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NIPN Key Achievements for 2023

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Outline

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2. Challenges and lessons learned
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Key achievements for 2023

Meeting and Dissemination (1/2)



- Successfully organized the 4th annual dissemination meeting for the NIPN project in early 2023.
- Organized a meeting to disseminate the results of household surveys, both quantitative and qualitative in four target provinces: Phongsaly, Huaphanh, Bokeo, and Saravane.
- Successfully disseminated the PHHS 2022 research findings to students at the Health Sciences College in Savannakhet and Saravane provinces.
- Attended the NIPN global gathering meeting in Belgium.

Meeting and Dissemination (2/2)



- Successfully organized 3 bi-monthly technical meetings and 2 quarterly meetings by the data analysis and policy unit.
- Completed the Annual Advisory Board committee meeting for 2023.
- Completed 3 remote meetings with the C4N team to monitor project progress on a quarterly basis.
- Successfully organized the introduction of the NIPN project implementation meeting for 6 targeted provinces.

Capacity Building 1/2



- **At the central level:**

- Completed assessment and development of capacity building plan at the central level for 2023.
- Successfully completed 12 internal trainings and 8 intensive trainings from both units (DAU and PAU) in 2023.

Capacity building 2/2

- **Sub-national level:**

- Completed the assessment and developed the capacity building plan for the six targeted provinces for 2023.
- Completed 3 intensive training sessions covering 6 targeted provinces: Phongsaly, Oudomxay, Khammouan, Savannakhet, Saravane, and Sekong.



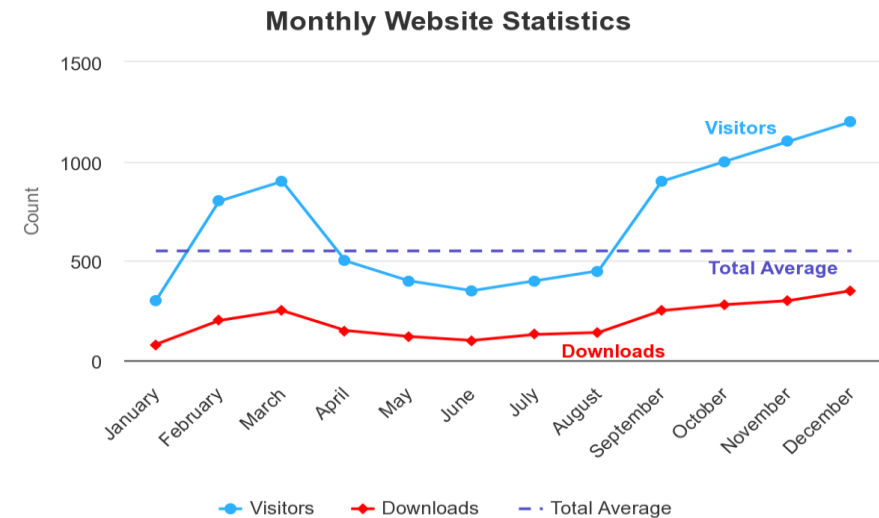
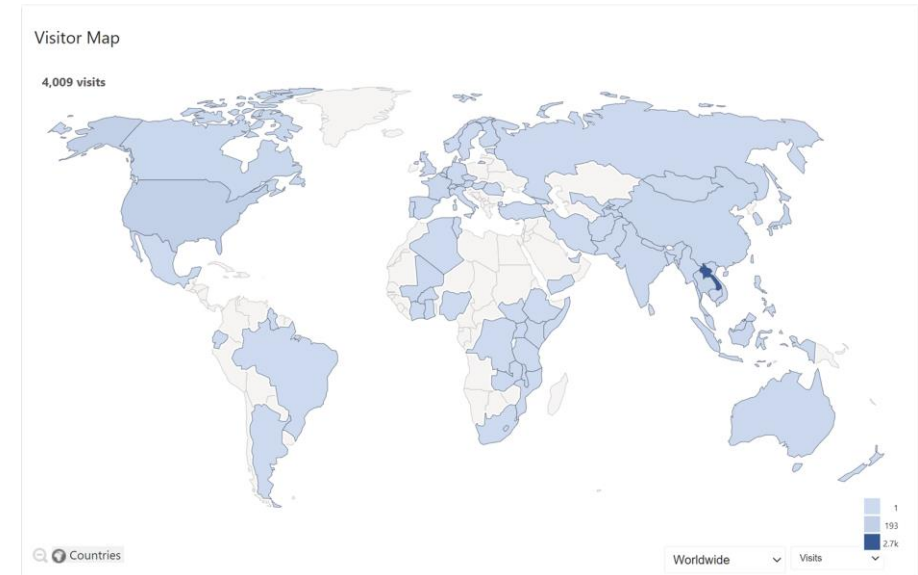
Research and Generation of Evidence to Support Policy

