



Country Profile: Lao PDR

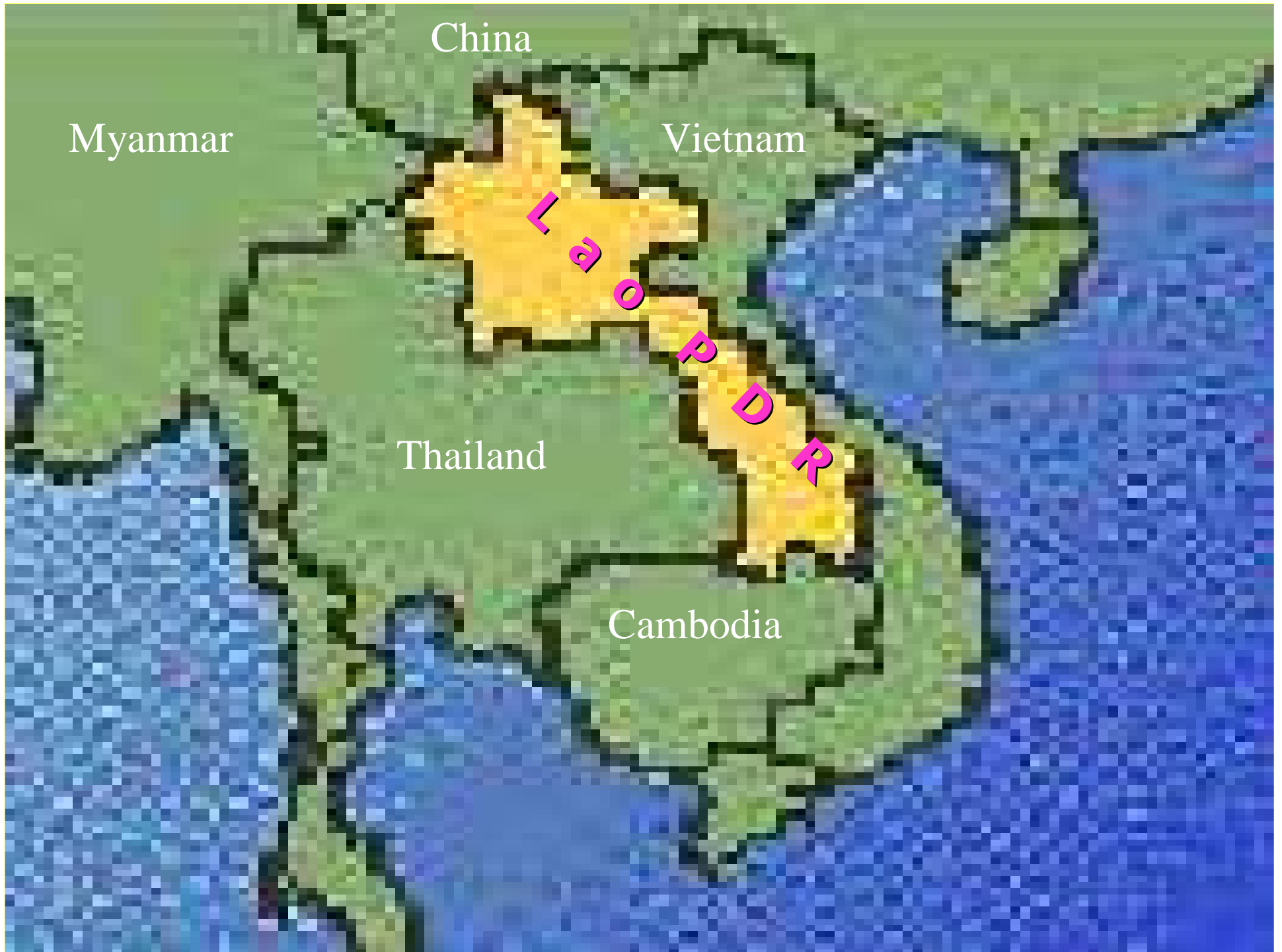
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- **Area :** **236,800 Km2**
- **Population:** **6.2 million**
 - **Urban:** **27 %**
 - **Rural:** **63 %**
- **Ethnic Group :** **49**
- **Religion :** **Buddhism**

