

SAMPLE DEMOGRAPHIC AND RELATED
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VIENTIANE, THE KINGDOM
OF
LAOS.

SAMPLE DEMOGRAPHIC AND RELATED INFORMATIONS PRESENTED IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE DERIVED AND TABULATED FROM THE HOUSE TO HOUSE SURVEY UNDERTAKEN BY 22 LAO NURSES TRAINEES DURING THE MONTHS OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1974, IN THE UNDERMENTIONED PROVINCES WHICH ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF LAOS. THIS SURVEY WAS TAKEN MOSTLY AMONG THE REFUGEES.

1. HOUA KHONG.
2. LUANG PRABANG.
3. SAYABOURY.
4. VIENTIANE.
5. THAKHEK.
6. SAVANNAKHET.
7. PARSE.

4 NURSES TRAINEES (WHO HAD SINCE GRADUATED IN JANUARY 1974) UNDERTOOK THE SURVEY IN EACH OF THE FIRST FOUR PROVINCES WHILE ONLY 2 AVAILABLE NURSES PARTICIPATED IN EACH OF THE THREE REMAINING PROVINCES AND THUS THE DISPARITY IN THE NUMBER OF HOUSES AND POPULATION SURVEYED.

THE PARTIAL SUCCESS OF THIS UNDERTAKING (PRESUMABLY THE FIRST OF IT'S KIND IN THE KINGDOM OF LAOS) TO A LARGE MEASURE IS DUE TO THE UNDERSTANDING CO-OPERATION AND HELP EXTENDED BY ALL THE MEDICAL CO-ORDINATORS OF THE FIVE DIFFERENT MILITARY REGIONS. THE 22 LAO NURSES TRAINEES, UNDER DIFFICULT AND ADVERSE CONDITIONS CAME OUT WITH FLYING COLOES.

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VIENTIANE, LAOS.

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CONSOLIDATED DEMOGRAPHIC AND RELATED INFORMATION FOR THE 7 PROVINCES.

A. NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS SURVEYED IN EACH OF THE 7 PROVINCES AND POPULATION BY SEX.

1.	HOUA KHONG.	HOUSES.	1167	M.	3214	F.	3280	TOTAL.	6494
2.	LUANGPRABANG.	"	1225	M.	3308	F.	3224	"	6532
3.	SAYABOURY.	"	1154	M.	3077	F.	3249	"	6326
4.	VIENTIANE.	"	1201	M.	3152	F.	3606	"	6758
5.	THAKHEK.	"	599	M.	1930	F.	2096	"	4026
6.	SAVANNAKHET.	"	596	M.	1828	F.	1939	"	3767
7.	PAKSE .	"	598	M.	1963	F.	2264	"	4227
	TOTAL.	"	6540	M.	18,472.	F.	19,658.	"	38,130

NUMBER OF HOUSES SURVEYED.....6540

POPULATION FOR ABOVE.....38,130

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD(5.6)

B. POPULATION BY AGE GROUP AND SEX UP TO 5 YEARS OF AGE IN EACH OF THE SEVEN PROVINCES.

1.	HOUA KHONG.	M.	560	F.	569	TOTAL.	1129
2.	LUANGPRABANG.	M.	630	F.	609	"	1248
3.	SAYABOURY.	M.	490	F.	521	"	1011
4.	VIENTIANE.	M.	547	F.	634	"	1181
5.	THAKHEK.	M.	355	F.	382	"	737
6.	SAVANNAKHET.	M.	525	F.	488	"	1013
7.	PAKSE.	M.	359	F.	374	"	733
	TOTAL.	M.	3,475	F.	3,577	"	7,052

CHILDREN UP TO THE AGE OF FIVE (7,052) COMPRISES 18.5% OF THE POPULATION SURVEYED.

C. POPULATION BY AGE GROUP AND SEX- BETWEEN 5 AND 15 YEARS OF AGE, IN EACH OF THE SEVEN PROVINCES.

1.	HOUA KHONG.	M.	1070	F.	1033	TOTAL.	2103
2.	LUANG PRABANG.	M.	836	F.	771	"	1609
3.	SAYABOURY.	M.	1004	F.	973	"	1977
4.	VIENTIANE.	M.	1130	F.	1142	"	2272
5.	THAKHEK.	M.	794	F.	718	"	1512
6.	SAVANNAKHET	M.	608	FF.	616	"	1224
7.	PAKSE.	M.	740	F.	746	"	1486
TOTAL.		M.	6,184	F.	5,999	"	12,183

PERSONS BETWEEN THE AGE OF 5 AND 15 (12,183) COMPRISES 31.9% OF THE POPULATION SURVEYED.

D. NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS BY AGE GROUP AND SEX.

1.	BETWEEN 5 AND 15 YEARS OF AGE.	M.	6184	F.	5999	TOTAL.	12,183
2.	UP TO 5 YEARS OF AGE.	M.	3475	F.	3577	"	7,052
TOTAL.		M.	9659	F.	9576	"	19,235

DEPENDENTS UP TO THE AGE OF 15 (19,235) COMPRISES 50.4% OF THE POPULATION SURVEYED.

E. POPULATION BY AGE GROUP AND SEX BETWEEN 15 AND 65 YEARS OF AGE.

1.	HOUA KHONG.	M.	1572	F.	1690	TOTAL.	3262
2.	LUANG PRABANG.	M.	1831	F.	1844	"	3675
3.	SAYABOURY.	M.	1583	F.	1755	"	3338
4.	VIENTIANE.	M.	1475	F.	1830	"	3305
5.	THAKHEK.	M.	781	F.	996	"	1777
6.	SAVANNAKHET.	M.	695	F.	835	"	1530
7.	PAKSE.	M.	864	F.	1144	"	2008
TOTAL.		M.	8,801	F.	10,094	"	18,895

PERSONS OF WORKING AGE (18,895) COMPRISES 49.6 % OF THE POPULATION SURVEYED.

F. DEPENDENCY RATIO.

1.	NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS. (SEE D)	19,235.
2.	NUMBER OF WORKING ADULTS. (SEE E)	18,895.

DEPENDENCY RATIO..... 101.8%.

G. NUMBER OF BIRTHS DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS IN EACH OF THE 7 PROVINCES.

1.	HOUA KHONG.	M. 56	F. 64	TOTAL.	140
2.	LUANG PRABANG.	M. 15	F. 21	"	36
3.	SAYABOURY.	M. 43	F. 55	"	98
4.	VIENTIANE.	M. 17	F. 30	"	47
5.	THAKHEK.	M. 11	F. 69	"	80
6.	SAVANNAKHET.	M. 66	F. 50	"	116
7.	PAKSE.	M. 9	F. 26	"	35
		<u>TOTAL. M. 217</u>	<u>F. 335</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>552</u>

14.5 BIRTHS PER 1000 POPULATION.

H. NUMBER OF DEATHS DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS IN EACH OF THE 7 PROVINCES.

1.	HOUA KHONG.	M. 35	F. 15	TOTAL.	48
2.	LUANG PRABANG.	M. 13	F. 11	"	24
3.	SAYABOURY.	M. 5	F. 2	"	7
4.	VIENTIANE.	M. 0	F. 0	"	0
5.	THAKHEK.	M. 0	F. 0	"	0
6.	SAVANNAKHET.	M. 0	F. 0	"	0
7.	PAKSE.	M. 0	F. 0	"	0
		<u>TOTAL. M. 51</u>	<u>F. 28</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>79</u>

2 DEATHS PER 1000 POPULATION.

I. RATE OF NATURAL INCREASE.

BIRTHS PER 1000 POPULATION14.5 OR 1.45%
 DEATHS PER 1000 POPULATION 2 OR .2 %
 RATE OF NATURAL INCREASE EXCLUDING IMMIGRATION 1.25%
 ACCORDING TO THIS SURVEY TAKEN AMONG THE REFUGEES.

J. NUMBER OF LITERATES IN EACH OF THE 7 PROVINCES AND BY SEX.

1. HOUA KHONG.	M.	1325	F.	746	TOTAL.	2071
2. LUANG PRABANG.	M.	1460	F.	1018	"	2478
3. SAYABOURY.	M.	948	F.	500	"	1448
4. VIENTIANE.	M.	1683	F.	1306	"	2989
5. THAKHEK.	M.	186	F.	83	"	269
6. SAVANNAKHET.	M.	450	F.	370	"	820
7. PAKSE.	M.	788	F.	502	"	1290
TOTAL.	M.	6,840	F.	4,525	"	11,365

23% OF THE SURVEYED FEMALE POPULATION IS LITERATE.
 37% OF THE SURVEYED MALE POPULATION IS LITERATE.
 30% OF THE SURVEYED POPULATION IS LITERATE.

K. NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS IN EACH OF THE 7 PROVINCES WHO WISH TO STAY WHERE THEY ARE NOW.

1. HOUA KHONG.	274
2. LUANG PRABANG.	428
3. SAYABOURY.	1123
4. VIENTIANE.	994
5. THAKHEK.	0
6. SAVANNAKHET.	332
7. PAKSE.	0
TOTAL.	<u>3151</u>

48% OF THE POPULATION SURVEYED WISH TO STAY WHERE THEY ARE NOW.

L. NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS IN EACH OF THE 7 PROVINCES WHO WISH TO RETURN TO THEIR FORMER PLACES.

