

# **OVERVIEW of LAO PDR EVOLUTION & ROLE of LAO-CSOs**

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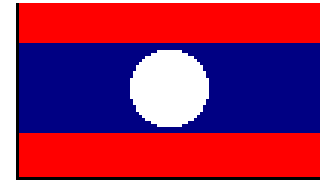
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# Country Background



- **Geography:**

- Landlocked and mountainous Country of 236,800 Km<sup>2</sup> with 70% is high lands.

- **Population :**

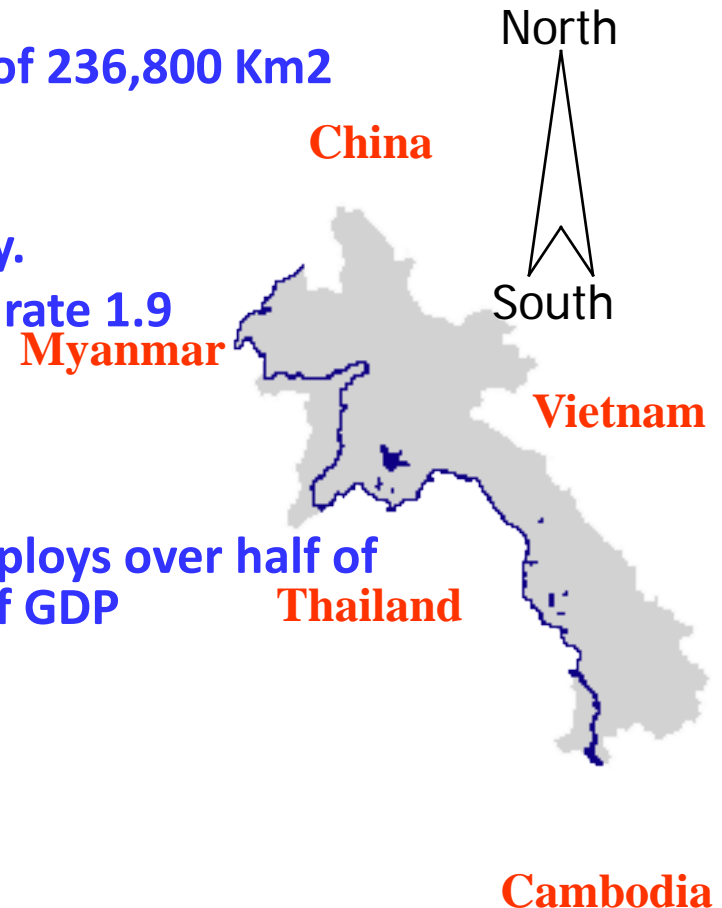
- 6.5 million (2016). 30 % lives in poverty.
- Average 6 persons/family with Growth rate 1.9
- 80% residing outside urban areas

- **Economy:**

- Mainly based on agriculture, which employs over half of the workforce and contributes 23.7% of GDP ( Industry: 29.1% and Services 47.2 % ).
- GDP/head : 1,970 USD
- GDP growth rate of 7.9 % . . ( [www.invest.laopdr.org](http://www.invest.laopdr.org) )

- **Politic:** 40 years of Stable regime

- Global Peace and Security score index (GPI-2015-16 ) : LAOPDR is ranked 41<sup>st</sup> in the world and 3<sup>rd</sup> in ASEAN



# **FUNDAMENTAL ORGAN OF HUMAN SOCIETY**

**Referred to the Dualism  
Philosophy/ DICHOTOMY  
Principle and the natural Rules of  
law, the HUMAN SOCIETY shall  
have 2 levels of fundamental  
Organs such as:**

- 1. Decisive organ**
- 2. Executive organ**

# **Decisive organ**

**This fundamental Organ form the head of **any** society who assume the role in defining Vision, Strategy, Direction, policy Guideline...in the SOCIETY AFFAIRS. It should have suitable **Political ideology, wisdom and Art in taking decision** for assuring the destiny of its own society.**

# Executive organ

In order to realize such “ **Political ideology, Wisdom and Art in taking decision** of the **Decisive organ**, In any society shall have 2 antagonistic Organizations which act as **Partner** in the same **Executive Organ** such as:

- 1. Governmental Organization**
- 2. Civil Society Organization ( CSO )**

# LAO SOCIETY FUNDAMENTAL ORGAN

## 1. Decisive organ:

*LAO PEOPLE REVOLUNARY PARTY ORGANIZATION*

## 2. Executive organ :

- *Lao-Governmental Organization*
- *Lao-Civil Society Organization ( Lao-CSOs )*

# Global Situation of CSOs

The evolution of CSOs is linking with class struggle. At that time the way of violence ( *Proletarian Dictatorship* ) was used for liberating **PROLETARIAN CLASS**. Only after that, people can keep in touch with Liberty, Democracy, Freedom, Equality, Human Rights...

