



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 MEETING

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.



MBDS Secretariat has organized the Implementing Projects Meeting on 9 December 2022 in Pattaya, Thailand. MBDS Executive Boards, Country Coordinators, national and sub-national health officials from Mekong countries are participated in this meeting with both in-person and virtually. MBDS Secretariat has prepared and presented a video presentation of MBDS key achievements from 1999 to 2022.

Regional Collaborative platform on EBS App, and MBDS publications for information and knowledge sharing. Update of project implementation supported by Canada's Weapon Threat Reduction Program and the Rockefeller Foundation has been shared during the meeting. Future potential MBDS activities and related objectives also has been discussed. MBDS would like to express appreciation and gratitude to all development partners and stakeholders for all of their tremendous support throughout MBDS activities.

Best practice and lesson learned from MBDS countries are important to continue strengthening national and sub-regional capabilities for rapidly and effectively control public health threats. All participants also agreed to strengthen resource mobilization among member countries, together with development partners and other regional networks.



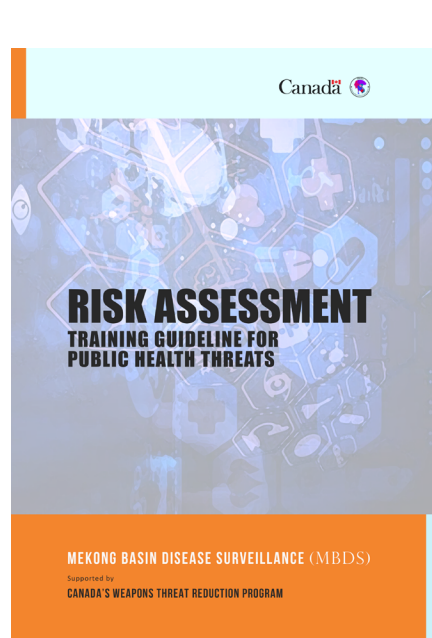
In [MBDS website](#), MBDS Secretariat and Member Countries have published several documents, posters, e-newsletter (including regional alerts related to public health events), report and relevant books, to sharing essential knowledge and enhance information exchange on public health emergency preparedness and response. All related videos from MBDS countries are also available and can be accessed at [MBDS YouTube channel](#). Biosafety & Biosecurity related documents, multimedia and other resources, including EQA Webpage also has been documented and link with the [MBDS Biosafety website](#).



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Dr. Narong Jankaew (Director) and Mr. Thapon Tiawsirichaisakul (MBDS Cross Border Coordinator) from Nongkhai Provincial Health Office, Thailand and Dr. Xayphone Nanthaphone (Head of Public Health Department), Vientiane Capital, Lao P.D.R have attended the "Meeting for discuss the implementation of border public health cooperation between Thailand – Lao P.D.R (Nongkhai – Vientiane Capital)" on 8 December 2022 in Vientiane Capital, Lao P.D.R.

## MBDS PUBLICATIONS

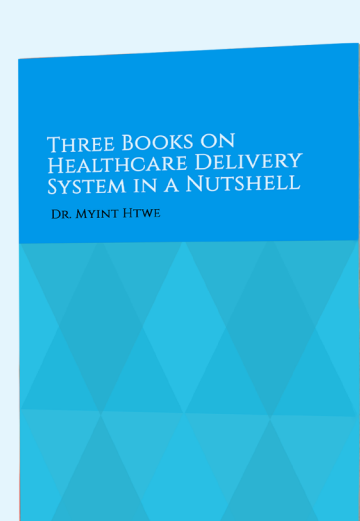


MBDS has prepared "Risk Assessment Training Guideline for Public Health Threats", which will be published in MBDS website. This training guideline aims to assist the planning and implementation of risk assessment (either sector-specific or joint risk assessments) in order to support timely control measures, effective risk communication, and improved preparedness and response. The guideline was developed with basic nine chapters related to risk assessment for public health threats, including about an all-hazards approach, indicator-based and event-based surveillance, epidemic intelligence process, risk management and communication, monitoring and evaluation (M&E), and information sharing mechanism.

This resource material covers the gap of knowledge as a supporting reference that can be adopted and modified by the risk assessment team, public health surveillance team, health professional, educators/ trainers, and educational institutions according to the needs and each context/ setting. As reference, this guideline also has considered the context in LMIC setting and can be assessed at MBDS website under publication section.

H.E Dr Myint Htwe (former Health & Sports Minister from Myanmar 2016-2021) has prepared "Three Books on Healthcare Delivery System in a Nutshell", which has been published in [MBDS website](#). These three books are: (i) Reflections of a Public Health Professional; (ii) Health System Challenges: A Developing Country Perspective; and (iii) Tackling the Challenges of the Healthcare Delivery System in Developing Countries. Three series of books are complementary to each other; they are inter-linked and inter-connected.

Enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of healthcare delivery system (HCDS) in developing country is the key goal for writing these three books. All three series of book can be assessed at [MBDS website](#) under publication section.



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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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

