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SDGs integration in urban development to strengthen rural-urban linkages in Lao PDR

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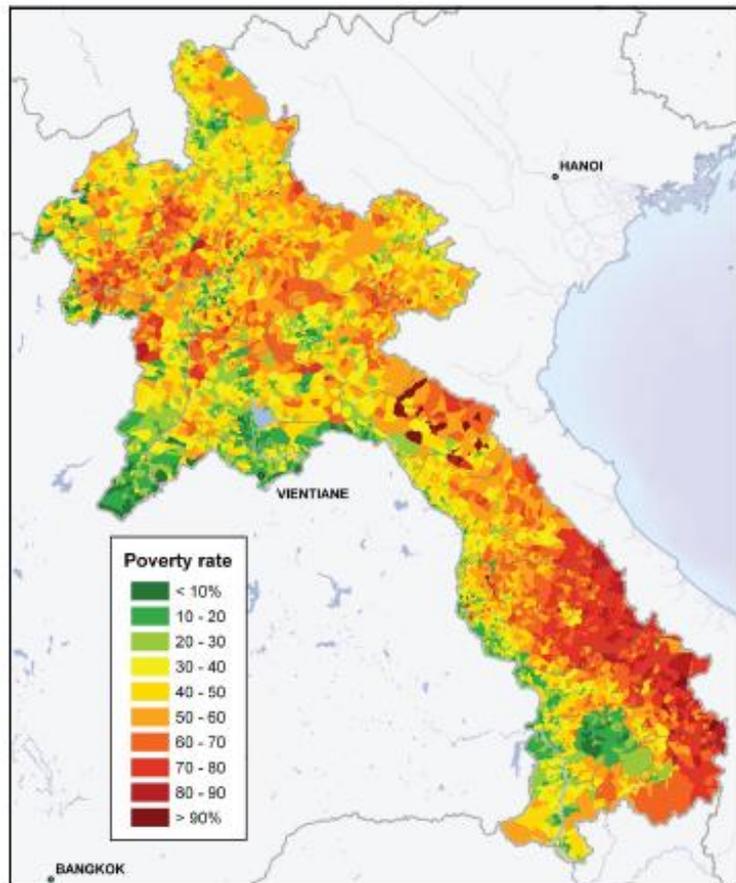
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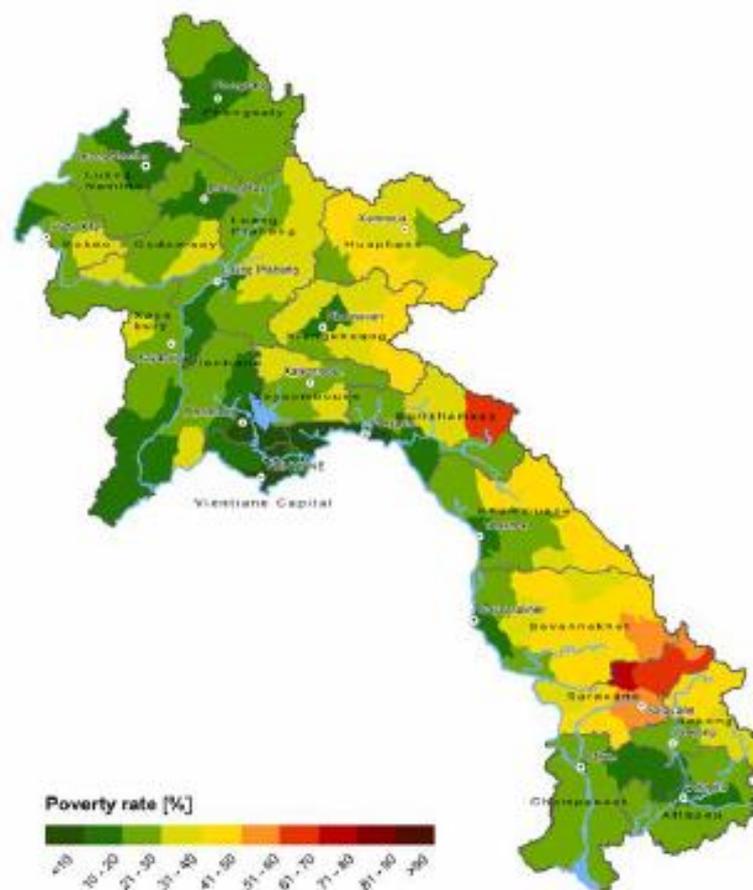
- **The implication of urban-rural linkages in economic and social development;**
- **Current challenges of urban centers that may undermine their capacity to support rural hinterland;**
- **Relevance of SDGs and the way forward in strengthening rural-urban linkages.**

