

HEALTH POLICIES & SYSTEMS IN THAILAND: PLANNING & MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

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ABOUT IIHMR-DELHI

IIHMR-Delhi is a pioneer autonomous institute approved by AICTE, NEW DELHI, focusing on education, research, and training in health systems management, healthcare IT, and other allied areas.

We offer Training and Management Development Programs (MDPs) to provide indepth extensive knowledge and training in Hospital Management, Healthcare Management and Healthcare Information Technology, at the national and international levels. The Institute's Training Programs aims to deliver continuous development of standards of management competence and practice by tapping into its available professional expertise and a large pool of reputed experts from outside. Besides the regular training programs on common issues, customized training program are also designed according to the needs of the concerned institution. The training programs adopts online, offline and hybrid mode of learning.

The Institute's capacity building programme has laid particular emphasis on strengthening technical and managerial capacity building of programme officials, NGOs and researchers working at different levels in India and other countries in the South- Asia region. Over the years, it has acquired the distinction of an apex training institute in the country.

National and International collaborations for Training:

- Healthcare Sector Skill Council
- State National Health Mission
- Imperial College London
- International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- South-East Asian (SEA) Global fund (GF) Regional Collaboration Mechanism (RCM) Secretariat Yangon Myanmar
- Mahidol University, Thailand
- World Health Organization
- Center for Climate, Environment, Disaster and Health (CCEDH)

BACKGROUND OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM:

Among the countries in South-East Asia, Thailand has a strong public health system. The universal Health coverage scheme, which was introduced in 2002, is available to all Thai nationals. According to the World Bank, under Thailand's health schemes, 99.5 percent of the population have health protection coverage.

Healthcare in Thailand is overseen by the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), along with several other non-ministerial government agencies. Thailand's network of public hospitals provides universal healthcare to all Thai nationals through three government schemes. Private hospitals help complement the system, especially in Bangkok and large urban areas.

Thus, IIHMR Delhi, with its excellent record training and academics organized a training program cum exposure visit **on “Health Policies & System in Thailand: Planning & Management Strategies”** to Bangkok for the public health professionals of NHM Odisha, in association with Mahidol University, Bangkok

OBJECTIVE OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM:

- To familiarize the Public Health executives, NHM-Odisha with the Public Health System of Thailand.
- To understand the framework of setting up an effective surveillance system.
- To orient the participants on Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

ABOUT THE TRAINING:**Participant's and Co-ordinators details:**

The training was conducted for 2 batches, with **Batch I** consisting of 24 participants and **Batch II** with 26 participants. Therefore, a total of 50 officials were benefited with the training. The participants varied from block to district to state level. *(List of participants is attached in Annexure-1)*

Two co-ordinators from IIHMR Delhi accompanied each batch.

Batch	Co-ordinator Name	Designation
Batch I	Dr. Preetha GS	Professor & Dean – Research, IIHMR Delhi
	Dr. Sumant Swain	Assistant Professor, IIHMR Delhi
Batch II	Dr. Anandhi Ramachandran	Professor, IIHMR Delhi
	Dr. Sidharth S Mishra	Assistant Professor

Study Material:

The learning material were provided by Mahidol University which included PowerPoint Presentations of all the speakers.

Program Content covered in the training:

The programs covered the following topics:

- Health System Management in Thailand
- Health System Management in India
- Management of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Thailand
- Health Profile Policy and Strategic Planning in Thailand (IHPP)
- NCD Prevention and Management Strategies in Thailand
- Public Health HR Management Under Thailand Ministry
- Thai Health Service System in Covid19 Context

Adopted Training Methodology:

- The training adopted theoretical approach along with the practical and interactive sessions.
- Discussions, group exercises, group presentations engaged the participants all through the training program.
- Participants had the opportunity to visit **Ministry of Public Health** and gained the practical learning of the functioning of public health system of Thailand.
- English language was used by the trainers to communicate with the participants.
- Besides the academic visit, participants had fun visiting the local sight-seeing places like **Grand Palace - Wat Phra Kaew**.

Flow of the Training Program:

(Training Schedule for both the batches are attached as an Annexure II)

Day 1

Dr. Sarawut Thepanondh, Dean, Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University and Dr. Orawan Kaewboonchoo, Deputy Dean for International Relations warmly welcomed the participants. Representative from NHM Odisha and faculty from IIHMR Delhi also spoke at the inaugural to set the tone of the exposure and the expected learnings.