- Completed 4 research topics for 2023 by both units(DAU & PAU):
 - Subsistence Agriculture, Household Food Security, and Women's and Children's Dietary Diversity in Lao PDR
 - Economic Loss from School Dropout and Grade Repetition due to Malnutrition in Lao PDR
 - The influence of socio-demographic variables on child food poverty.
 - The influence of socio-demographic variables on women body mass index (BMI).



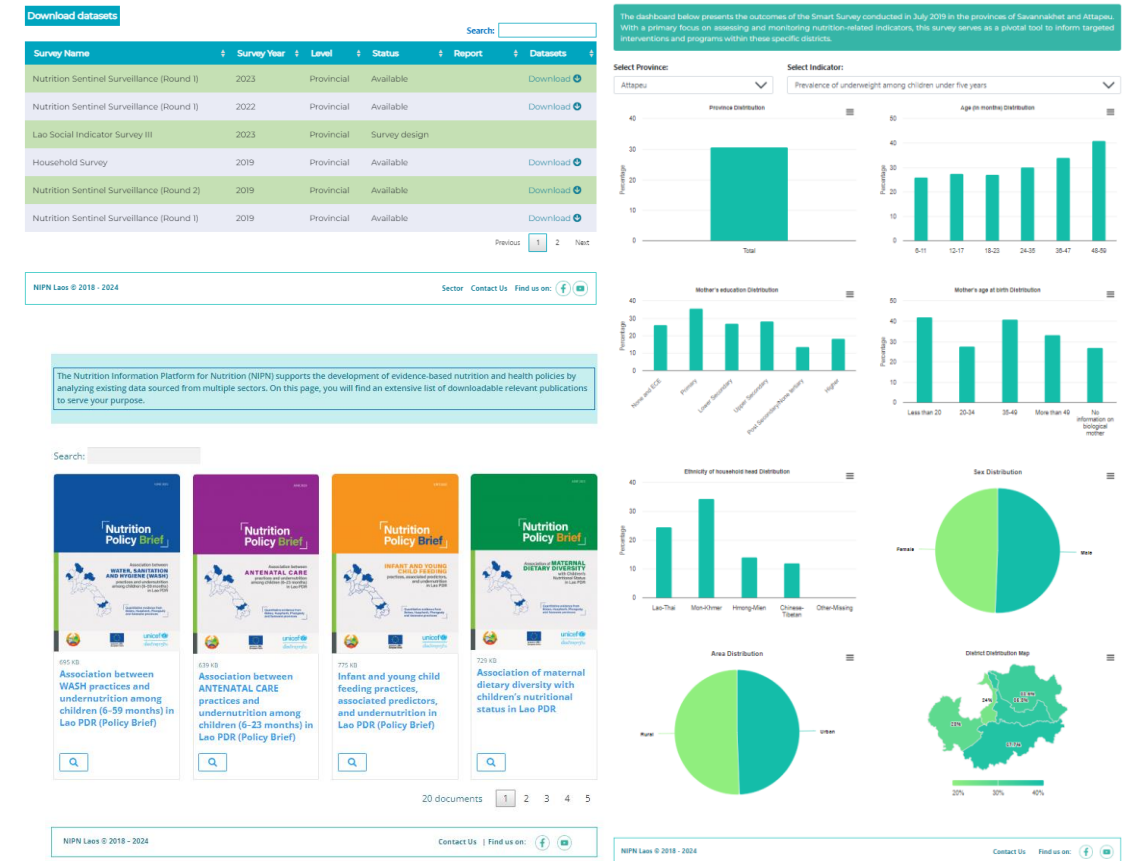
Overview of NIPN dashboard and data repository

