

## Lao People's Dem. Republic



<b>Area ('000 km<sup>2</sup>):</b>	236.8
<b>Population (millions), 1997:</b>	5.2
<b>Capital:</b>	Vientiane
<b>Official language:</b>	Lao
<b>Currency:</b>	Kip
<b>GNP per capita (\$), 1997:</b>	400
<b>Percentage shares in GDP, 1997:</b>	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	52.2
Industry (including <i>manufacturing</i> )	21.4 (16.2)
Services (private and public)	26.5
Gross domestic investment	28.7
<b>Exports of goods and serv. (% of GDP), 1997:</b>	23.9
<b>Main employer (% of labour force), 1997:</b>	
Agriculture	77

<b>Life expectancy (male/female), 1990-95:</b>	50/53
<b>Infant mortality rate, 1997:</b> (per 1,000 live births)	99
<b>Daily calorie intake per capita (% of regional minimum requirements), 1997:</b>	112.2
<b>Population with access to safe water (% , urban/rural), 1997:</b>	40/39
<b>Adult literacy rate (% , male/female), 1995:</b>	69/44
<b>Transport, 1996 or latest available:</b>	
Road network density (km/1,000 km <sup>2</sup> )	94.3
Railway network density (km/1,000 km <sup>2</sup> )	..
<b>Installed electricity capacity, 1995:</b> (kW/1,000 inhabitants)	52
<b>Telephone (units per 1,000 inhabitants), 1996:</b>	5.6
<b>Number of tourist arrivals, 1997:</b>	115,000
<b>Total exports of goods and serv. (\$ m), 1997:</b>	417
<b>Main export sector (% of total exports), 1995-97:</b>	
Wood products	31.5
<b>Main markets for exports (% shares), 1997:</b>	
Developed market economy countries	50.3
<i>Main destination:</i> European Union	41.5
<b>Main sources of imports (% shares), 1997:</b>	
Developing countries	93.6
<i>Main origin:</i>	..
<b>Foreign direct investment inflows (\$ m), 1997:</b>	86.0
<b>Total net financial inflows (\$ m), 1997:</b>	400
<i>of which:</i> net ODA (\$ m/%)	341/85.3
<b>External debt (\$ m), 1997:</b>	2,434
As % of GDP	139
Debt service as % of exports	7