

# Spatial planning challenges in Laos and possible solutions

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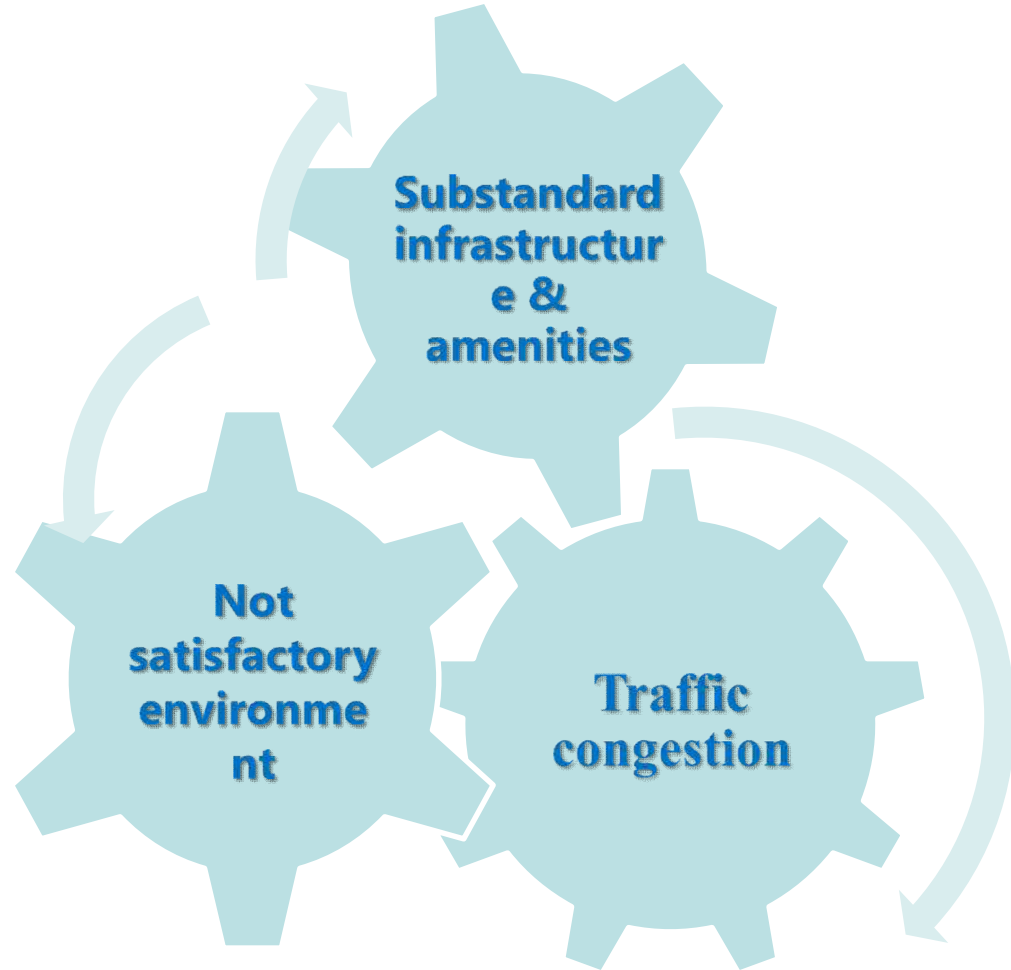
# Spatial information in brief

- **Total areas: 236,800 km<sup>2</sup>**  
**(Built up: 11%)**
- **Population 2020: 7.28million,**  
**(density: 32 per Km<sup>2</sup>)**
- **Urban population: 35.7% (capital**  
**city: around 1 million);**
- **Ownership of houses: 86% (2015),**  
**(the rest live in rental or relative's**  
**houses);**
- **Officially no homeless**



# Spatial Challenges and Problems

- **Rapid urban sprawl**
- **Spontaneous housing construction**
- **Land development and land market and out of control**



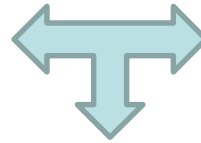
# **The way to overcome challenges**

- **Comprehensive planning and implementing approach by 2030:**
  - **Spatial planning and implementation being an integrated part of city socio-economic development plan;**
  - **Development goals and action plans indicate obligations and responsibilities of all relevant development sectors (one city one plan);**
  - **People and stakeholder involvement in all stages of planning;**
  - **Public Private Partnership in infrastructure construction;**
- **Exploring the possibility for an introduction of housing (public and private) and urban renovation programmes to curb the existing uncontrolled development.**

# The role of Planning to solve challenges

## Planning outcomes

- Guided development objectives and needs
- Possibility of cost and benefit trade off in development approaches



## Planning implementation

- Clear responsibility and better law enforcement
- Integrated manner
- Systematic supports

## Coordination

- Better coordination between sectors involved (especially, land tilling schemes and urban plans)



**Thank you for listening**

