## **Policy Analysis** Excerpt from Lao PDR Situation Analysis

Planning document	Period covered <sup>1</sup>	Key entities involved	Child Nutrition	Remarks
National Socio-Economic Development Plan	2006- 2010	Government of Lao PDR	$\bigcirc$	<ul> <li>Target for reducing ratio of malnourished children</li> <li>No mention of nutrition in text (239 pages) or how targeted reduction in underweight will be reached</li> </ul>
National Growth and Poverty Eradication Strategy	2004- 2006	Government of Lao PDR	٢	<ul> <li>Target for reducing % of malnourished children</li> <li>Improving nutritional standards urgent priority for health sector</li> <li>Promotion of nutrition through MCH and community mobilization</li> </ul>
MDG progress report	2008	Government of Lao PDR, UNDP and UN agencies	٢	<ul> <li>Mention of undernutrition in relation to MDG</li> <li>Makes reference to undernutrition underlying achievement of other MDGs</li> </ul>
UNDAF <sup>2</sup>	2007- 2011	UN agencies	٢	<ul> <li>Nutrition mentioned in context of improving household food security and provision of health services</li> <li>No mention of specific interventions</li> </ul>
CCA CCA	2006	UN agencies	٢	<ul> <li>One page out of 73; mentions of nutrition within 2/4 strategic axes</li> <li>Small sections in food security, educ. and health</li> <li>Strengthen capacities for M&amp;E and data collection</li> </ul>
National Nutrition Policy	2008	Government of Lao PDR, UN agencies		Sets country targets relative to MDGs Outlines 5 priorities and 10 objectives Strategy not yet developed; no detail on interventions
1. Or year of issue; 2. UN Development Assistance Framework Source: REACH team analysis Child nutrition receives significant attention Child nutrition is not addressed at all				
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