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Article **Demographic Health Survey: Xay Thani District of Vientiane Prefecture, Lao People's Democratic Republic**

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Abstract This article analyses survey data from a district not too far from the capital of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. It finds that there is a pressing need for education and provision of birth-spacing methods, safe drinking water and sanitation in order to improve family health. It also finds that there is a large, latent, unmet need for modern contraceptive spacing methods. The primary impediment to family planning is the lack of knowledge about contraceptive methods and where to get them.

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