



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, interregional collaboration, outbreak response and information sharing for rapidly and effectively control Public Health Threat.

MBDS REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Under the “Sustain and Strengthen Biosafety and Biosecurity in CLMV countries” supported by Canada’s Weapons Threat Reduction Program (Canada’s WTRP), MBDS is implementing EventBased Surveillance (EBS) Regional Collaboration Application platform which led by the Cambodia MOH as Regional IT Lead. This application is real time reporting of health threats including public health, veterinary health, disaster and environmental situation. Authorized officials have specific login and password for real time reporting domestically and internationally. MBDS EBS app reporting has been implementing in Cambodia and Myanmar with support from Canada’s WTRP. Currently, Regional IT Lead from Cambodia is communicating with health authority of Lao P.D.R for the implementation of this EBS Regional Reporting platform, including training, reporting tools, and other logistic support under Canada’s WTRP.

Thailand MBDS cross-border provinces are also implementing this EBS reporting in collaboration with Cambodia CDC MOH and support from Thailand Ministry of Public Health and the Rockefeller Foundation.

The EBS reporting visual guide can be seen in [MBDS website](#). In near future, MBDS will develop open-source of EBS reporting tools and share with other stakeholders. This open-source software can be modified, adjusted, and utilized in needed area and which will be benefit for the locally and globally.

Myanmar has conducted five Risk Assessment Trainings in five cross border areas: Tanintharyi Region, Kayah State, Shan State, Kayin State and Kachin State during June 2022. MBDS Secretariat has developed risk assessment training materials, curriculum and SOP under “Sustain and Strengthen Biosafety and Biosecurity in CLMV countries” and trained and provided to Myanmar for training reference. The objectives of each risk assessment training are to strengthen capacity building, understanding the health risk assessment process and sharing the experiences among stakeholders. The training was also practiced to identify the priority health hazards, threats and level of risk at local as well as at cross border areas of respective country. Total of 100 (20 participants for one training) from local areas are attended and identify the public health risk and containment plan based on identify scenario. Those five RA trainings is supported by Canada’s Weapons Threat Reduction Program (Canada’s WTRP).



Mukdahan Provincial Health Office has conducted “Workshop on Emergency Response Planning for COVID-19 and New Strain of Influenza between Mukdahan (Thailand) – Savannakhet (Lao P.D.R)” on 16 – 17 August 2022 at Savannakhet Public Health Department. National and Provincial Health Officials from Lao P.D.R and Thailand are participated in this workshop.

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Mukdahan Provincial Health Office has hosted MOU signing between Thailand (Mukdahan) – Lao P.D.R (Savannakhet) for Development Cooperation on Border Health on 18 August 2022. This MOU was signed by Mr. Prawit Sriboonrat, Chief of Mukdahan Provincial Health Office and Dr. Sengdao Sydalay, General Director of Savannakhet Provincial Health Office. This MOU aims to exchange of important infectious disease information, strengthening surveillance and prevention capacity including control of communicable diseases and joint response between Mukdahan and Savannakhet Provinces.

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Mr. Narin Suriyon, MBDS Cross Border Coordinator from Chiang Rai Provincial Health Office, Thailand has attended the “Workshop on network capacity development and public health cooperation between Thailand – Lao P.D.R (Chiang Rai – Bokeo) after the epidemic situation of Covid-19” on 17 – 19 August 2022 in Chiang Rai Province, Thailand.

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



21 July 2022: MBDS Secretariat has participated in the “Asia Regional Partners Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Sharing Session” hosted by The Rockefeller Foundation. This meeting brings together of partners from the public, private and civil society sectors, multilateral organizations and academic institutions to understand areas where partner organizations are engaging with DEI themes, challenges face in advancing DEI, and explore areas where as a network could help make a difference for DEI in their organizations, programs and partnerships.

26 - 29 July 2022: MBDS Secretariat has participated in the “Coordination Meeting on the MBT Programme Phase 2 & Stakeholders’ Meeting Health Security in the ASEAN region” in Bangkok, Thailand. This meeting is to focus of cooperation in scaling-up the MBT Programme beyond Phase 2, support to the operationalization of the ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases (ACPHEED) and to the development of the ASEAN Public Health Emergency Coordination System (APHECS). During the meeting MBDS Secretariat has presented about progress of “**Sustain and Strengthen Biosafety and Biosecurity in CLMV countries**” project supported by Canada’s WTRP to MBDS.

26 August 2022: MBDS Secretariat has participated in the “launching ceremony of the Secretariat Office of ASEAN Center for Public Health Emergency and Emerging Disease (ACPHEED)” in Bangkok, Thailand. This center is officially launched by H.E. Mr. Anutin Charnvirakul, Deputy Prime Minister and Public Health Minister from Thailand. Delegates from ASEAN member countries and donor agencies are also attended at that ceremony.

MBDS website has modified and uploaded in the system with prioritize with data protection and user security process. The updated website function can be access user friendly format. MBDS also 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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UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- Technology transfer and training activities of MBDS EBS Application, Cambodia & Lao P.D.R

- Laboratory EQA workshop with CLM and other ASEAN Countries, Vietnam NIHE

Those upcoming activities are under Canada’s WTRP.

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 (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