■ **Fertility:**

■ **CBR:** 34.7

■ **TFR:** 4.5

■ **Mortality :**

■ **CDR:** 9.8

■ **IMR:** 70

■ **MMR:** 405

■ **Life Expectancy:**

■ **Female: 63**

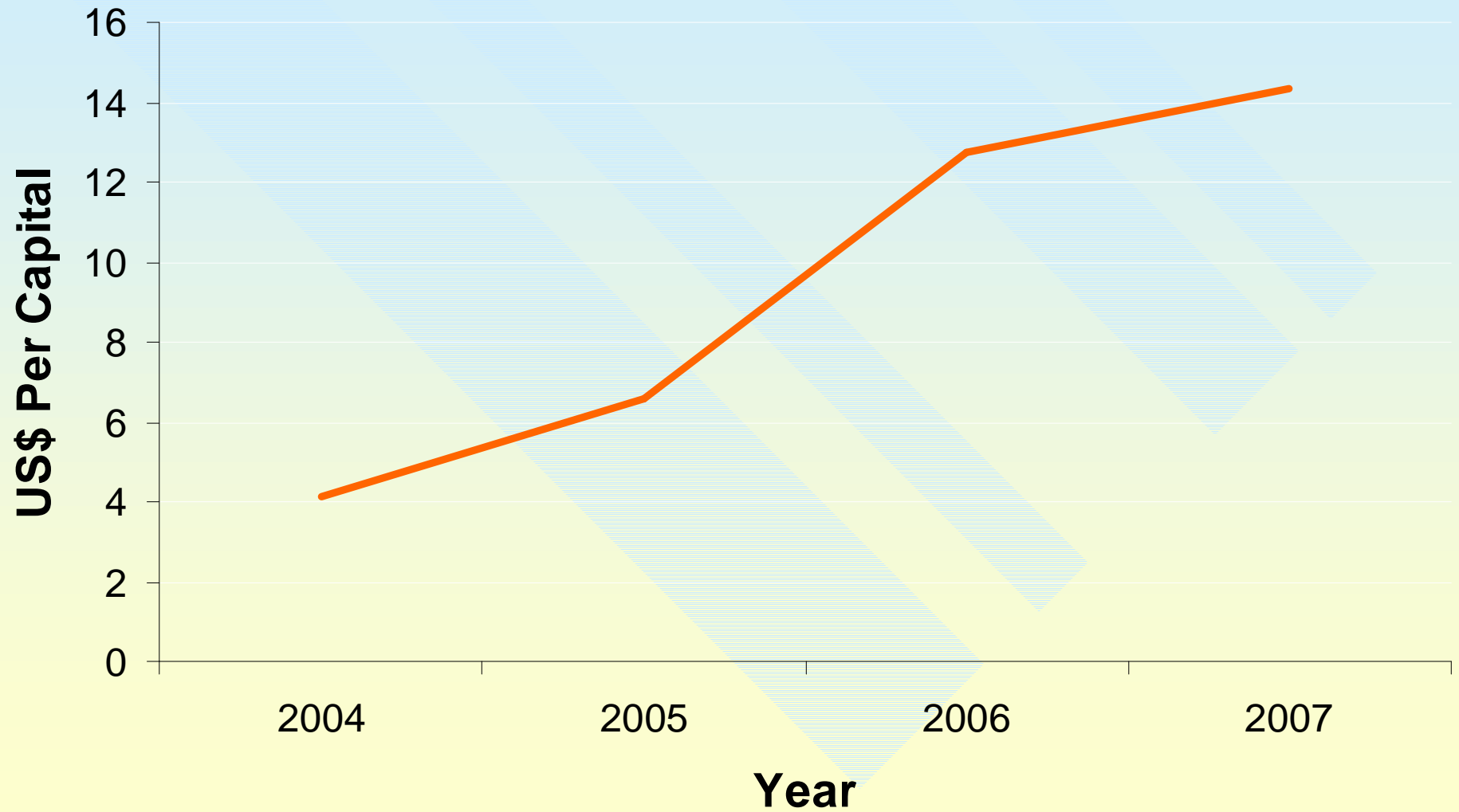
