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The World Health Organization, on 1 October 2004, confirmed the redesignation of the ASEAN Institute for Health Development as a WHO Collaborating Centre for Primary Health Care (PHC) Development until 30 September 2008. The terms of reference and the work plan were accordingly revised.

A. The Terms of Reference Were:

1. To serve as a resource centre for “clearing house” activities with respect to dissemination of PHC information in the Region,
2. To organize intercountry training courses on subjects relating to PHC development and “Health for All” efforts as required by the organization,
3. To provide expertise for intercountry collaborative research projects on Primary Health Care development as required by the organization,
4. To provide technical support in monitoring PHC development as required by the organization,
5. To serve as a resource centre for quality assurance in the district health system using a PHC approach

B. Work Plan (1 October 2004 – 30 September 2008)

1. Information system management for PHC development: AIHD’s new role as a WHO Collaborating Centre,
2. Capacity building with respect to planning and management skills for middle management health professionals and Thai international health experts, with an emphasis on health promotion and disease prevention programmes,
3. Modification of the PHC system to support the Universal Health Coverage Insurance Scheme (i.e. 30 Baht Health Programme) in Thailand,
4. Community-based health care programme empowerment for the elderly through Participatory Action Research (PAR),
5. Strengthening of community-based health programmes for migrant workers in border areas.

1. Implementation of the Work Plan

Activity 1: Information System Management for PHC Development: AIHD’s New Role as a WHO Collaborating Centre.

Explanation:

- 1.1 Establishment of a Steering Committee and the formulation and implementation of action plans following WHO guidelines. The AIHD Administrative Committee, chaired by the Director of AIHD and comprising 12 other committee members, has served as the Steering Committee of the WHO CC-PHC since October 2003,

- 1.2 In addition to routine information, as well as appropriate data collection and analysis, the following research studies and projects were undertaken during the past 4 year period:
 - 1.2.1. The HIV/AIDS Risk Behavior Survey of Seven Target Groups in Bangkok (2004-2005),
 - 1.2.2. The Evaluation of the Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Programmes of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration at the Wangnoi Center, Ayudhaya (2004 – 2005),
 - 1.2.3. HIV/AIDS Orphans and Vulnerable Children and the Support System in Thailand: A Situation Analysis (2006),
 - 1.2.4. . The Evaluation of Happy Families Readiness Project,
 - 1.2.5. The Needs and Readiness on Capacity Building for Disease Surveillance, Prevention and Control (2006),
- 1.3 Collection, collation and dissemination of PHC and related information to support national and international inter-sectoral and multi-disciplinary collaborative efforts promoting the global strategy of “Health for All”,
 - 1.3.1. Establishing the AIHD database and website,
 - 1.3.2. Organizing the “AIHD-OSAKA University: The 4th International Symposium on MCH Handbook”, 11-13 December 2004,
- 1.4 The HIV/AIDS Regional Coordination Centre (RCC) Project. This three-year Japan-Thailand Technical Cooperation Project, executed by AIHD, was launched on 1 April 2005. The Project’s main objective was to promote the development of the RCC as an integral part of AIHD so that it could function as a regional coordination centre supporting human capacity building for HIV/AIDS programmes in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Vietnam. Key Project activities were, (1) Training of Trainers (TOT), in Thailand, by optimally utilizing the HIV/AIDS lessons learned from and experiences gained in Thailand and in targeted countries, and (2) establishing a knowledge-based website and newsletter to support various continuing education efforts of the TOT programme.

Activity: 2. Capacity building with respect to planning and management skills for middle management health professionals and Thai international health experts in Thailand, with an emphasis on health promotion and disease prevention programmes.

Explanation:

- 2.1. Conducting consultative meetings and literature reviews. This included the following:
 - 2.1.1. A literature review and a PHC-MAP Modules review for “Health and Sustainable Development Modules”,
 - 2.1.2. Consultative workshop on curriculum development,
 - 2.1.3. Consultative meeting for lessons plan development

Activity: 3. Modification of the PHC system to support the current Universal Health Coverage Insurance Scheme (i.e. 30 Baht Programme) in Thailand.

Explanation:

- 3.1 Development and implementation of a research study focusing on a community-based health situation in a pilot area. The study was entitled, “An Appropriate Health Care Scheme for the Maternal and Child Health Program”, (2005),
- 3.2 Development of a Participatory Action Research (PAR) initiative aimed at

improving community- based health programmes through cost-effective PHC interventions implemented under the Universal Health Coverage Insurance Scheme,

3.2.1. AIHD and the Disease Control Department, MOPH, implemented a joint project aimed at identifying the needs and readiness of the MOPH to implement capacity building initiatives with respect to Disease Surveillance, Prevention and Control in Rural Thailand.

3.2.2. The Health Futures Project in the Phutthamonthon District Health System, using a PHC approach,

Activity: 4. Community-based health care programme empowerment with respect to Quality of Life (QOL) development for the elderly through Participatory Action Research (PAR),

Explanation:

Two brainstorming workshops were conducted, aimed at partnership development for the promotion of inter-sectoral coordination and multi-disciplinary collaboration approaches among Sustainable Development and Environmental sub-networks of WHO Collaborating Centres and National Centres of Expertise in Thailand.

Activity: 5. Strengthening of community-based health programmes for migrant workers in border areas.

Explanation:

5.1 Investigations of health care delivery systems and the health situations of migrant workers in border areas,

5.2 Needs assessment and curriculum development for middle level health staff in Kanchanaburi Province through the support of the American Refugee Committee,

2. Collaboration between AIHD and WHO

AIHD has regularly communicated and consulted, and well as arranged visits and undertaken collaborative activities, with WR staff in Thailand and WHO/SEARO officials.

3. Collaboration with other WHO Collaborating Centres

AIHD has actively engaged in close collaboration and coordination with WHO Collaborating Centres and National Centres of Expertise in Thailand and within the region. This has included the HIV/AIDS RCC Project, and the international programme for Master of Primary Health Care Management (MPHM), and other international short-term training courses.

AIHD has also increasingly played an active role of WHO CC/PHC, not only through the WHO Network of Collaborating Centres and Centres of Expertise in Thailand (NEW-CCET) but also by working directly with the Office of the WHO representative for Thailand.