



# FOOD FOR PEACE FACT SHEET

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## Food Security Situation\*

- Food insecurity is widespread throughout the country and alarmingly high in rural areas. Two thirds of the rural population in Laos is food insecure or at risk of food insecurity. Threats to Laos's food security include droughts, floods, environmental degradation, unexploded ordnance, poor education levels and relocation to areas without sufficient land for paddy cultivation.

- Laos is ranked as the world's most heavily bombed country (per capita): vast areas are still contaminated with unexploded ordnance (UXO). The presence of UXO is directly connected to food insecurity as vast areas of land, particularly in remote places, remain unsafe for agricultural production.

- In September of 2009 Typhoon Ketsana swept through the five provinces in the South and caused the most severe flood in 40 years. Typhoon Ketsana destroyed the limited food stocks still available, damaged crops and significantly impacted projected yields for the upcoming harvest.



Map: CIA World Factbook

## Total Food for Peace Contributions

Fiscal Year 2011	-----	-----
Fiscal Year 2010	\$3.3 million	3,280 MT

## Food for Peace Contribution Breakdown

Partners	FY11 (to date)		FY10	
	Emergency		Emergency	
	USD in millions	metric tons	USD in millions	metric tons
WFP*	-----	-----	\$3.3	3,280

## Food for Peace Program Details

- Awardee:** World Food Program
- Targeted Beneficiaries:** 175,000 food-insecure Laotians
- Projects:** Natural disaster response; livelihood support; food for work; food for training; health
- Project Locations:** Food insecure communities in both southern and northern Laos

\* FY: fiscal year; MT: metric tons; WFP: World Food Program  
\*Food Security Situation information is provided by WFP. July 13, 2010