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## VIDEO

## AUDIO

### LAOS: UNFPA REACHES WOMEN IN REMOTE AREAS

BEAUTY SHOTS OF LAOS

#### NARRATION

In Laos, a landlocked country in Southeast Asia,  
// more than sixty percent of its nearly seven  
million citizens are under 24 years of age. (11)

YOUNG PEOPLE

Many live in mountainous areas and remote  
villages, making it extremely difficult for health  
workers to reach them. (8)

MOUNTAINS

YOUTH WALKING, RURAL ROADS

Especially young women like Tong, who lives in  
Senabukoon village and is in need of family  
planning. (7)

TONG ON-CAMERA

#### TONG: (In Lao) F

*"I want to know information about how family  
planning works. I also want to know more about  
the injection contraceptive method."* (9)

WOMEN IN VILLAGE  
TAKING CARE OF BABIES

#### NARRATION

Tong is not alone. Many women in Laos  
desperately need reproductive health services,  
but access to even the nearest health center is

difficult. (10)

## GENERAL VIEWS OF WOMEN IN VILLAGE

To improve access, UNFPA, the UN Population Fund, is partnering with the government to make contraceptive commodities more readily available. (11)

## INTRO TO DE ALWIS

Rizvina De Alwis is UNFPA's Deputy Representative in Laos. (5)

## DE ALWIS ON-CAMERA

DE ALWIS: (In English) F

*"There is a huge unmet need for family planning, so getting the commodities to the women becomes absolutely essential... also we are talking about women's rights to their own bodily integrity, and without the commodities they cannot exercise their rights."* (21)

## WAREHOUSES

NARRATION

Upon arrival in Laos, the commodities are stored in a central warehouse before distribution to provincial warehouses across the country. From there, the stocks are dispatched to district warehouses and local health centres on demand. (16)

## HEALTH CENTRES

## CBDs

UNFPA is also working on a volunteer programme to recruit community-based distributors, or CBDs. (8)

## BOUTHONE COLLECTING SUPPLIES

Bouthone Kongphongma has been selected from his community. He delivers contraceptives from the district warehouse to families who need it most. // Bouthone knows how important

it is to space children from his own experience.  
(16)

BOUTHONE ON-CAMERA

BOUTHONE KONGPHONGMA: (In Lao) M  
*"In the past, there were no contraceptives and no family planning. That is why I had so many children. If there were these services in the past, I would not have had that huge number of children."* (12)

BOUNTHONE AT WAREHOUSE

NARRATION

Bouthone's job can be tricky at times, says Dr. Khankeo Inthapakdee, manager of the government run warehouse in Vientiane, the capital city. (10)

DR. KHANKEO ON-CAMERA

DR. KHANKEO INTHAPAKDEE: (In Lao) F  
*"...Sometimes, in the rainy season, when the road is dirty and it's difficult to transport, they have to go by boat, truck or sometimes walk to the areas."* (11)

BOUNTHONE ON THE ROAD  
ARRIVING AT HOME  
COUPLE IN COUNSELLING  
CONTRACEPTIVES

NARRATION

CBDs like Bouthone receive in-depth training on the various methods of contraception available to families. Their efforts seem to be working as pregnancy rates have declined in Laos. (12)

NATSOT – HOME WITH COUPLE

GENERAL VIEWS OF WOMEN  
WALKING OR TRAVELLING IN  
REMOTE AREAS WITH CHILDREN

Reducing this rate further requires greater investment to bring family planning to more women in this mountainous region. (8)

UN LOGO

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