■ **Male: 59**

■ **Literacy Rate, Age 15+ : 73**

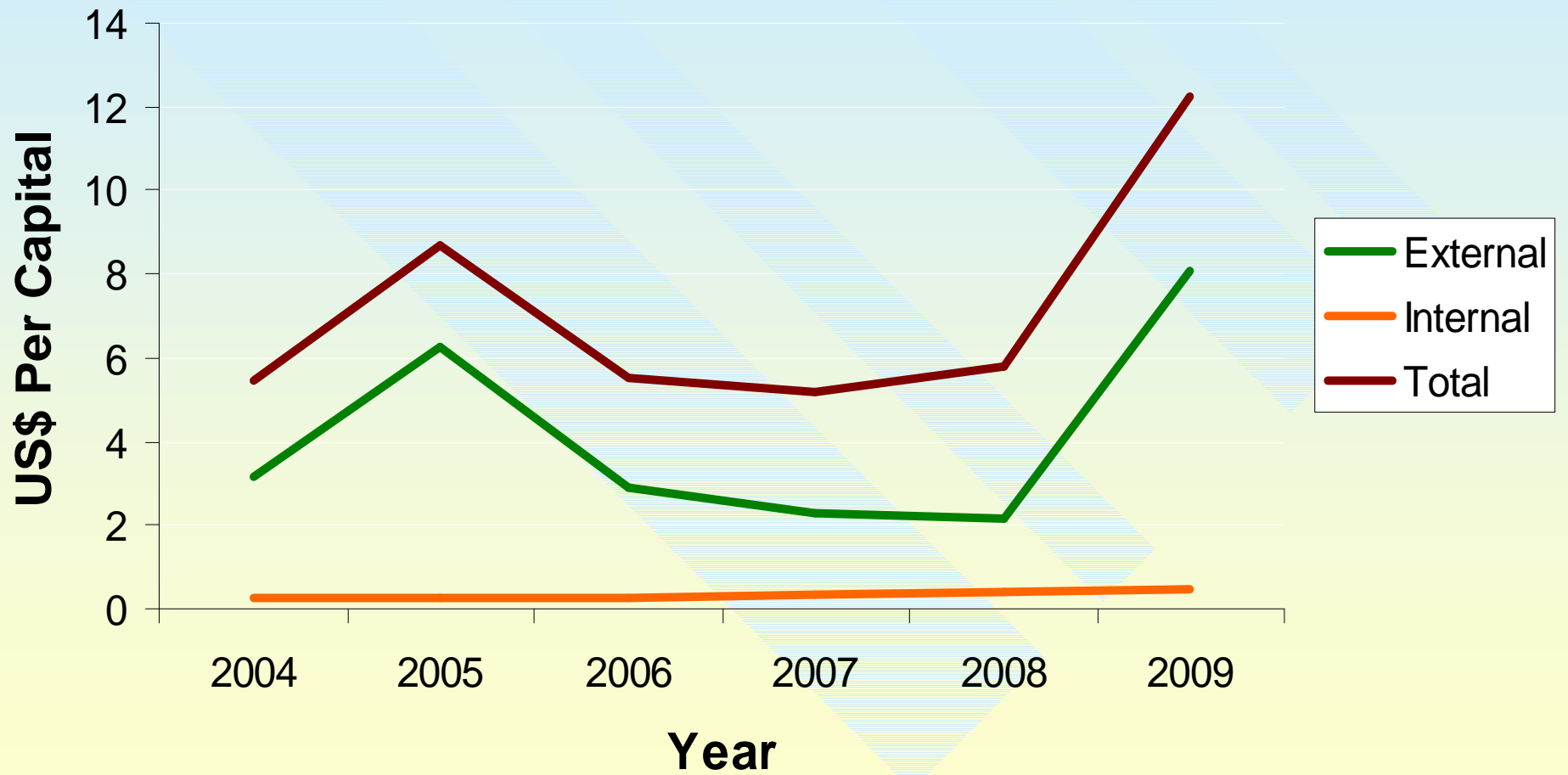
■ **Population in Labor Force: 66,6 %**

■ **GDP per capita: 914 US\$**

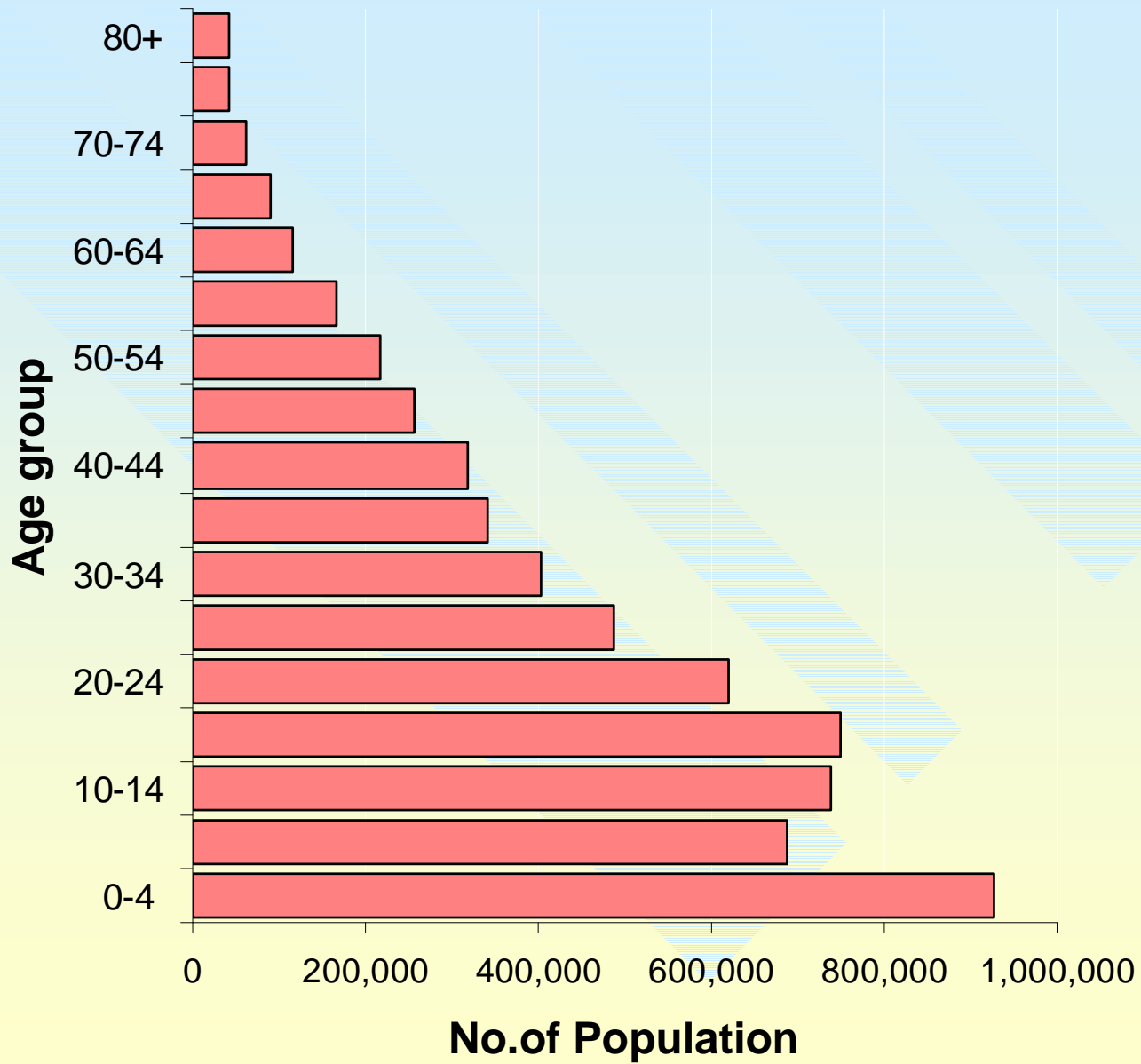
