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Dear MBDS Colleagues,

The MBDS (Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance) cooperation is a self-organized sub-regional network commenced in 2001. It is a collaboration effort among six Mekong Basin countries including Cambodia, China, Lao P.D.R, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. It aims to strengthen national and sub-regional capabilities in infectious disease surveillance and outbreak response, especially on 18 currently designated priority diseases including Ebola, MERS, Zika, Malaria and Dengue to rapidly and effectively control them.

We would like to update the MBDS activities, upcoming international events, recent updates and useful links and thank you for all the support.

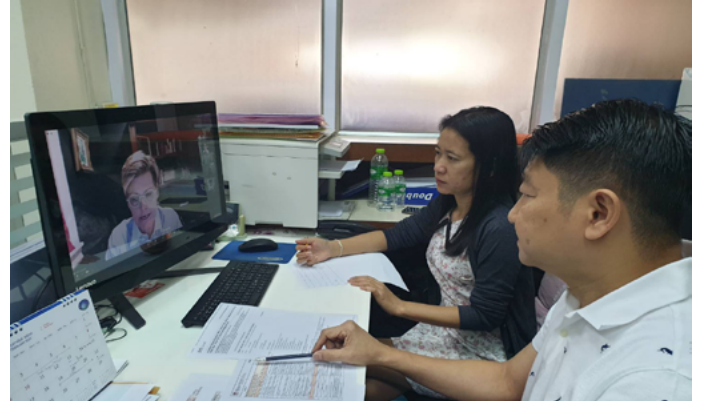
MBDS Foundation Activities

The Ending Pandemics hosted the Teleconference (TC) for Partnership for AMR Surveillance Excellence (PARSE) Project for Southeast Asia which APEIR, MBDS AMR Lead from Lao P.D.R, Ministry of Health, Lao P.D.R and MBDS Secretariat are participated in this TC. To review countries being mapped, members and share progress on AMR mapping and gap analysis on 14 February 2020.

Reported by Ms. Jittra Thajeen, Assistant Project Coordinator, MBDS Secretariat



Ministry of Health, Lao P.D.R



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Ms. Busaba Tejagupta, Director - Operations and Grant Management and Ms. Felicity P. Tan from Rockefeller Foundation Thailand visited to MBDS Office on 13 February 2020.

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Dr. Somsak Thamthitwatvisit, Senior Epidemiologist and Dr. Emily Bloss, Epidemiology Branch Chief from Division of Global Health Protection (DGHP), U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand visited to MBDS Office on 13 February 2020.

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MBDS Regional Activities



Prof. Dr. Htay Htay Tin, Deputy Director General (MBDS AMR Lead), Dr. Htun Tin, Director Epidemiology (MBDS Assistant Executive Board) and Dr. Nyan Win Myint, Deputy Director (Epidemiology) of Department of Public Health (MBDS Co-Country Coordinator) from Ministry of Public Health and Sport, Myanmar has been attending the central level daily coordination meeting on preparedness for detection and response to 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

Shared by MOHS, Myanmar



MBDS Cross Border Coordinator from Chiang Rai Provincial Health Office (Thailand) participated in the "Workshop for improving the capacity of public health officials in parallel border on referring to infection in the hospital for taking care AIDS and TB patients" in Chiang Rai Province, Thailand on 17 - 18 February 2020.

Reported by Mr. Narin Suriyon, MBDS XB Coordinator from Chiang Rai Province, Thailand.



Prof. Dr. Htay Htay Tin, Deputy Director General (MBDS AMR Lead), Dr. Htun Tin, Director Epidemiology (MBDS Assistant Executive Board) and Dr. Nyan Win Myint, Deputy Director (MBDS Country Coordinator) of Department of Public Health, Ministry of Public Health and Sport, Myanmar has attended the "Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting of Ministries for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)" in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 25 February 2020.

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Upcoming International Events

Workshop on "Strengthening capacity of Quality assurance among ASEAN Member States", Hanoi, Vietnam, Tentatively April – May 2020

MBDS Partner Collaboration Forum, Vientiane Capital, Lao P.D.R, Tentatively 27 – 28 April 2020

MBDS Secretariat is updating COVID-19 event from the region in [MBDS website](#).

Recent Update

MBDS Secretariat Office has been updating Regional and International disease information on [MBDS website](#)

and those updates can be easily accessed via [MBDS Facebook](#).

Useful links

MBDS has been updating useful links (Disease Surveillance Networks, Health Related Links, Links for Disaster Management, Research Links, Global Conference Alerts and Others Links) on [MBDS website](#).

Sincerely yours,
MBDS Foundation Secretariat

