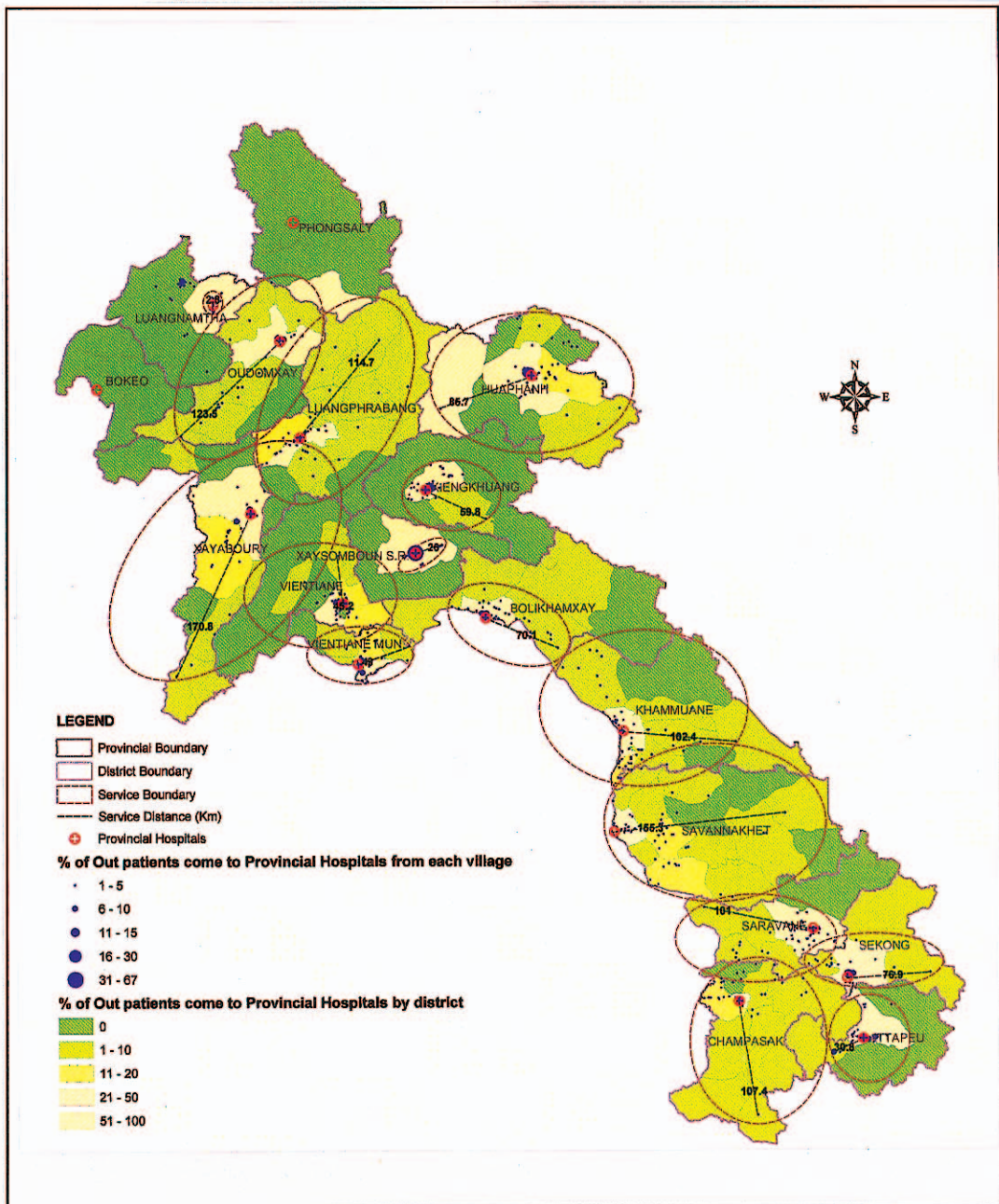


Figure 8.10 Service Coverage of Provincial hospitals



Source: JICA Study Team, Facility based survey in January to May in 2002.

Notes: Sample size: 120 in-patients in 2001. 10 patients/month.

The central hospitals serve the entire population, while the three general hospitals are responsible for providing technical support for all the provinces. Friendship Hospital, one of the central hospitals, is located slightly away from the centre of Vientiane, and so does not receive as many patients as Mahosot Hospital. Friendship Hospital has begun to operate a mobile team to be sent out to villages. As a result of the mobile service, more people from the villages have started to come to Friendship Hospital, and patient numbers have increased. This suggests that