

President urges public participation to fulfill measles vaccination



State President Choummaly Sayasone

State President Choummaly Sayasone last week delivered a speech urging public participation in fulfilling the nationwide measles vaccination and asking further support from international organizations and community for such effort.

I kindly ask all ethnic people, civil servants, military and police officers to collectively participate in vaccination against measles and rubella. And bring children aged between 6 months and 5 years old to receive vitamin A drops and anti-parasite pills, said President.

This year national vaccination campaign falls on Nov 1-Dec 6.

The government has aimed to have 95 per cent of target groups (people aged between 9 months and 19 years old)

vaccinated by 2012.

During these days, the Lao PDR is encountering a number of challenges on its path to the reduced mortality rate of mothers and children and one of the challenges is caused by measles and women and children are highly at risk from the disease, said President.

The danger of measles is represented by deaf, blind, harelip, heart disease, eye problems amongst children.

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