Capital Expenditure on Education



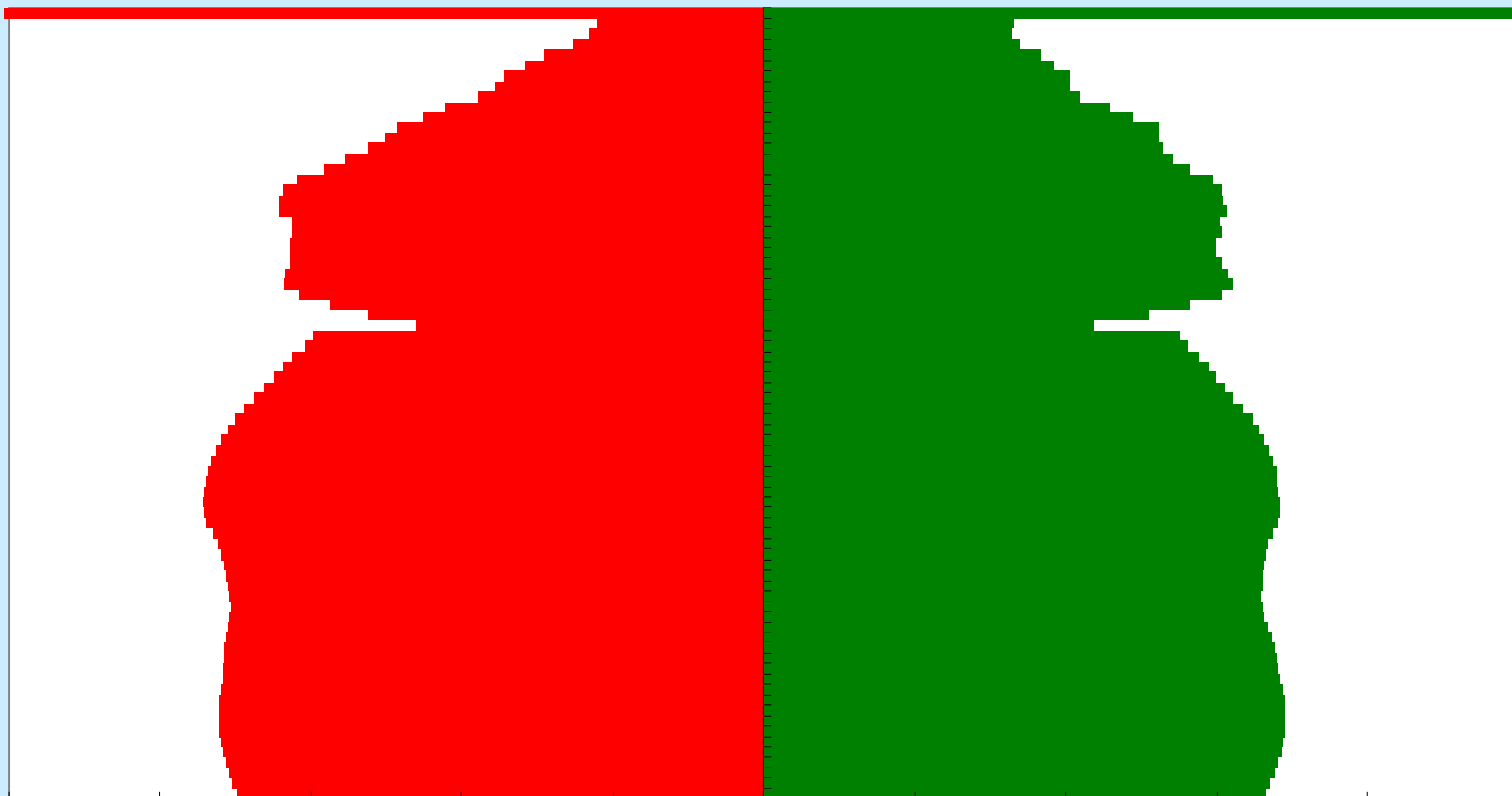
Capital Expenditure on Health



Population Age structure 2010



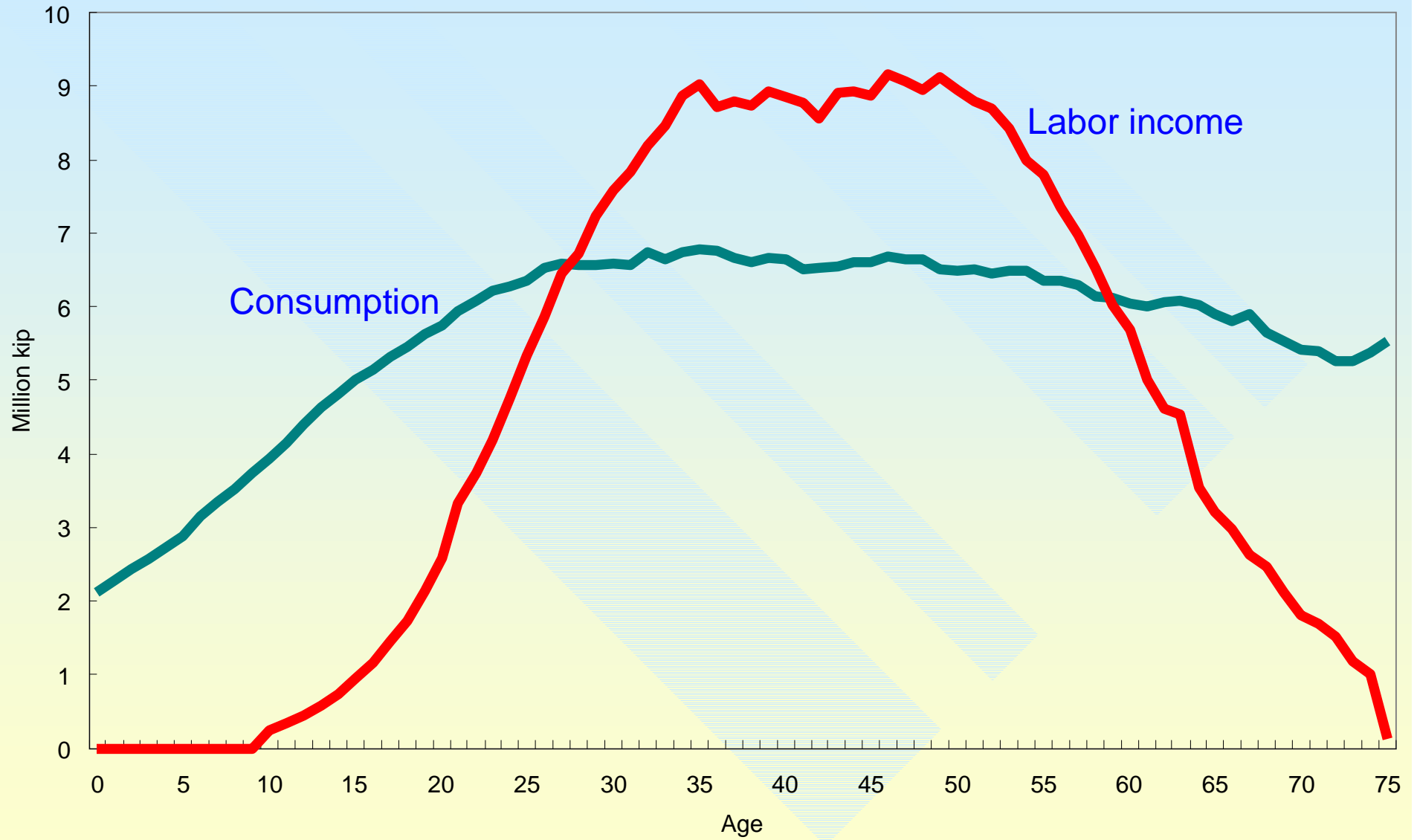
