Dear MBDS Colleagues,

The MBDS (Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance) cooperation is a self-organized regional network, commenced since 2001. It is a collaboration effort among six Mekong Basin countries: Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam. Under the framework of The Health Ministerial MOU, it aims to strengthen national and sub-regional capabilities in infectious disease surveillance, regional collaboration, data sharing, and information sharing. The network focuses on rapidly and effectively controlling public health threats.

Cambodia and Thailand's border provinces are reporting real-time events surveillance information using the MBDS EBS Mobile App. This application development is supported by Canada's Global Partnership Program (Canada's GPP) and Rockefeller Foundation for CLMVT countries. The application development includes design & contents for user-friendly purpose, tech requirement, server setup, training, information analysis, integrated process, data sharing, and technology transfer to CLMVT countries with data security for human, animal, and environmental related public health events as well as Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).

Following photos are showing public health officials from the border provinces are reporting and analyzing the MBDS EBS App data.

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, MBDS Instagram, and MBDS Twitter.

Useful links

MBDS has been updating useful links on 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

Dr. Sisavath Soutthaniraxay, DDG of DCDC, MOH, Laos, and team have been monitoring and visiting high-risk provinces in Laos, including Bolikhamxay, Khammuan, Savannakhet, Champasak, and Saravanh. The provinces are identified as COVID risk areas, and Dr. Sisavath has been advising provincial health officials to prepare necessary measures related to quarantine facilities and medical treatment at field hospitals during his visit in July 2021.

Credit photo to Dr. Malyvanh VONGPANHYA, MBDS focal of Lao PDR.

Mr. Suphot Ruttanaphian, MBDS Cross Border Coordinator from Trat Provincial Health Office, Thailand, has participated in the "Ceremony for handover of COVID related health supply to field hospitals" and "Provincial Communicable Disease Control Committee Meeting" to determine preventive measures and control the spread of the COVID virus in Trat Province, Thailand. These ceremonies were conducted on 19 July 2021.

Credit photo to Mr. Suphot Ruttanaphian, MBDS XB Coordinators from Trat Provinces, Thailand.

MBDS is regularly updating regional alerts related to public health events including COVID-19 situations, progress of vaccination measures, and information related to public awareness. These regional alerts are available via the MBDS website.