

<b>VIENTIANE WATER SUPPLY</b>	
<b>Production &amp; Distribution</b>	Population: 616,221 (2001)
	Annual Production 38,597,880 m <sup>3</sup> Groundwater 2% Surface Water 98%
	Annual Consumption Domestic 15,592,595 m <sup>3</sup> Nondomestic 12,241,672 m <sup>3</sup> Total 27,834,267 m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Service Connections</b>	Domestic <sup>1</sup> 36,121 Nondomestic 5,931 Total 42,052
<b>Service Indicators</b>	Service Coverage 63% 24-hour Water Availability 50% Per Capita Consumption 110 l/c/d Average Tariff US\$0.042/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Efficiency Indicators</b>	Nonrevenue Water 28% Unit Production Cost US\$0.033/m <sup>3</sup> Working Ratio 1.10 Staff/1,000 Connections 10.5 Revenue Collection Efficiency 52%
<b>Small-scale Water Providers</b>	There are no small-scale service water providers in the city, except for water vendors in the rural areas of Vientiane Prefecture and private companies selling bottled drinking water. Water vendors sell water in 200 liter drums at KN3,000 (US\$0.32)/drum. Drinking water is sold in 20 liter bottles at KN2,000 (US\$0.21) per bottle and in 0.75 liter bottles at KN1,000 (US\$0.11) per bottle.
<b>Private Sector Participation</b>	There are no private operators of water supply utilities in provincial and district centers in Lao PDR. In Luang Phrabang, Nam Papa has joined with a hotel company to extend the water network to three villages in the south of the municipality. While the Government recognizes the crucial role that the private sector plays in the country's development, the public sector remains determined to regulate private investment and business growth rather than to provide a consistent framework for the expansion of private sector activities.
<b>Flood Management</b>	Vientiane Prefecture has a long history of inundation problems caused by overflowing of the Mekong River adjacent to the city. The drainage is inadequate to carry storm run-off and the situation is getting worse. Vulnerable areas, such as the districts of Sikhottabong, Sisattanak, and Hatxaiphong, are flooded at least once a year. Flood mitigation measures undertaken include early warning and better land-use planning.
<b>Notes</b>	<sup>1</sup> The number of persons per connection in 2001 was 6.0. There were 2,545 new connections in 2001.
	<b>Data as of 2001.</b>

