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. Its main objectives are to strengthen national and sub-regional capabilities in infectious disease surveillance and outbreak response, support to control priority diseases identified by WHO, FAO, FAO and others.

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.

MBDS has organized “Regional Collaborative Event Base Surveillance Mobile Application Training” in Bangkok, Thailand on 29 March 2021. Dr. Soawapak Hinjoy, Director, Office of International Cooperation, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand (MBDS Country Coordinator), MBDS cross border health officials and MBDS Secretariat were participated in this training.

Currently, 4 MBDS Thailand cross border province (Mukdahan, Chiang Rai, Nan and Nongkhai) reporting all public health events with this mobile application and this training to expansion of another 4 cross border provinces from Thailand (Sakaeo, Trat, Tak and Ranong).

This mobile application is to support the sharing of public health related event-based surveillance information in real time reporting among cross border provinces from MBDS countries. Public health, veterinary health, environmental events, including images and Geo-location are reported in this android mobile operating system. This application development is initiated by Canada’s Global Partnership Program for Cambodia, Lao P.D.R, Myanmar, and Vietnam (CLMV countries) and the expansion to Thailand Cross Border Provinces is supported by The Rockefeller Foundation.

MBDS Regional Activities

Dr. Travers Beirne, Director, Office Information and Communication, FAO, and Dr. Lila Nath, Country Coordinator for FAO in Lao P.D.R, have participated in the Activities of the “National Joint Risk Assessment (JRA) Pilot Workshop” in Nonthaburi Province, Thailand.

MBDS Foundation Activities

COVID-19 situation in Mekong Region (As of 1 April 2021)

MBDS Secretariat Office has been updating Regional and International disease information on MBDS website.

Useful Links

MBDS Secretariat Office 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

Upcoming International Events

MBDS Regional Table Top and Simulation Exercise (May 2021)

Cambodia experience on MBDS Event Based Real Time Surveillance Application (May 2021)