

**“Statement of Lao PDR”**  
**Head of Lao Statistics Bureau, Vice minister**  
**7th Session of Committee on Statistics**  
**Monitoring progress in response to the Get Every One in the Picture initiative on civil registration and vital statistics**

Excellency

Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of Lao PDR delegation, I would like to appreciate the commission for organizing 7th Session of Committee on Statistics. I also wish to convey our sincere appreciation and supporting our participation in this session.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The Government of Lao PDR has paid attention and provided importance on the civil registration and vital statistics as CRVS become crucial issue of region and global, which regard to security and human right. In implementing CRVS system, Lao PDR has Family Registration Law, Statistics Law, Strategy of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics 2016-2025, Strategy of National Statistics System Development 2016-2025 and vision to 2030, and the steering committee and secretariat of CVRS for ensuring the implementation CRVS in Lao PDR accord with international standards and recommendations.

On behalf of Lao the government, Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA) has a mandate on population management, so they take lead on civil registration issue. Currently, MOHA is developing the Civil Management Information System (pilot in 3 provinces: Vientiane capital, Luangphabang province, and Champasack province and creating mobile registration teams to help people who live in remote areas to get birth registration certificate. Furthermore, during the COVID-19 pandemic, MOHA assigned two local staffs to work in each district and periodic progress reports to central. In Civil registration of vital events will be dispatched to Lao Statistic Bureau for Vital Statistics and to Ministry of Public Security (MOPS) for family book records and ID management.

While, the CRVS is not completeness system, so the main population data sources get from the Population and Housing Census and sample surveys which are provided number of population, crude death rate, crude birth rate, migration, etc. So, LSB is trying to develop Vital Statistics System through Village Statistics System. The main objective is to develop and improve an update national population dataset, which will be the baseline data for sharing and linking with the civil registration system between MOHA, MOPS, and LSB to ensure all people get in the picture including people have registered and non-register.

Dear all,

As mentioned above, Lao PDR has faced a lot of challenges and difficulties especially lack of ICT infrastructure and technical expertise. Therefore, Lao PDR need technical assistance and financial support for establishing database system of CRVS and the Government of Lao PDR, MOHA, MOPS, and LSB must be implemented the CRVS as a matter of priority and divide of CRVS roles and responsibilities clearly to achieve the goals of the Asia and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade (2015–2024).

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your attention.