People's Democratic Republic is **higher** than what would be predicted for its level of per capita spending on the social sectors.

Spending In Social Sectors and HCI



- **Domestic Resource Mobilization.** The tax revenue in the Lao People's Democratic Republic is **12.2** percent of GDP. This is lower than both the regional average (16.9) and the average for its income group (15.6).

OTHER RELEVANT INDICATORS

- **Building Human Capital.** The Country Policy and Institutional Assessment rating for building human resources in the Lao People's Democratic Republic is **3.5** (1 is low and 6 is high). This is higher than the average for its region (3.3) but lower than the average for its income group (3.6). This indicator assesses the national policies and public and private sector service delivery that affect access to and quality of health and education services.
- **Identification** In the Lao People's Democratic Republic, **17.5 percent** of the population does not have proof of identity. This is higher than the average for its region (13.4) but lower than the average for its income group (20.3).
- **Statistical Data on Human Capital** In the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the latest available data on stunting rates is from 2017. Similarly, the last available data point on Harmonized Learning Outcomes is from 2012.

HOW IS THE WORLD BANK SUPPORTING THE EFFORT?

The following table summarizes the World Bank's investments in Human Development for Ethiopia, including measures of volume, performance, and other relevant indicators.

World Bank Investments in HD				
Indicator	HD	Edu	HNP	SPJ
HD Portfolio				
USD (million)	108	45	36	27
Percentage of total	20	8	7	5
Diff. with perc. for regional average	+11	+5	+4	+2
Diff. with perc. for income group avg	+2	+3	+0	-1
HD FY 20 Lending Program				
USD (million)	35	0	35	0
Percentage of total	20	0	20	0
Diff. with perc. for regional average	+10	-3	+15	-2
Diff. with perc. for income group avg	-5	-13	+14	-6
HD Performance				
Average Development Outcome (DO)	4	4	4	4
Difference with DO for region	+0.45	+0.61	+0.57	+0.29
Difference with DO for income group	+0.54	+0.67	+0.52	+0.46
Perc. Satisfactory DO	100	100	100	100
Average Implementation Progress (IP)	4	4	3	4
Difference with IP for region	+0.33	+0.90	-0.17	+0.33
Difference with IP for income group	+0.52	+0.99	-0.27	+0.61
Perc. Satisfactory IP	100	100	100	100
Disbursement ratio (DR)	45	56	22	.
Difference with DR for region	+10	+28	+0	.
Difference with DR for income group	+7	+31	-11	.
Other indicators				
Average project size (PS) (USD mill.)	27	22	36	27
Difference with PS for region	-49	-7	-7	-39
Difference with PS for income group	-87	-54	-58	-70
Perc. of portfolio that is co-TTL'd (CTT)	25	0	0	100
Diff. with CTT for region (perc. points)	-11	-14	-30	+45
Diff. with CTT income group (perc. points)	+3	-17	-21	+75

Note: a) **Pink** indicates that the value is within the first tercile of the distribution for all the countries. **Orange** indicates that the value is within the second tercile. **Green** indicates that it is within the third tercile. b) FY20 lending program includes only projects rated A, B and unrated. c) DO and IP are on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is Unsatisfactory and 5 is Highly Satisfactory. d) Data as of July 15, 2019.

This scorecard is intended to be a conversation starter on where a country is on various aspects of human capital development and the state of the World Bank's support in the social sectors. The choice of indicators is, to a large extent, driven by what is most relevant for the two Regions with the lowest HCI scores (Africa and South Asia). As such, not all the indicators included here are relevant for each country. The scorecard should be complemented with other more context specific indicators.

The sources of data for the different indicators include: the Human Capital Project, the World Development Indicators, and the World Bank's internal system to monitor investments.

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