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Article **Strategic Assessment of Reproductive Health in the Lao People's Democratic Republic**

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Abstract This article presents the outcome of a reproductive health strategic assessment carried out in the Lao People's Democratic Republic. The specific reproductive health areas covered are maternal health, birth spacing, reproductive tract infections and adolescent health. In each of these areas, health status, community knowledge and perceptions, care-seeking behaviour and service delivery were assessed. The recommendations arising from the assessment led to a framework for integrated reproductive health programming in that country. The follow-up activities to the assessment are also discussed.

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