This was followed by informative sessions about a detailed lecture discussion on the health system of Thailand by Mahidol University Professors. IIHMR Delhi faculty then provided an overview of the health system of India.

The participants were then taken to an outside venue for a welcome dinner.

Day 2

On the second day of the training programme, the participants were received at the Ministry of Public Health by Mrs Waraporn Suwanweela, Assistant Secretary General, National Health Security Office, followed by a discussion on the Universal Health coverage policies of Thailand, which generated a discussion comparing the UHC policies of Thailand and India.

The second session of the day outlined the major achievements in the health sector for Thailand and the challenges faced during COVID-19 crisis.

Day 3

The day started with the session on NCD Prevention and Management Strategies in Thailand, followed by Public Health HR Management Under Thailand Ministry

Dr. Tanarak Plipat, Inspector General, Public Health had an online session with the participants on the actions of the Government of Thailand during COVID-19 crisis which generated a lot of interest and discussion.

Day 4

The participants had been asked to present on the following topics as part of their group work

1. Health system management in India and Thailand
2. Prevention and control of NCD in India and Thailand
3. Pandemic response to COVID-19 in India and Thailand

The participants worked in groups and made the presentations. Dr. Sarawut Thepanondh, Dean appreciated the comparative analysis made by the participants.

This was followed by the Valedictory function during which the d Dr. Sarawut Thepanondh, Dean distributed certificates of attendance to all participants. The participants conveyed their appreciation to the learnings and hospitality provided by Mahidol University through vote of thanks by consultant from NHM Odisha.

The programme culminated with a Farewell Dinner hosted by Mahidol University.

PARTICIPANT'S INSIGHTS

- The feedback received from the participants on the training cum exposure visit was quite affirmative.
- The exposure of the Thailand's Health system gave the participants an insight of the lacunas in their settings and could connect the dots of improvement.
- Also, they realised that where our nation is doing good in the field of public health and how it had brought change in the health system, which still other countries are lacking.
- The participants were quite assertive of bringing change in their own health system by applying the new learnings.

Annexure I: Participants List**Batch 1**

S No	Name	Gender	Designation
1	Ms.Sunita Das	F	BPM*
2	Ms. Smruti Rekha Mohanty	F	BPM
3	Mr. Ashok Kumar Mishra	M	BPM
4	Ms.Nirupama Mohanty	F	Jr. Hosp Mgr.
5	Mr.Syam Sundar Tripathy	M	DPM
6	Ms.Geetanjali Dash	F	DPM
7	Mr. Bhagaban Meher	M	DMRCH
8	Mr. Prakash Kumar Panigrahi	M	DDM
9	Ms. Yashaswini Sahani	F	Asst. Manager ASHA
10	Mr. Babuji Khara	M	DPC
11	Ms. Anita Rout	F	RBSK Manager
12	Mr. Bijan Kumar Sahoo	M	RBSK Manager
13	Mr. Chinmay Ku. Das	M	PPM Coordinator
14	Mr. Bibhuti Bhusan Biswal	M	Asst. Engineer
15	Ms. Nirupama Das	F	VBD Consultant
16	Mr. Pranay Mohapatra	M	Sr. Con., PHP
17	Mr. Biswajit Modak	M	Sr. Con., Training
18	Mr. Priyadarsi Dash	M	Sr. Con., Procurement
19	Dr. Bijay Ku. Swain	M	Consultant, QI & QA (Technical)
20	Mr. Susanta Ku. Nayak	M	Sr. Con., CP
21	Mr. Sukanta Kumar Mishra	M	Programme Mgr., NUHM
22	Mr. Sudhansu Sekhar Samanta	M	Project Manager - 108 (Consultant OEMAS-Mgt)
23	Mr. Lalit Mohan Sahu	M	Prog. Manager, NCD
24	Mr. Debasish Dash	M	Consultant, IT

