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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 P.D.R, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam under The Health Ministerial MOU. It aims to strengthen national and regional capabilities in infectious disease surveillance, inter-regional collaboration, outbreak response and information sharing for rapidly and effectively control Public Health Threat.

MBDS Regional Activities

China's Experience on the COVID-19 Response: As the global COVID-19 pandemic situation remains grim and complex, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention is sharing their experiences on COVID-19 preparedness and response strategies. Their lessons learned and key principles has covering public health measures and containment strategies, science-driven preparedness and response, resources allocation and logistic support, community mobilization and engagement, public awareness/ understanding and infodemic response.

In supporting critical bottleneck positioning and settlement, the China CDC also highlighting the importance of leadership, coordination, cooperation, and communication. These information sharing can be used as references in strengthening preparedness and response system as well as in supporting COVID-19 recovery and resilience efforts, especially for the developing countries. "The brief information can be read in this [link](#).

Credit to Ms. Wang Lili, MBDS focal of China CDC



Mr. Narin Suriyon, MBDS Cross Border Coordinator from Chiang Rai Provincial Health Office, Thailand has participated in "Training for personnel capacity development and incident command in crisis situations" on 8 – 10 September 2021 in Chiang Rai Province, Thailand.

Photo credit to Mr. Narin Suriyon, MBDS XB Coordinator from Chiang Rai Province, Thailand



Dr. Tum Kimly, MBDS Cross Border Coordinator from Takeo Provincial Health Department, Cambodia has participated in "Evaluate the situation of COVID-19 at the cigarette factory before lockdown" on 9 September 2021 in Takeo Province, Cambodia.

Photo credit to Dr. Tum Kimly, MBDS XB Coordinator from Takeo Province, Cambodia



MBDS 3 cross border provinces from Thailand (Mukdahan, Sakaeo and Nan Provinces). Those photos showing Covid 19 screening for cross border travelers, surveillance at cross border areas and Covid 19 vaccination activity at border provinces, which are taking place during September 2021.

Photo credit to Mrs. Punchawee Sukbut, Mr. Somphote Chareonying and Ms. Khanueng Khamrangsee, MBDS XB Coordinators from Mukdahan, Sakaeo and Nan Provinces, Thailand

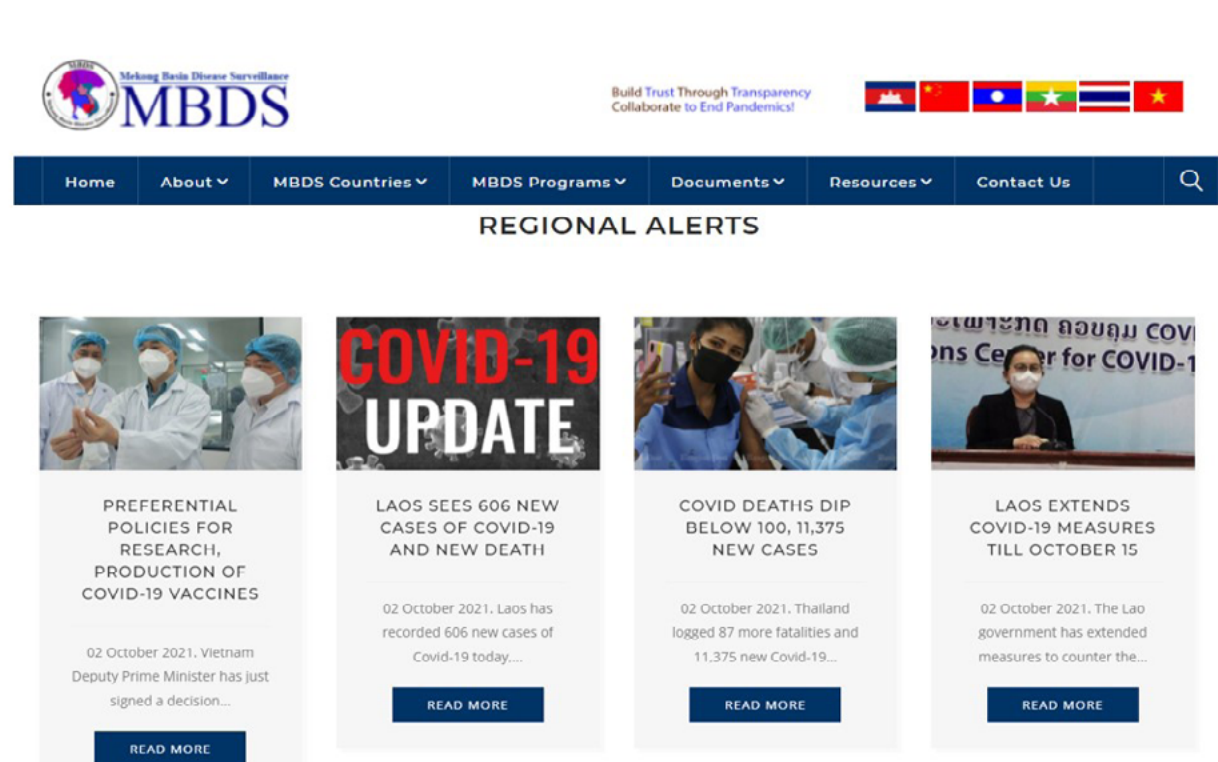
8 September 2021: Under the Rockefeller Foundation, MBDS Secretariat has meeting with Dr. Soawapak Hinjoy, Director, OIC (MBDS Country Coordinator), MOPH, Thailand and MBDS Cross Border Provinces teams from Mukdahan, Chiang Rai, Nan, Nongkhai, Sakaeo, Trat, Ranong, and Tak provinces for progress on implementation of activity on "MBDS Regional Collaborative Platform Event Base Surveillance Real Time Reporting". During the meeting some cross border provinces are presented about their challenges and solutions. Some cross border provinces has sharing their experience to meeting participants and all are preparation for future activity based on their experience. Director OIC is supporting this activity and discussing about sustainability of reporting with this EBS App.

27 September 2021: MBDS Secretariat has participated in CORDS Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting. During the meeting participated network presented about current Covid 19 situation and updated upcoming activities. CORDS secretariat also updated about their newsletter development plan.

28 September 2021: Under the Canada's Weapons Threat Reduction Program, MBDS Secretariat has discussed with the National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology (NIHE), Vietnam for their leading activity of establishment of an EQA network implementation among Southeast Asia Countries and their plan activity for upcoming activity. During the discussion Vietnam team has updated activities including finalize the report for "Establish and carry out a pilot EQA program for CLMV countries", development of EQA program website, conducting 2 workshops related with EQA and develop software for EQA program management and operation.

29 September 2021: Under the Canada's Weapons Threat Reduction Program, MBDS Secretariat has discussed with MBDS Country Coordinator from Cambodia, who are leading EBS Application development for LMV countries. Mr. Sok Samnang has updated about application development with local languages in Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam and technical information about web system requirement and web production requirement. Cambodia is taking care for implementation of this activity in LMV countries including logistic management.

MBDS is regularly updating regional alerts related to public health events including COVID-19 situation, progress of vaccination, measures and information related with public awareness. These regional alerts are available in this [MBDS webpage](#).



Recent Update

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

Sincerely yours,

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