



Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance

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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

MBDS has published the “**Health System Challenges: A Developing Country Perspective**” written by H.E Dr. Myint Htwe from Myanmar. This book has 21 chapters and include health literacy, managing the epidemic, preparedness for future wave of COVID-19, supply chain management, challenges in hospital management, and improving health status of the population.

This book is intended not only to strengthen public health development and multisectoral coordination mechanism, but also in improving management and administrative aspects of implementing the Health Care Delivery System. Can be assessed at [MBDS website](#).



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Dr. Rattanaxy Phetsouvanh, Director General, (MBDS Board), Dr. Viengsavanh Khitthiphong, Chief of Surveillance Division (MBDS Country Coordinator) and Dr. Malyvanh VONGPANHYA, Technical Officer Surveillance and Response Division (MBDS focal), Ministry of Health, Lao P.D.R have participated in “District Health Information System (DHIS2) Dashboard training for core staff PHEOC, DCDC” in Vientiane Capital on 21 January 2022.

Dr. Rattanaxy Phetsouvanh, Director General, (MBDS Board), Dr. Viengsavanh Khitthiphong, Chief of Surveillance Division (MBDS Country Coordinator) and Dr. Malyvanh VONGPANHYA, Technical Officer Surveillance and Response Division (MBDS focal), Ministry of Health, Lao P.D.R have participated in “EOC and IMS training for Savannakhet Province (15 Districts)” at Savannakhet Province, Lao P.D.R on 24-26 January 2022.



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- Photo credit to Mr. Suphot Ruttanaphian, MBDS XB Coordinator from Trat Province, Thailand

Mr. Suphot Ruttanaphian, MBDS Cross Border Coordinator from Trat Provincial Health Office, Thailand has attended the “Provincial Communicable Disease Committee Meeting”. The objective of the meeting is to determine preventive measures to control the spread of the Covid-19 at Trat Province, Thailand on 24 January 2022.

6 January 2022: MBDS Secretariat has meeting with International Organization for Migration (IOM) about Regional Border Health in the GMS. During the meeting, MBDS Secretariat has shared MBDS multi-sectoral regional collaboration, capacity strengthening for MBDS, and Table Top Exercise experiences, as well as challenges and lesson learned from programs which are implemented from MBDS.

26 – 27 January 2022: MBDS Secretariat has participated together with multisectoral stakeholders at “Enhancing multi-sectoral collaboration capacities for prevention, detection, and response to public health emergencies along border areas” meeting, which is hosted by Office of International Cooperation (OIC), Thailand Ministry of Public Health. The meeting has identified the project for collaborate with local and international networks/ organizations. There will be regular working group meetings, training workshops, and table top exercises for cross-border surveillance data and information exchange to strengthen public health response capacity. During meeting MBDS Secretariat has presented about “MBDS experiences on disease surveillance and prevention in border areas”

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](#).

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REGIONAL ALERTS

COVID-19 in THAILAND update 14 February 2022

New cases: **384,792** (+14,900)
Deaths: **26** (+9,810)

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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