Population 2050



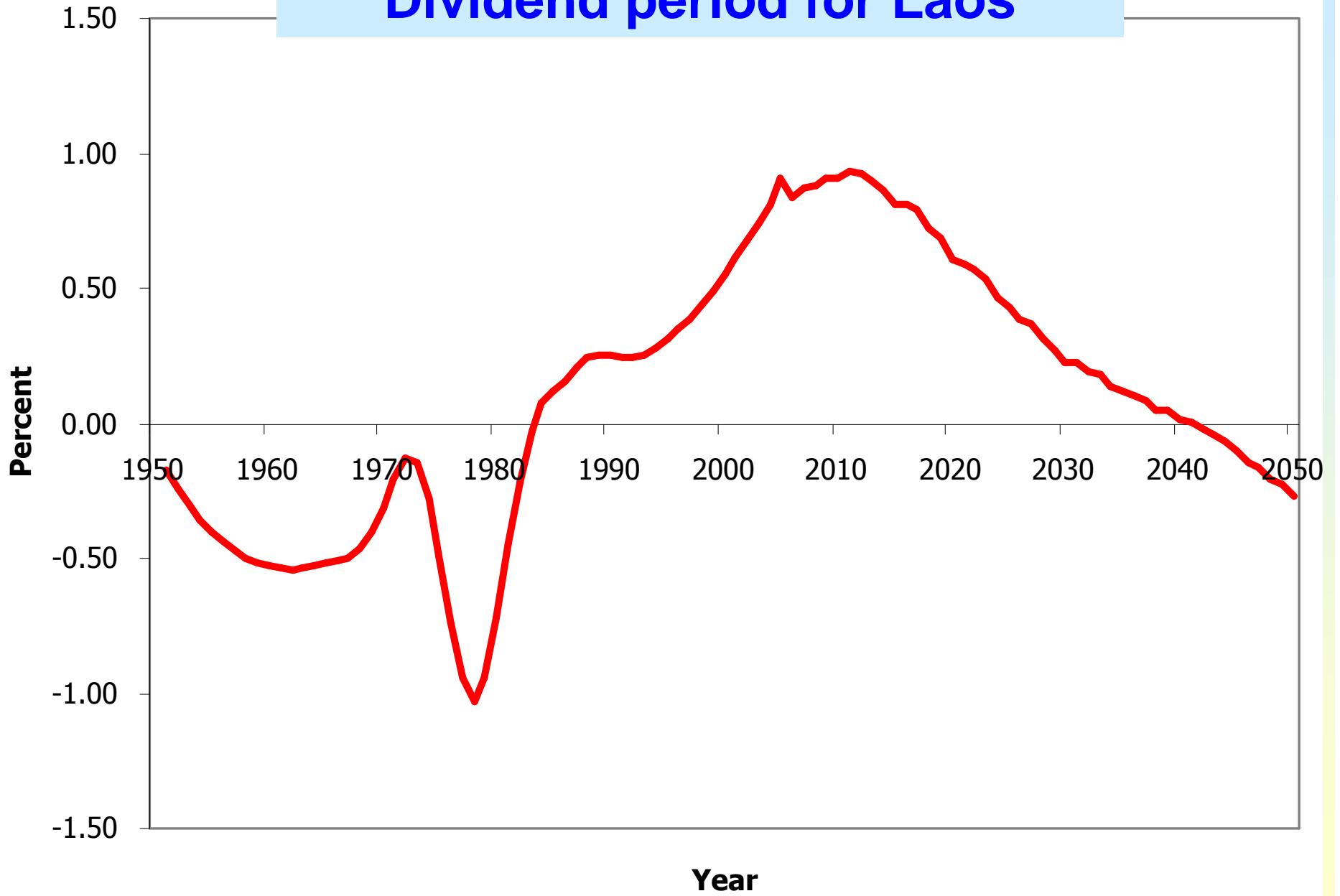
Persons (millions)

■ MALE ■ FEMALE

The Per Capita Economic Lifecycle, Lao PDR, 2007



Dividend period for Laos



Policy Implications

- Laos will be able to enjoy higher economic growth from an increasing share of working ages from 1984 to 2041
- However, the demographic dividend requires an appropriate human capital development policy to make it possible.
- Need to invest in children's education and health, so that the future labor force will be productive.



Thank You

Second demographic dividend, Lao PDR