- In 2023, there were a total of 4041 visitors to the NIPN website.
- There were a total of 1430 downloads of publications.
- The NIPN Facebook page was accessed by 7227 viewers with 425 followers in 2023.



Key updates to the NIPN dashboard and data repository in 2023

- Added 7 new research papers, which include both domestic and international research papers.
- Added the preliminary survey results of the 3rd Lao Social Indicators Survey (LSIS III) conducted in 2023.
- Uploaded raw data from the 2023 NSS survey.
- Inserted raw data and dashboards from the 2022 household survey in 4 provinces: Phongsaly, Huaphanh, Bokeo and Saravene.
- Created the dashboard for the SMART survey carried out in Savannakhet and Attapeu provinces (2019).



Challenges and lesson learned

Challenges

- There is limited collaboration among the sectors in the process of producing research papers for evidence-based policy formulation.
- The use of NIPN data and research findings for planning and formulating nutrition policies is limited.
- The selection of research topics is constrained due to the non-availability of diverse datasets.
- The rotation and absence of participants in the central-level training is an ongoing issue.

Lesson learned

- There is a need for more cooperation and involvement from multi-sectors and development partners to acquire maximum benefits of the NIPN project.
- The dissemination of research findings needs to be increased to attract the participation of relevant sectors.
- The participation of policymakers, especially in formulating research questions, should be more encouraged during each dissemination session.

Key activities planned for 2024

Meeting and dissemination

- Organize disseminating meetings to present the research findings to relevant sectors and members of the national assembly at the provincial level, and educational institutions in all three regions.
- Conduct bi-monthly technical meetings to discuss the technical aspects of both units.
- Organize & conduct a joint quarterly meeting to summarize and report the progress of the activities for each quarter to the project secretariat, as well as to determine the project's direction for the subsequent quarters.
- Plan and conduct advisory board meeting at the end of 2024 to present the progress on the activities planned for 2024, and the action plan for 2025.
- Continue discussions with related sectors to improve the sustainable development plan for the NIPN project.

Partnership

- Foster partnership and collaboration with related programmes/institutions, including with EU-NIS (Saravane and Savannakhet)

Capacity building

- **At the central level:**

- Continue and finalize the develop a sustainability Plan for NIPN
- Country learning and Exchange (Saravane Province) in May-June 2024, and Support country participation in the 2024 Global Gathering
- Organize at least 12 internal training sessions within two units in 2024.
- Organize 8 intensive training sessions (DAU 4 sessions and PAU 4 sessions).

- **At the province level:**

- Continue to provide training at the sub-national level based on the capacity building plan for 2024 & 2025.

Research and Generation of Evidence to Support Policy

- Develop and disseminate policy briefs for all research papers finalized in 2023.
- Identify new research topics for 2024 through a process of generating and formulating questions from each dissemination and consultation with relevant sectors.
- Undertake research and formulate policy briefs for 2024 and present them at the subsequent dissemination meetings.

NIPN dashboard and data repository:

- Enhance the NIPN dashboard and data repository, particularly by incorporating information from the 3rd Lao Social Indicators Survey (LSIS III) into the website.
- Upgrade the overall functionalities of the website, with a special focus on improving the visual effects and usability features to facilitate easy navigation.



Thank you