1. HOUA KHONG.	283
2. LUANG PRABANG.	124
3. SAYABOURY.	22
4. VIENTIANE.	76
5. THAKHEK.	599
6. SAVANNAKHET.	11
7. PAKSE.	598
TOTAL.	<u>1,713</u>

ALL THE HOUSEHOLDS SURVEYED IN THE PROVINCES OF THAKHEK AND PAKSE OF THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY WISH TO RETURN TO THEIR FORMER PLACES.

ONLY 26% OF THE HOUSEHOLDS SURVEYED WISH TO RETURN TO THEIR FORMER PLACES.

M. NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS IN EACH OF THE 7 PROVINCES WHO WISH TO MOVE ELSEWHERE.

1. HOUA KHONG.	64
2. LUANG PRABANG.	6
3. SAYABOURY.	4
4. VIENTIANE.	0
5. THAKHEK.	0
6. SAVANNAKHET.	4
7. PAKSE.	0
TOTAL.	<u>78</u>

1% OF THE HOUSEHOLDS SURVEYED WISH TO MOVE ELSEWHERE.

N. NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS IN EACH OF THE 7 PROVINCES WHO ARE UNDECIDED.

1. HOUA KHONG.	546
2. LUANG PRABANG	667
3. SAYABOURY.	5
4. VIENTIANE	131
5. THAKHEK.	0
6. SAVANNAKHET.	249
7. PAKSE.	0
TOTAL.	<u>1,598</u>

25% OF THE HOUSEHOLDS SURVEYED IN THE 7 PROVINCES ARE UNDECIDED AS TO WHETHER TO GO BACK, STAY WHERE THEY ARE NOW OR MOVE ELSEWHERE.

O. AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EACH COUPLE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IN EACH OF THE 7 PROVINCES.

1. HOUA KHONG.	4
2. LUANG PRABANG	4
3. SAYABOURY.	4
4. VIENTIANE.	4
5. THAKHEK.	4
6. SAVANNAKHET.	4
7. PAKSE.	5

OVERALL AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EACH COUPLE WISH TO HAVE (4)

THE MEOS AND THE YAOS OF THE HOUA KHONG PROVINCE INDICATE THEIR WISH TO HAVE AT LEAST AN AVERAGE OF 7 CHILDREN TO MAKE UP THE LOSS OF MANY OF THEIR MALE OFFSPRINGS IN THE INTERNAL FIGHTINGS. IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT THE LOWLANDERS (LAOS) WITH BETTER AND MORE EDUCATION TEND TO WISH FOR LESS CHILDREN THAN THEIR FELLOW ETHNIC HIGHLANDERS, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE AGRICULTURISTS AND A BIG FAMILY IS A SOUND SOCIAL SECURITY.

P. NUMBER OF WIDOWS IN EACH OF THE 7 PROVINCES AND PERCENTAGEWISE.

1.	HOUA KHONG.	92	
2.	LUANG PRABANG.	135	
3.	SAYABOURY.	69	
4.	VIENTIANE.	118	
5.	THAKHEK.	105	
6.	SAVANNAKHET.	60	
7.	PAKSE.	87	
	TOTAL.	<u>666</u>	(10%)

Q. NUMBER OF WIDOWERS IN EACH OF THE 7 PROVINCES AND PERCENTAGEWISE.

1.	HOUA KHONG.	30	
2.	LUANG PRABANG.	42	
3.	SAYABOURY.	17	
4.	VIENTIANE.	34	
5.	THAKHEK.	16	
6.	SAVANNAKHET.	14	
7.	PAKSE.	10	
	TOTAL.	<u>163</u>	(2.5%)

R. NUMBER OF SEPARATED COUPLES IN EACH OF THE 7 PROVINCES AND PERCENTAGEWISE.

1.	HOUA KHONG.	25	
2.	LUANG PRABANG.	11	
3.	SAYABOURY.	29	
4.	VIENTIANE.	4	
5.	THAKHEK.	11	

R. (CONTINUED)

6.	SAVANNAKHET.	104	
7.	PAKSE.	<u>25</u>	
	TOTAL.	209	(3%)

S. NUMBER OF CHILDLESS COUPLES IN EACH OF THE 7 PROVINCES AND PERCENT-AGEWISE.

1.	HOUA KHONG.	63	
2.	LUANG PRABANG.	86	
3.	SAYABOURY.	55	
4.	VIENTIANE.	103	
5.	THAKHET.	12	
6.	SAVANNAKHET.	0	
7.	PAKSE.	<u>11</u>	
	TOTAL.	330	(5%)

T. PERCENT OF LABOR FORCE IN EACH OF THE 7 PROVINCES AND PERCENTAGE-WISE.

1.	HOUA KHONG.	98%	
2.	LUANG PRABANG.	92%	
3.	SAYABOURY.	99%	
4.	VIENTIANE.	98%	
5.	THAKHET.	100%	
6.	SAVANNAKHET.	86%	
7.	PAKSE.	100%	(96%)
