



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 network operates based on its core values of mutual respect and trust, and have been working together to progressively build the local capacity, share information, and cooperate in regional cross-border collaboration. MBDS cooperation focuses on collaborative cross-border public health threat surveillance and response, while recognizing the requirements of IHR 2005.

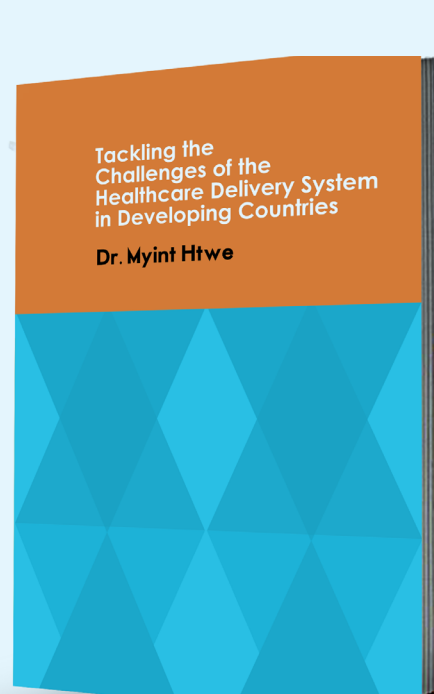
22nd ANNIVERSARY OF MBDS



Last 22 years ago in November, MBDS has signed 1st First health Ministerial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among Six Mekong Countries in Kunming, People Republic of China. This year, MBDS celebrates 22nd years of its existence in public health arena. MBDS has developed trust and mutual understanding among Mekong countries and developed Regional Collaborative platform. Best practice and lesson learned among MBDS countries are important to continue strengthening national and sub-regional capabilities for rapidly and effectively control public health threats. MBDS would like to express appreciation and gratitude to all development partners and stakeholders for all of tremendous support throughout MBDS activities.



MBDS is proud to be a part of regional capacity building activity in Infodemic Management. MBDS has developed infodemic management curriculum and participating in training activity, which was organized by the Office of International Cooperation (OIC), Department of Disease Control (DDC), Ministry of Public Health, Thailand. Representatives of Public Health Officers from Cambodia, Lao P.D.R., Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam were participated in this training. The type of training is hybrid model, start with virtual training which has been conducted on 17 and 19 October 2022 and followed by in-person training on 26-28 October 2022 in Thailand. Certain contents related to risk communication, community engagement, community awareness, Emergency Operating Center (EOC), behavioral science models and fact-checking tools were included in training curriculum and which are solely related to infodemic management.



H.E Dr Myint Htwe (former Health & Sports Minister from Myanmar 2016-2021) has prepared the third series of book [“Tackling the Challenges of the Healthcare Delivery System in Developing Countries”](#) which has been published in MBDS website. This book has 31 chapters and not only mainly directed towards minimizing, reducing and effective handling the strategic challenges faced by healthcare delivery systems, but also intended to improve the management, coordination mechanism, and administrative aspects of running healthcare delivery system more effective and efficient.

The first series [“Reflections of a Public Health Professional”](#) and second series [“Health System Challenges: Developing Country Perspective”](#) produced by H.E Dr Myint Htwe are complementary to each other; they are inter-linked and inter-connected. Previous two series can be assessed at [MBDS website](#) under publication section.

Under the support of Canada’s Weapons Threat Reduction Program (Canada’s WTRP), Cambodia MOH has organized EBS reporting training together with Lao P.D.R. Health officials from Cambodia MOH and Laos MOH are discuss about expanding of EBS reporting in Laos cross-border provinces, including training, data management, data analysis, handover of source code and other logistic information are discussed on 31 October 2022. Follow up meeting will be organized during December 2022.

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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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

