

Questions

Titel: Human capital is the backbone of a nation's economic and social development. In the context of Laos, why is it urgent to invest in human capital now and what are the key areas we must focus on?

1. **MoES:** Education is crucial for equipping our youth with the skills needed for the future economy. What key reforms are being implemented to improve learning outcome, teacher shortages and poor foundational skills to ensure education's role in human capital development?
2. **MoH:** Malnutrition and limited access to healthcare limit human capital development. Under the National Plan of Action on Nutrition (NPAN), what actions is the Ministry of Health taking to improve nutrition and health outcomes, particularly among the most vulnerable populations?
3. **MoLSW:** We need to ensure that no one is left behind in human capital development. In what ways can we ensure that social protection schemes are accessible and implemented, also in remote areas?
4. **National Assembly + MoF:** In a context of limited resources, how can we ensure that social sectors are adequately funded to address human development needs / skills development, to support socio-economic development?. Given the current fiscal constraints, how can the government strategically allocate resources to maximize returns on investments in education, health, and social protection?
5. **Youth Representative:** Youth represents a significant portion of our population and holds the key to our future development. From your perspective, what are the main opportunities and challenges that you face in accessing quality education and employment opportunities?. What do you feel you need to tackle the challenges?
6. **LNCCI (Private sector):** How can the education and training systems better prepare young people with the relevant skills for employment, and the future of work in an evolving labour market?. What role can businesses play in collaborating with the government to develop (and retain) a skilled workforce?
7. **European Union (DPs):** How can development partners support Laos in implementing the commitments made during the Human Capital Summits? What successful collaboration models and international best practices can we leverage to accelerate human capital development in the country?