That become nowadays **SOCIAL HOT ISSUES** in the world . *WHY?*

- Because of the *administrative vicious cycle ABCD*, Governments have voluntarily disregarded and ignored such **SOCIAL HOT ISSUES** then make mistakes day by day creating Discontentment, Dirty business, Disorder... in the society.

Thereupon people were secretly or openly grouped and associated then the NGOs were established, enlarged and formed strong Network for fighting against the **administrative class** and thereafter violence is reused. Finally NGOs and Governments become more or less political<sub>8</sub>

opponent



- **In the last decade some Groups of People who have loosen economic interest and politic Rights try to use the hand of **some** NGOs to criticize, blame and subvert Government.**

**It is normal that **such** NGOs have to follow SPONSOR's Policy and such conduct is clearly revealed and disclosed to the public, consequently global NGOs loose credibility day by day and create conflicts of opinion inside NGOs that lead to the pseudo-separation in to 2 anti gonistic Groups :**

**Pro-government & Anti-government**

**-Referred to the new millennium concept ideas of future society development that become **the steam tendency of future society**, NGOs should tend toward to change and adapt itself to the new context. That why now NGOs is on the way of mutation to CSOs who are developing itself to be **Development Partner** with Government.**

**And from that the way of struggle change from violence to constructive**

## IN LAO PDR :

### ➤ **During the nation liberation period:**

- In the liberated zone, Lao people have associated to form R.M.O such as: Militia people Association, Exploited People Association. Patriotic Association, ONGKEO/CHAOPHA PATCHAY Association... and act under the umbrella of **THE LAO FREEDOM FRONT**.
- In the imperialist control zone, Lao people have associated under the Professional Associations, Students Association, Workers Association... and **secretly** act under **THE LAO FREEDOM FRONT**.

### Remark:

- *Outside the country like in FRANCE, CANADA, USA.. Lao-people living there especially Lao Students have associated openly and established under the names of Lao Progressive Students Association, UNION of Lao Students... and also act under the umbrella of **THE LAO FREEDOM FRONT**.*

➤ **During period of healing the wounds of war:**

**Lao-CSOs have been established mainly in form of Professional Organizations such as :**

- *Journalists Association,*
- *Writers Association,*
- *Musician Association,*
- *Engineering Association...*

**And act under the umbrella of THE LAO FRONT**  
**6. NATION CONSTRUCTION**

## ➤ **After lao PDR being Member of ASEAN**

**Based on the Lao Constitution and the international influence in term of CSOs Role which is recognized as a **sine qua non condition** in any society .**

- **In the year 2000 the affected People of NT2 Hydro Project have associated and organized for protecting its own interest and for fighting with INGOs ( *INTERNATIONAL RIVERS NETWORK among other...*) who act as anti-project development.**
- **In the year 2005 LUSEA has been established as umbrella of 23 Associations.**

- In the year 2012 its was counted more than 380 Lao-CSOs.
- In consideration and awareness of potential socio-problems, the Lao-government has issued specific **DECREE on Association and Foundation** aimed to administrate Lao-CSOs in good manner.
- Nowadays many Lao-CSOs have been registered and some are waiting for the License. And the rest is encouraged to undertake registration .

# **Lao-CSOs Roles and Duties.**

**Based to the Article 44 of Lao CONSTITUTION Lao-CSOs are established as independent organization and as PARTNER in the LAO EXECUTIVE ORGAN with Lao-Governmental Organization. The Lao-CSOs structure is out side the Government structure and Lao-CSOs is not related to the GOL's Budget.**

**So that Lao-CSOs have some specific Roles in the Lao society as the following:**

- Lao-CSOs is a link between **National level Policy and local level Reality.**
- Lao-CSOs **Contribute to the formulation, implementation and monitoring** of the National strategy and NSEDP.
- Lao-CSOs **Take Part** in the realization of the noble task in defending and developing the Lao Nation and Take Part in the NSEDP of the GOL..
- Based on the friend spirit Lao-CSOs **assist** GOL to develop itself and to assure efficiency, transparency and good governance in its Roles and Duties.
- Lao-CSOs and GOL shall **work hand in hand** for the Lao Nation development activities but Lao-CSOs will work at the grass root level upwards.



- Undertake **coordination and cooperation** with GOL especially at local level for avoiding duplication activities.
- Coordinate and cooperate with ASEAN CSOs and international Organizations.
- Join **PEOPLE FORUM** activities. ( APF, AEPF, EURASIAN People Forum ...)
- **Strengthen capacity building** of Lao-CSOs to reach the same level of ASEAN CSOs performance .
- **Develop and strengthen solidarity** among Lao-CSOs and with ASEAN CSOs / International Organizations as well.
- **Cooperate with** and seek for experiences and Fund from International Organizations.
- The detail of Lao-CSOs Role will continue to be developed

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