Facts:
- In the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, chronic diseases accounted for 36% of all deaths in 2002 (see chart, right).
  - Total deaths in the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, 2002 = 68,000.
  - Total deaths related to chronic disease in the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, 2002 = 24,000.

Note:
The data presented in this information sheet were estimated by WHO using standard methods to maximize cross-country comparability. They are not necessarily the official statistics of WHO Member States.
Projected prevalence of overweight, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, males and females aged 30 years or more, 2005 and 2015

Facts:
- Raised body mass index (overweight and obesity) is an important cause of chronic disease.
- Prevalence of overweight in the Lao People's Democratic Republic is expected to increase in both men and women over the next 10 years (see charts, left).

Solutions:
- At least 80% of premature heart disease, stroke and type 2 diabetes, and 40% of cancer could be prevented through healthy diet, regular physical activity and avoidance of tobacco products.
- Cost-effective interventions exist, and have worked in many countries: the most successful strategies have employed a range of population-wide approaches combined with interventions for individuals.