

# **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.

In collaboration with different Ministries and partners, MBDS member countries are trying to contain coronavirus pandemic situation with respective countries' National Action Plan, Infectious Disease Act/Law. Countries provide useful and up-to-date information to public on national portals such as Ministries' website, social networks, TV and Information Education Communication (IEC) materials.

There are National level committees for prevention, containment, control, settlement, information dissemination, public support and law enforcement. All member countries are preparing hospital case management facilities, quarantine facilities, facility quarantine, PPE supply, dis-infection at public areas, border areas quarantine, strengthening lab testing capacity and logistics management for pandemic situation.

MBDS Six Countries Health Ministries are updating current COVID-19 pandemic related information in the following websites and social media links.

## CAMBODIA

- <u>Ministry of Health</u>
- <u>Communicable Disease Control Department (CDC)</u>
- <u>Cambodia CDC Facebook Page</u>

### CHINA

- National Health Commission of the People's Republic (http://en.nhc.gov.cn/)
- <u>Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention</u>
- <u>China CDC weekly</u>

## LAO P.D.R

• Ministry of Health

### MYANMAR

- Ministry of Health and Sports
- <u>Ministry of Health and Sports Facebook Page</u>
- Myanmar CDC Facebook Page

## THAILAND

- Ministry of Public Health
- Office of International Cooperation, DDC MOPH Facebook page

## VIETNAM

- Ministry of Health
- <u>Vietnam News</u>

# Highlight

MBDS Cambodia and Vietnam share their COVID-19 related activities from national level and sub national level.



Dr. Ly Sovann, Director CDC Department (MBDS Executive Board) and Mr. Sok Samnang, Deputy Director of CDC Department (MBDS Country Coordinator) from Cambodia participated several VDO conferences with partners for COVID-19 responses and Public Health Emergency Operations Centre (PHEOC) Stakeholder meeting.



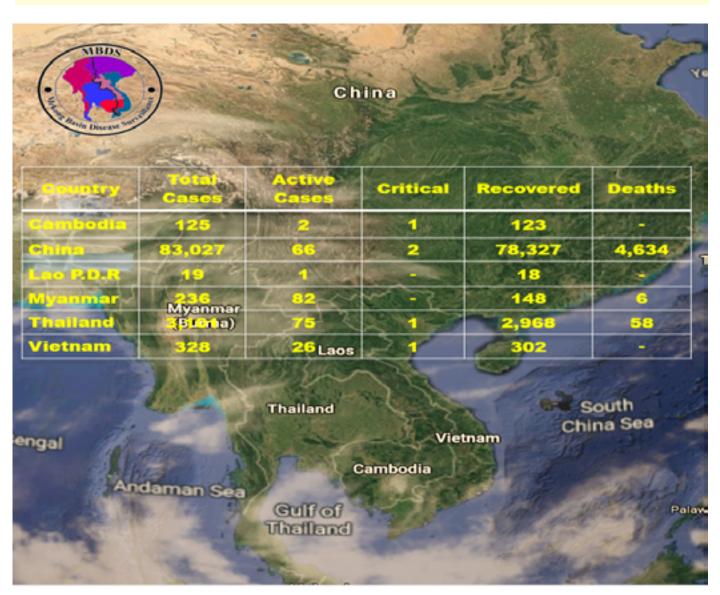
Sample collection, laboratory testing and isolation activities in Cambodia for COVID-19. - *Reported by Mr. Sok Samnang, MBDS Country Coordinator from Cambodia* 





Supervise the isolation areas and Training Course on Prevention and Control of SARS-COV-ID-19 in An Giang Province, Vietnam.

- Reported by Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Dang Vung, MBDS Foundation Board & Country Coordinator from Vietnam.



**COVID-19 situation in Mekong Region (As of 5 June2020)** 

(Source: https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/)

# **Upcoming International Events**

- Workshop on "Strengthening capacity of Quality assurance among ASEAN Member States", Hanoi, Vietnam
- MBDS Partner Collaboration Forum, Vientiane Capital, Lao P.D.R
- Launching MBDS Real Time Event Base Surveillance Application, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- MBDS Secretariat is updating COVID-19 event from the region in MBDS website.

# **Recent Update**

MBDS SO has been updating Regional and International disease information on <u>MBDS website</u> and those updates can be easily accessed via <u>MBDS Facebook</u>.

## **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 <u>MBDS website</u>.

Sincerely yours, MBDS Foundation Secretariat











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