



## 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, and 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, PPE supply, dis-infection at public areas, border areas quarantine, strengthening lab testing capacity and logistics management for pandemic situation.

### COVID-19 situation in Mekong Region (As of 30 September 2020)

Country	Total Cases	Active Cases	Critical	Recovered	Deaths
Cambodia	277	2	-	275	-
China	85,403	191	3	80,578	4,634
Lao P.D.R	23	1	-	22	-
Myanmar	12,425	8,750	-	3,391	284
Thailand	3,564	131	1	3,374	59
Vietnam	1,094	52	-	1,007	35

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

## MBDS Regional Activities

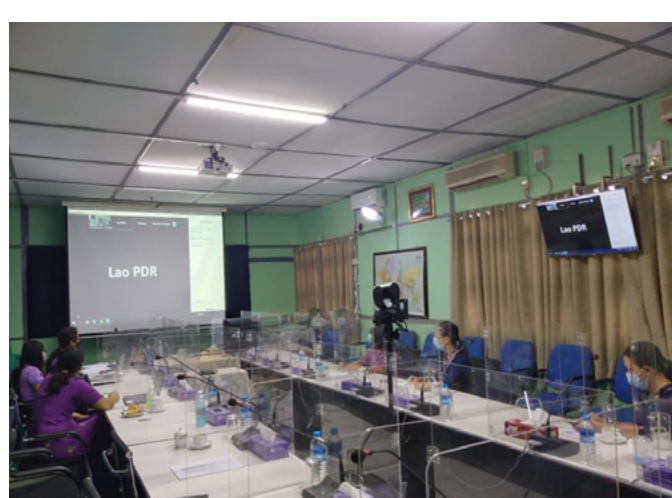


Dr. Ly Sovann, MBDS Board, Director, CDC Department, Ministry of Health, Cambodia has presented “Cambodia COVID-19 Situation and Response Experiences” in “EU CBRN COE South East Asia Webinar Series on COVID-19” on 18 September 2020.

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

Dr. Soawapak Hinjoy, MBDS Country Coordinator, Director of Office of International Cooperation, CDC, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand has presented “The lessons learnt from Covid-19 management and upcoming wave preparedness from Thailand” at Connecting Organizations for Regional Disease Surveillance (CORDS) regular COVID-19 update meeting on 4 September 2020.

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



MBDS Secretariat has regular communication with National Health Laboratory, MOHS, Myanmar and Communicable Disease Control Department, MOH, Lao P.D.R for strengthening Antimicrobial Resistant (AMR) surveillance in those countries.

Reported by Ms. Jittra Thajeen, Assistant Project Coordinator, MBDS Secretariat (Photos from NHL, MOHS, Myanmar)



MBDS Cross Border Coordinator from Chiang Rai Provincial Health Office (Thailand) participated in the “Meeting to follow up the results of the year 2020 of Tuberculosis (TB) disease and operation direction for 2021” on 21 September 2020 in Chiang Rai Province, Thailand.

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



MBDS Cross Border Coordinator from Mukdahan Provincial Health Office (Thailand) participated in the “Regional Artemisinin Initiative to Elimination” in Mukdahan Province, Thailand on 20 - 22 September 2020.

Reported by Mrs. Punchawee Sukbut, MBDS XB Coordinator (Mukdahan Province, Thailand)

## Upcoming International Events

- Establish and carry out a EQA program in CLMV countries, Hanoi, Vietnam (Oct – Dec 2020)
- Workshop on “Strengthening capacity of Quality assurance among ASEAN Member States”, Hanoi, Vietnam (TBD)
- MBDS Partner Collaboration Forum, Vientiane Capital, Lao P.D.R (TBD)
- Launching of MBDS Real Time Event Base Surveillance Application, Phnom Penh, Cambodia (TBD)
- Workshop on Training for EBS application for Cross Border Provinces in Thailand (October 2020)

## Recent Update

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

## 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

