











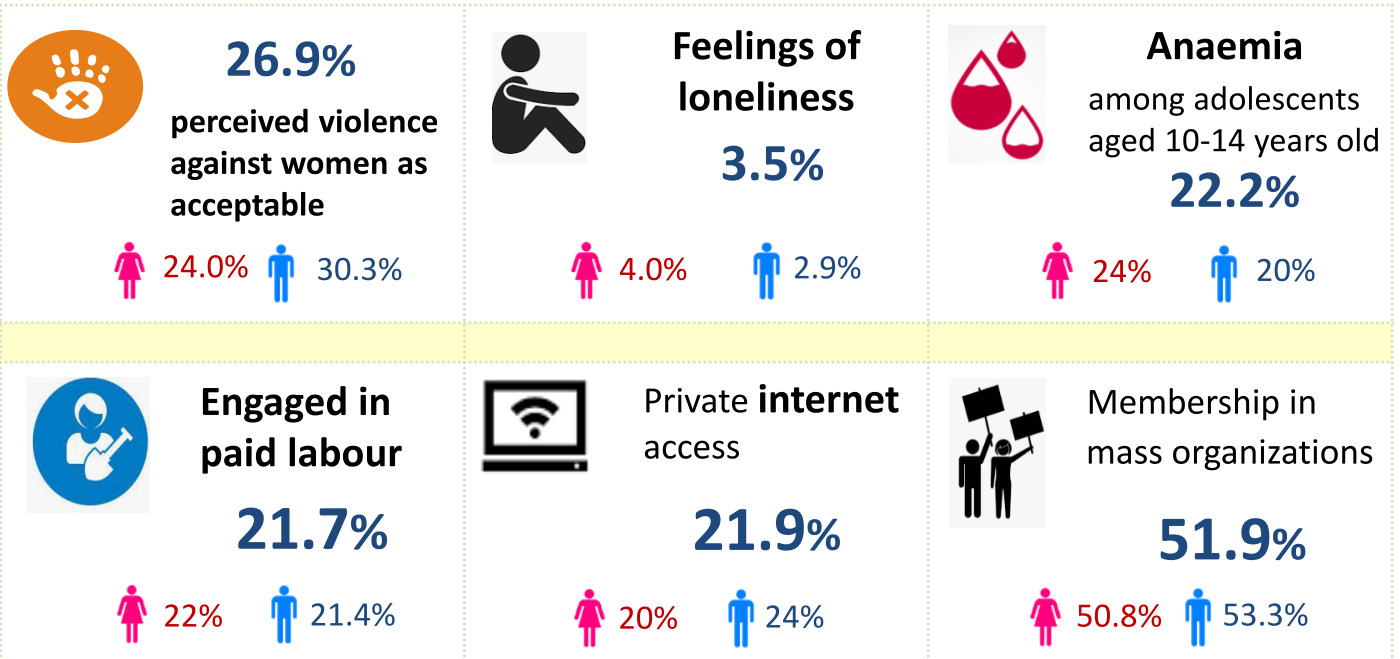


Adolescent Girls' Situation Analysis in Three Districts of Bokeo Province in Lao PDR – 2018

Characteristics of Bokeo Province

- Total Population: **179,243**
- Land area: **6,196** square kilometres
- Population Density: **29 persons per/ km2**
- Poverty Head Count Rate: **25.5%**
- Percent of rural population: **67.1%**
- Percent of adolescent population: **21.6%**
- Number of adolescents (10-19 years) : **38,770 (Girls: 19,211, Boys: 19,559)**

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|  <h3>Objectives</h3> <p>To identify the main areas requiring concerted efforts and greater investment for adolescent girls and boys</p> |  <h3>Interviewees</h3> <p>837 adolescent girls and boys aged 10-19</p> <p>454 383</p> |  <h3>Districts</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pha Oudoum - Meung - Paktha |
|  <h3>No education</h3> <p>3.7%</p> <p>4.9% 2.4%</p> |  <h3>Out of school</h3> <p>18%</p> <p>22.3% 13.1%</p> |  <h3>44.9%</h3> <p>already used alcoholic Beverages</p> <p>42.1% 48.3%</p> |
|  <h3>10.9%</h3> <p>already started sexual activity</p> <p>8.4% 13.8%</p> |  <h3>61%</h3> <p>Self decision regarding sex, among sexually active adolescents</p> <p>42% 80%</p> |  <h3>Early marriage</h3> <p>3.7%</p> <p>5.1% 2.1%</p> |
|  <h3>Adolescent Birth Rate</h3> <p>55 births/1000 girls 15-19 years</p> |  <h3>50.9%</h3> <p>Know condom prevents HIV and STI's</p> <p>49.1% 53.0%</p> |  <h3>34.5%</h3> <p>sexually active adolescents use contraceptives</p> <p>29% 40%</p> |



Recommendations



Make concentrated efforts for increasing enrolment, retention and quality of education in schools.



Provide comprehensive sexuality education in schools and technical and vocational education and training institutions.



Make adolescent and youth friendly sexual and reproductive health services available for adolescents by training healthcare providers, strengthening health facilities and promoting referrals through schools and mass organizations.



Ensure availability of safe spaces for adolescents such as Nang- Noi Girls Groups to provide them platform for participatory learning, leisure and recreation.



Implement comprehensive programmes and mass campaigns to raise awareness on adolescents' sexual and reproductive health, for prevention of early marriage and adolescent pregnancy co-opting mass organizations into this work.



Ensure availability of contraceptives for adolescents and remove barriers towards accessing them.



Empower adolescent girls with life skills such as decision making, leadership, communication and negotiation skills.



Develop better understanding of what constitutes gender based violence and promote gender sensitive attitudes, behaviors and power dynamics among adolescent girls, boys and their communities .



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