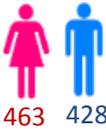
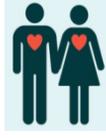


# Adolescent Girls' Situation Analysis in Five Districts of Savannakhet Province in Lao PDR – 2019

## Characteristics of Savannakhet Province

- Total Population: 987,907
- Districts: 15
- Population Density: 45 persons per/ km<sup>2</sup>
- Poverty Head Count Rate: 32%
- Percent of rural population: 74%
- Percent of adolescent population: 21.3%
- Number of adolescents (10-19 years) : 210,403 (girls: 103,781 and boys: 106,622)

 <h3>Objectives</h3> <p>To identify the main areas requiring concerted efforts and greater investment for adolescent girls and boys</p>	 <h3>Interviewees</h3> <p><b>891</b> adolescent girls and boys aged 10-19</p> <p>463 428</p>	 <h3>Districts</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nong</li> <li>- Xepon</li> <li>- Vilaboury</li> <li>- Phin</li> <li>- Thapanthong</li> </ul>
 <h3>No education</h3> <p><b>10.3%</b></p> <p>11.2% 9.4%</p>	 <h3>Out of school</h3> <p><b>29.5%</b></p> <p>29.2% 29.9%</p>	<h3>[Main reasons of out of school]</h3> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Financial costs: F (38.5%), M (48.8%)</li> <li>2. Need to work : F (4.8%), M (2.9%)</li> <li>3. Parents do not want : F (13.4%) M (1.2%)</li> </ol>
 <h3>13.2%</h3> <p>already started sexual activity</p> <p>16.4% 9.8%</p>	 <h3>Know condom Prevents HIV and STI's</h3> <p><b>40%</b></p> <p>42.5% 37.4%</p>	 <h3>41.5%</h3> <p>Self decision regarding sex, among sexually active adolescents</p> <p>38.2% 48.8%</p>
 <h3>14.4%</h3> <p>sexually active adolescents use contraceptives</p> <p>15.8% 11.9%</p>	 <h3>Adolescent birth</h3> <p><b>68.8 births/1000 girls 15-19 years</b></p>	 <h3>Early marriage</h3> <p><b>6.2%</b></p> <p>8.5% 3.6%</p>
 <h3>88.1%</h3> <p>Girls use disposable sanitary pads</p>	 <h3>23.7%</h3> <p>Perceived violence against women as acceptable</p> <p>24.8% 22.4%</p>	 <h3>31.9%</h3> <p>already used alcoholic Beverages</p> <p>29.8% 34.3%</p>



**Feelings of loneliness**

**6.8%**



**Anaemia**

among adolescents aged 10-14 years old

**75.5%**



**Engaged in domestic work**

**68.1%**



**Engaged in paid labour**

**20.8%**



**Private internet access**

**16%**



**Membership in mass organizations**

**34.3%**



## Recommendations



**Make concentrated efforts for increasing enrolment, retention and quality of education in schools.**



**Provide comprehensive sexuality education in schools and technical and vocational education and training institutions focusing on behaviour change regarding unsafe sex, reproductive health, and substance misuse.**



**Make adolescent and youth friendly health services available for adolescents by training healthcare providers and strengthening health facilities.**



**Implement comprehensive programmes addressing anaemia among adolescent girls and boys and improving their nutritional status.**



**Empower adolescents with life skills such as decision making, leadership, communication and negotiation skills.**



**Implement comprehensive programmes and mass campaigns for prevention of early marriage and adolescent pregnancy co-opting mass organizations into this work.**



**Ensure availability of contraceptives for adolescents and remove their barriers towards accessing them.**



**Ensure availability of safe spaces for adolescents such as Nang- Noi Girls Groups to provide them platform for participatory learning, leisure and recreation.**



**Develop better understanding of what constitutes gender based violence and promote gender sensitive attitudes, behaviors and power dynamics among adolescent girls, boys and their communities.**