The implication of urban-rural linkages



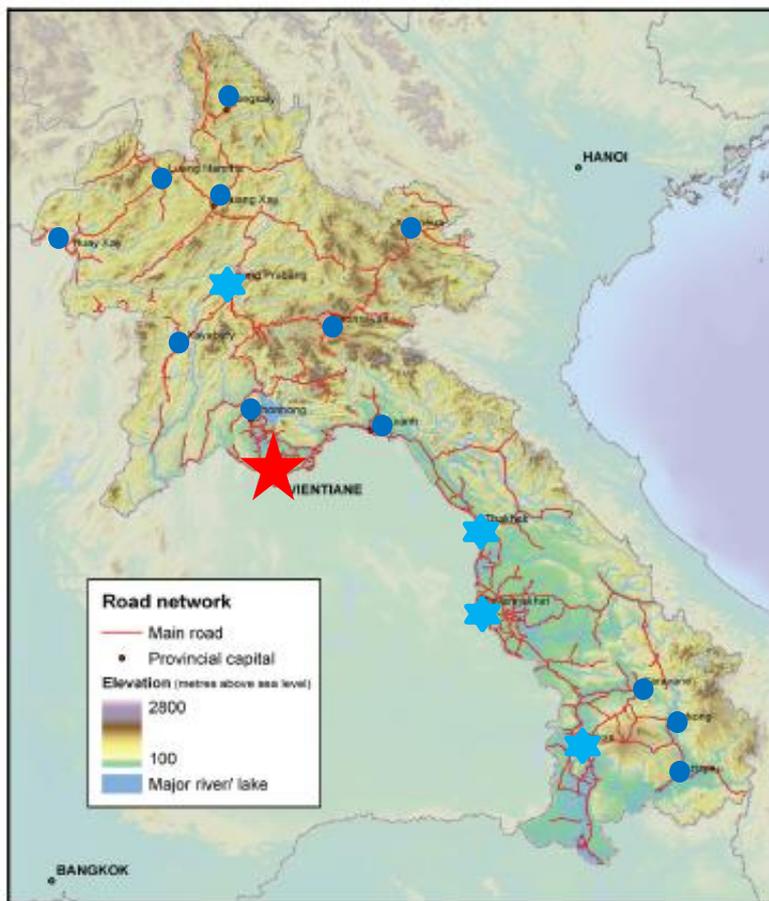
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Poverty rates



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The implication of urban-rural linkages



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Urban centers and road networks,

Why SDGs?



Major urban problems & challenges:

- **Uncontrolled development;**
- **Traffic congestion;**
- **Road accidents;**
- **Environment deterioration;**
- **Disaster vulnerability**



Why SDGs?

- **Lao PDR commitment to SDGs is through its 8th NSEDP implementation (2015-20);**
- **Economic development shall be in harmony with:**
 - ✓ **socio-cultural and environmental protection;**
 - ✓ **disaster prevention and responses,**
 - ✓ **strong link of rural development to poverty reduction;**
- **MPWT identified 44 development programs for 2016 – 2020, including:**
 - ✓ **to reduce development gaps between urban centers and rural hinterland;**
 - ✓ **to diminish ecological, environmental and social pressure to existing urban areas.**
 - ✓ **to achieve balanced regional and local development;**

The way forward

Plans of actions on urban-rural linkages:

- Identification of growth centers in rural areas (potential rural villages to carry out urban functions);**
- Comprehensive territorial planning in identified growth centers;**
- Securing transport linkages; and**
- Fund support in line with NSEDP for infrastructure and elements of basic services.**

The ways forward

Comprehensive territorial planning principles:

- **Integrated and participatory planning approach;**
- **Adequate, safe and affordable transport, houses and basic services,**
- **Accessible green areas, saving energy, low carbon production, reducing waste and waste water;**
- **Disaster prevention and climate change adaptation;**
- **Social inclusiveness, cultural and heritage protection.**



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