



This map is an approximation of actual country borders.

### Country capacity on:

✓ Yes ✖ Partial ✖ No NR No Response

#### EDUCATION REGULATION

- Master list of accredited education institutions ✖
- Accreditation mechanisms for education institutions ✖
- Standards for duration and content of education ✓
- Standards for interprofessional education ✖
- Standards for faculty qualifications<sup>†</sup> NR

#### PRACTICE REGULATION

- Nursing council/authority for regulation of nursing<sup>†</sup> ✓
- Fitness for practice examination<sup>†</sup> ✓
- Continuing professional development ✖
- Existence of advanced nursing roles NR

#### WORKING CONDITIONS

- Regulation on working hours and conditions ✓
- Regulation on minimum wage ✓
- Regulation on social protection ✓
- Measures to prevent attacks on HWs ✓

#### GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

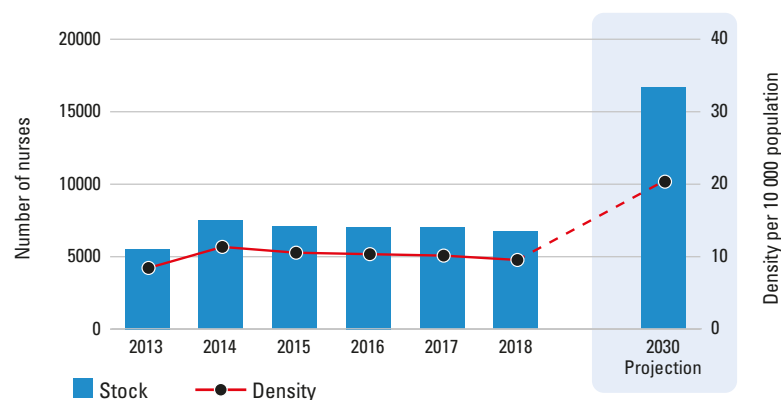
- Chief Nursing Officer position<sup>†</sup> ✖
- Nursing leadership development program<sup>†</sup> NR
- National association for pre-licensure students<sup>†</sup> NR

## Lao People's Democratic Republic

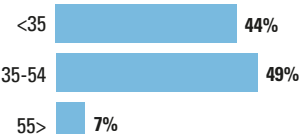
|                                                                                      | COUNTRY   | WHO REGION |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>Total population</b> (UN population prospects, 2019)                              | 7169456   | 1930866657 |
| <b>UHC Service Coverage Index</b> (0-100 points, 2017)                               | 51        | —          |
| <b>Life expectancy at birth m/f</b> (years, 2016)                                    | 64.2/67.4 | 75.0/78.9  |
| <b>Probability of dying under five</b> (per 1 000 live births, 2018)                 | 47.3      | 11.8       |
| <b>Probability of dying between 15 and 60 years m/f</b> (per 1 000 population, 2016) | 215/171   | 104/69     |
| <b>Gross domestic product (GDP)</b> (per capita US\$, 2017)                          | 2457      | 11286      |
| <b>Current health expenditure as a per cent of GDP</b> (2017)                        | 2.5       | 7.1        |
| <b>Current health expenditure per capita</b> (US\$, 2017)                            | 62        | 1026       |

Source: WHO

### Nursing stock and density 2013-2018



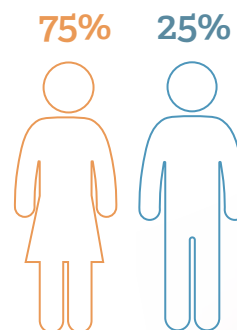
### Age distribution



### Nurse mobility

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Foreign trained | 6.34% |
| Foreign born    | 0.84% |

### Sex distribution



### Nursing personnel (latest year)

6724

Nursing professionals  
653

Nursing associates  
6071

Nurses not further defined  
0

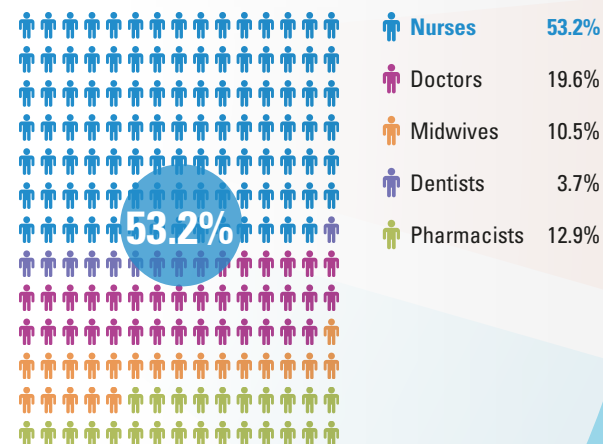
Share of professional nurses  
10%

Density  
9.5  
per 10 000 population

Graduates per year  
NR

Minimum duration of training  
4 years

### Share of nurses within the health workforce



### Issues for consideration

**An estimated shortage range of 5000 to 6000 nurses is projected for year 2030\*.**

\*As compared to a benchmark density. Details in *State of the world's nursing 2020 report* and *Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health: Workforce 2030*

**Source:** National Health Workforce Accounts (NHWA), 2020 except <sup>†</sup>. Latest available data are displayed. Includes multiple data sources such as the OECD/Eurostat/WHO EURO Joint Data Collection, labour force survey, census data and estimates from WHO for shortages. Stock and density projection by 2030 based on a simple stock and flow model. See full report for further details. NR=Not reported. Data as of 10 March 2020.