

Country Demographics ^{1,2,3}	
Total population (2017) ¹	6,858,160
Urban population (% of total, 2016) ¹	40%
Health expenditure per capita (\$US, 2016) ²	\$55.2
Health expenditure, total (% of GDP, 2016) ²	2.4%
Total births (2017) ¹	160,698
Surviving infants (2017) ¹	154,187
Life expectancy at birth (years, 2017) ²	67 yrs
Number of districts (2013) ³	145

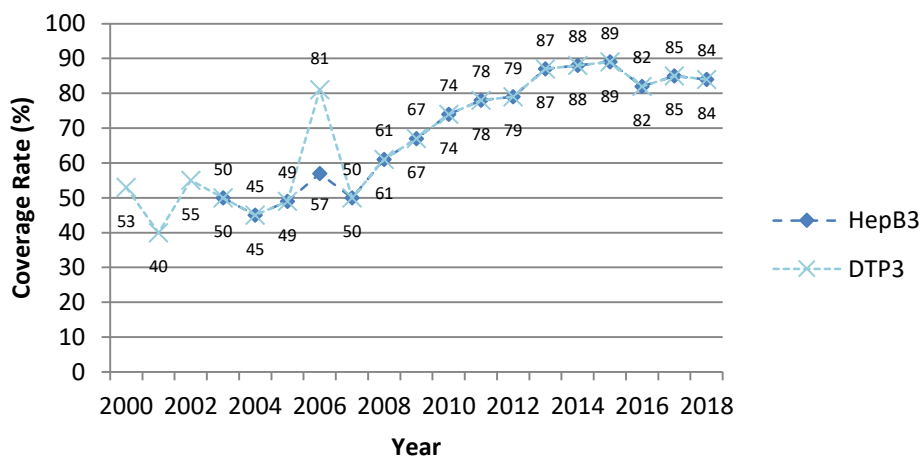
HBsAg Prevalence ⁶	
Pre-vaccine HBsAg+ (%)	8%

Liver Cancer as Cause of Cancer Death (in Men) ⁵	
Year: 2018	Ranking: 1

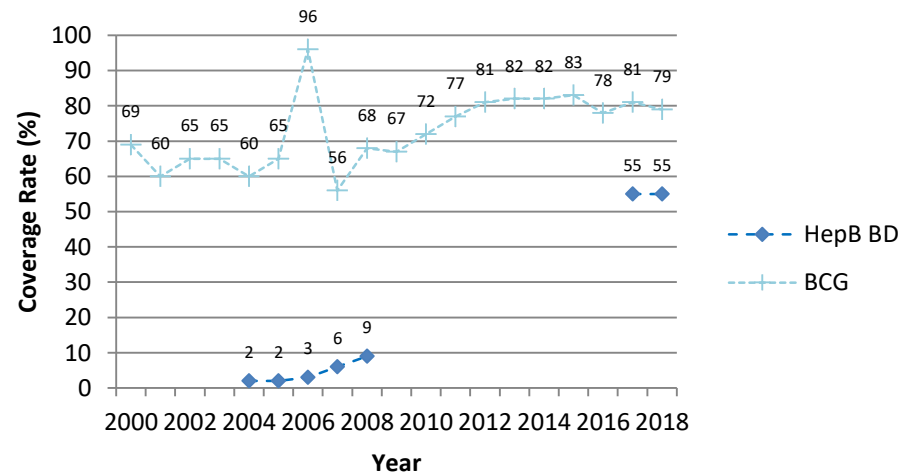
2018 Country Comparison in Western Pacific Region ⁴			
	Lao PDR	Highest coverage in WPR	Lowest coverage in WPR
HepB3 ⁴	84%	100% (Brunei Darussalam, Cook Islands, Niue)	44% (Samoa)
HepB BD ⁴	55%	100% (Cook Islands, Nauru, Palau)	25% (Papua New Guinea)

Hepatitis B Immunization Coverage ^{4,7}																				
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
HepB3 ⁴	NR	NR	NR	50%	45%	49%	57%	50%	61%	67%	74%	78%	79%	87%	88%	89%	82%	85%	84%	
HepB BD ⁴	NR	NR	NR	NR	2%	2%	3%	6%	9%	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	55%	55%	
DTP3 ⁴	53%	40%	55%	50%	45%	49%	81%	50%	61%	67%	74%	78%	79%	87%	88%	89%	82%	85%	84%	
BCG ⁴	69%	60%	65%	65%	60%	65%	96%	56%	68%	67%	72%	77%	81%	82%	82%	83%	78%	81%	79%	

Laos: HepB3 vs. DTP3



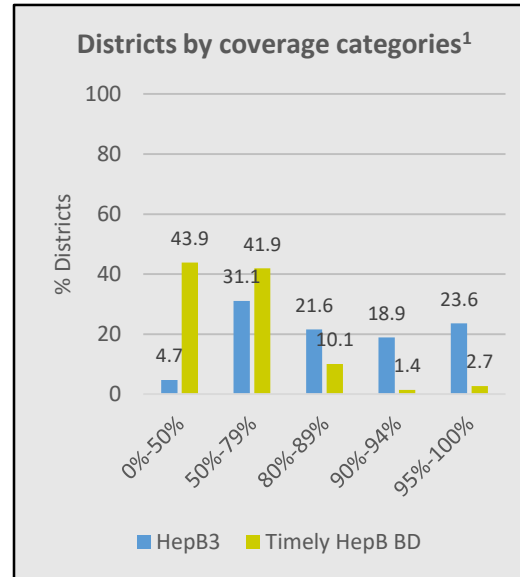
Laos: HepB BD vs. BCG



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National Policies on Hepatitis B Screening for Pregnant Women	
Mandatory HepB screening in all pregnant women (Y/N) ⁸ -If Y, mandatory reporting of HBs-Ag positive pregnant women to public health department (Y/N)	N
HBIG administered with HepB BD to infants born to HBsAg positive women (Y/N) ⁸ - If Y, is it free? (Y/N)	N

National Policies on Hepatitis B Immunization ⁷	
Universal newborn HepB immunization (Y/N) ⁷ - If Y, year introduced ⁷ -HepB3 nationwide ⁷ -Free for all newborns (Y/N) -If free, state year introduced:	Y 2001 2004 Y
Catch-up immunization program for unvaccinated children (Y/N) - If Y, year introduced -Free for all unvaccinated children (Y/N) -If free, state year introduced:	N
Immunization program for health care workers (Y/N) - If Y, year introduced -Free for all health care workers(Y/N) -If free, state year introduced:	N
HepB newborn immunization included in multiyear plan for EPI (Y/N)	
HepB BD in schedule (Y/N) ⁷	Y
Systems to monitor HepB BD ⁷	Hospitals, HCs
Systems to deliver HepB BD ⁷	Hospitals, HCs
HepB vaccine funding other than country government (Y/N) ⁸ -If Y, please specify funding source:	Luxembourg Fund



National Policies on Chronic Hepatitis B Treatment	
Treatment for chronic HBV infection covered (Y/N) ⁸ - If Y, year introduced -Interferon (Y/N) -Oral antiviral (Y/N)	N

Certification Status ¹	
Year certification report received	Pending (2017)
Year certification panel convened	NR
Year certification approved	NR
Approved with prevalence <1% or <2%?	NR

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