Batch 2

S No	Name	Gender	Designation
1	Mr. Prasanna Ku. Debata	Male	Asst. Manager ASHA
2	Mr. Ashok Ku Sahu	Male	Asst. Manager ASHA
3	Ms. Deepanjali Pradhan	Female	GKS Manager
4	Mr. Abhilash Kumar Panigrahi	Male	GKS Manager
5	Mr. Rudra Prasad Jena	Male	DPC
6	Ms. Bidyut Prava Ray	Female	DPC
7	Sri Krushna Chandra Pradhan	Male	RBSK Manager
8	Ms Sonia Bose	Female	RBSK Manager
9	Sri Suwendu Baral	Male	RBSK Manager
10	Sri Bibhu Ranjan Mund	Male	RBSK Manager
11	Mr. Daitari Pattanaik	Male	PPM Coordinator
12	Mr. Debasish Pradhan	Male	PPM Coordinator
13	Dr. Lalit Das	Male	NCD Epidemiologist
14	Mr. Nihar Ranjan Thakur	Male	Epidemiologist
15	Er. Ramakanta Patra	Male	Asst. Engineer
16	Mr. Radha Madhab Bohider	Male	Asst. Engineer
17	Ms. Bhagyalaxmi	Female	Asst. Prog. Manager, UH, DPMU, Koraput
18	Mr. Gautam Samal	Male	Asst. Prog. Manager, UH,
19	Nihar Ranjan Swain	Male	RBSK Consultant, SPMU, NHM, Odisha
20	Sashmita Mahapatra	Female	HR Consultant
21	SIBAPRASAD NAYAK	Male	Logistics Manager
22	Ms.Soumyasree Mahapatra	Female	Con., MH, Mgt
23	Mr. Susanta Kumar Paikaray	Male	Accounts Manager, NTEP, Odisha
24	Mr. Swarup Das	Male	SAM
25	Mr. Guru Prasad Rath	Male	Consultant
26	Mr. Swayam Prakash Sahoo	Male	SDM

Annexure II: Training Schedule

Day / Time	Activities	Speakers (Batch 1/Batch2)
DAY 1		
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Welcome Address Program Orientation – Introduction to Mahidol University	<i>Dr. Sarawut Thepanondh, Dean, Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University</i> <i>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Orawan Kaewboonchoo Deputy Dean for International Relations</i>
10:30 AM -12:00 PM	Topic: Health System Management in Thailand	<i>Speaker 1: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chanuatong Tanasugarn/Ass. Prof. Dr. Sukhontha Kongsin, Dept. of Public Health Admin.</i> <i>Speaker 2: Asst. Prof. Dr. Pichitpong Soontornpipit, Deputy Dean</i>
12:00 PM -1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Topic: Health System Management in Thailand	<i>Speaker 1: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chanuatong Tanasugarn/ Ass. Prof. Dr. Sukhontha Kongsin, Dept. of Public Health Admin.</i> <i>Speaker 2: Asst. Prof. Dr. Pichitpong Soontornpipit, Deputy Dean</i>
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Topic: Health System Management in India Group Discussion and Presentation	<i>Dr. Preetha (Prof) & Dr. Sumant Swain (Assistant Prof), IIHMR Delhi/ Dr. Anandhi (Prof.) & Dr. Sidharth (Assistant Prof.), IIHMR Delhi</i>
5:00 PM	Welcome Dinner	
DAY 2		
9:00 AM -12:00 PM	Field Visit: Ministry of Public Health Topic: Management of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Thailand	<i>UHC Team</i>
12:00 PM -1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Topic: Health Profile Policy and Strategic Planning in Thailand (IHPP)	<i>Dr. Thongtana Permbotasi</i> <i>Director, Strategic Transformation and Reform Division, Ministry of Public Health Thailand.</i>
3:00PM - 4:00 PM	Field Visit: Grand Palace - Wat Phra Kaew	
DAY 3		
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Topic: NCD Prevention and Management Strategies in Thailand	<i>Lect. Dr. Lalita Kaewwilai, Dept. of Public Health Nursing, MUPH</i>
10:30 AM -12:00 PM	Topic: Public Health HR Management Under Thailand Ministry	<i>Dr. Preecha Prempre</i> <i>Vice President Department of disease control, Ministry of Public Health</i>
12:00 PM -1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Topic: Thai Health Service System in Covid19 Context	<i>Dr. Tanarak Plipat, Inspector-General Ministry of Public Health</i>
DAY 4		
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Group Presentation Preparation	

10:30 AM -12:00 PM	Group Presentations	
12:00 PM -1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Discussion and Dialogue: Summary and Lessons Learned Wrap up and Evaluation	
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Closing Ceremony and Certificate Presenting	<i>Dr. Sarawut Thepanondh, Dean, Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University</i>
5:00 PM	Farewell Dinner	

Annexure III: Few Glimpses of the Training

BATCH – 1



BATCH – 2

