

# FOOD SYSTEMS PROFILE - THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

## Corrigendum [10/06/2022]

The following corrections were made to the PDF of the report after it went to print.

Page	Location	Text in printed PDF	Text in corrected PDF
15	Body text (Para under "Characterization of the dominant actors of the food systems in the Lao People's Democratic Republic)	Title included but missing paragraph (bullet points)	<p>approximately 80 percent of the rural population still constitute subsistence farmers. These farmers, who heavily depend on rice-based agriculture, raise livestock and forage for wild foods from forests and rivers have poor and unbalanced diets;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ commercial agriculture, led by local and foreign investors, has been promoted in recent years. The main import crops are coffee, cassava, maize and sugar cane, while tree plantations, such as those for growing rubber, are also expanding. Commercial livestock is increasing for domestic and export markets;</li> <li>○ village collectors or traders are small operators, who act as market aggregators by buying agricultural products from farmers and selling them to large traders for domestic and export markets. Informal, small-scale operators engage in the aggregation, transportation, storage and distribution of food;</li> <li>○ fresh and processed foods are imported via official importers and through illegal crossborder traders because of the extensive border shared with neighbouring countries;</li> <li>○ the agroprocessing sector is still nascent; only a few large-scale food processing industries, such as Beer Lao and Dao Coffee, employ more than 700 workers. This sector is dominated by numerous small-scale, food microenterprises with less than five employees per entity;</li> <li>○ small and medium-scale supermarkets are increasingly penetrating cities, but informal wet markets remain a key source of food in the Lao Peoples Democratic Republic, often providing nutritious foods, including fruits and vegetables. Safety standards,</li> </ul>

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