



LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
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Prime Minister

No 01 /PM  
Vientiane Capital, Date 13 1 2016

### Declaration

National Public health emergency declaration on Polio outbreak and response plan

- Refer to Prime Minister's Order No 63/PM, dated 13 Nov 2015 about Polio outbreak response and immunization programme
- Refer to the letter of Minister of Health No 1877/MoH, dated 30 October 2015 about Polio outbreak response and immunization programme

In order to stop the transmission of polio virus in Lao People's Democratic Republic and conducting three rounds of Oral Polio Vaccine Supplementary Immunization Activities throughout the country to obtain the agreed vaccination target of 100%:

In light of recent laboratory confirmation of a fifth poliovirus case and considering that the current polio outbreak has already resulted in the deaths of two children, I, declare the current polio outbreak a national public health emergency in Lao People's Democratic Republic.

### **Prime Minister Order:**

1. All sectors, government, private, and communities should make every effort to implement successfully the planned mass vaccination campaigns as detailed in Prime Minister's Order No 63/PM Dated 13 Nov 2015
2. In addition, all efforts should be made to fully implement the recommendations of the International Health Regulations and the outbreak response protocols, as adopted by the World Health Assembly in May 2015 in Resolution 68.3.
3. All residents of Lao People's Democratic Republic, who are planning international travel anytime during 2016, are encouraged to receive polio vaccination, preferably one month before departure and be provided with an immunization card documenting vaccination prior to travel.
4. All visitors (planning to stay more than one month) are encouraged to be fully vaccinated against polio prior to arrival in the Lao People's Democratic Republic
5. This Prime Minister Order enters into force from date of its signature and remains in force until six months after the polio outbreak is over.

Prime Minister of Lao PDR

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