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1. Implementation of the work plan. For each main activity briefly explain how the activity was implemented, the outcome and impact and, if available, the results of the evaluation (e.g. evaluation of a course by the participants). Also explain difficulties (if any). Do not provide technical results in this form (technical results, if applicable, are to be sent directly to the WHO Department you work with).

Activity 1 Information system management for PHC development

Explanation

Updating IT hardware and software, including human resources of the Information centre, as an integral part of Mahidol University's IT Development Program have been designed to serve as the Regional PHC Information Centre. This activity comprises several of the following component or sub-activities:

- Website server improvement,
- IT manpower training,
- Research data-base development and updating,
- Knowledge-based information distribution,
- Community-based health programs' demonstration of best practices, focusing on the health system reform "Thailand Model",
- Strengthening of the AIHD Website, AIHD Journal (Public Health and Development), and Newsletter to be accepted internationally, and
- Producing educational media in order to serve academic education and training purposes, as well as public education and international relations through mass media in order to meet assessed needs.

Activity 2 Capacity building to up-grade the planning and managerial capabilities, of middle management health and allied community-based personnel, through the use of the revised Primary Health Care Management Advancement Modules (PHC. MAP. Modules)

Explanation

Outstanding experts already developed by AIHD were invited to participate as members of resource persons assisting development of the following key programm activities:

2.1 continuing and improving the International one year course Master of PHC Management (MPHM) Degree Programme for middle management health personnel, thus serving the health manpower development needs of countries in the Region. AIHD is not structurally composed of discipline-based organizational departments. Its faculty instead has been formed as an integrated unit in order to promote the mobilization of various multidisciplinary teams that can facilitate a participatory-action approach in education, research and development that can better help ensure appropriate outputs and outcomes.

2.2 Continuing and improving various short course training programmes serving both nation-specific and multi-national approaches for health and related personnel development programmes, according to the assessed needs of concerned agencies in Thailand and international communities. Programmes address such topics as "Management Advancement for Executives", "Management of Community-based Prevention and Care of HIV/AIDS", "Safe Motherhood", "Child Care in Relation to HIV/AIDS Control", and "Integration of Communicable Disease Control Programme into the District Health System Based-on PHC, and Monitoring and Evaluation of the Health System Reform Programme". Other group educational processes, such as seminars, workshops, and study initiatives for certain specific objectives, are also frequently organized by AIHD to match specific requests made by various national and international agencies.

Activity 3 Strengthening the integration of disease control programmes as part of the district health system, based upon the PHC principles that aim to improve cost-effectiveness in support of the current Universal Health Coverage Insurance Scheme

Explanation

The major outputs of this activity are as follows:

3.1 A National Conference on Advancement of PHC towards Integrated Community-Based Development Programmes under newly decentralized local self-government system in Thailand (12th -13th November 2009)

3.2 A proposal is being developed to secure financial support from funding agencies in carrying out a new regional human resource capacity building project aiming at "Integration of Communicable Diseases Control Vertical Programmes into a District Health System Based on PHC". It will be using utilizing lessons learned from the HIV/AIDS Regional Coordinational Centre Project.

Activity 4 Community-based quality of life development program for the Thai elderly through Participatory Action Research (PAR)

Explanation

The Kanchanaburi Association of Community-based Organizations for the Elderly (The Elderly Cub) has been established as a model with successful progress. The Key features of the pilot study has been identified as follows:

- (1) Management and organization of the community-based organization "The Elderly Clubs" and the "Provincial/District Association of the Elderly clubs" model,
- (2) Health and welfare programmes to be run by the Clubs,
- (3) Social assistance for emergency relief of the disabled, ill and underserved elderly people, and
- (4) Fund raising and social advocacy for the Clubs

The first replication of this model is being started in Mae Hongson Province in 2010. AIHD used the lessons learned from this Project to organize an international workshop jointly hosted with The Thai European Corporation for Health and the National Security Office, Ministry of Public Health. It was the 2-day International conference and workshop called "The international Conference and Workshop on the Health System Reforms (Primary Care and Family Medicine): Practical Implementation Challenge" on the 8th and 9th June 2009. The International Conference and Workshop was co-funded by WHO.

2. Other information related to the Collaboration between the centre and WHO. Briefly describe visits by WHO staff to the centre, visits by the centre staff to WHO (HQ and/or Regional Office), use of the centre staff by WHO, support provided by centre staff for courses cosponsored or organized by WHO (HQ and/or Regional Office), WHO financial support to the centre through contractual or Technical Services Agreement or other type of support provided by WHO, any other collaborative activities. Please mention any difficulties encountered in the collaboration and suggestions for increased and improved collaboration with WHO.

The WR Thailand Office and the Network of WHO Collaborating Centres and Centres of Excellence (NEW-CCET) in Thailand have been in continuously closed contact with one another. Up until the present time there have been no sign of difficulty with respect to collaboration and cooperation.

3. Collaboration with other WHO Collaborating Centres: Briefly describe the nature and outcome of the collaboration and the name(s) of the other WHO collaborating centre(s) with which the centre has collaborated. If applicable, please mention the name of the network of WHO CCs to which the centre belongs. Also include suggestions for increased and improved collaboration with other WHO CC

In the process of PHC networking development AIHD has established and strengthened communication channels and dialogues with both national and international technical assistance agencies and funding organizations.

The international assistance agencies include:

- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- International Organization for Migration (IOM),
- UNAIDS,
- ASEAN Foundation,
- German Technical Cooperation (GTZ),
- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- World Bank
- Thailand International Cooperation Development Agency (TICA)

The national agencies include:

- Network for WHO Collaborating Centres and National Centres of Expertise in Thailand (NEW-CCET),
- Ministry of Public Health (MOPH),
- Health Systems Research Institute (HSRI),
- The National Health Security Office,
- Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Programme (HITAP),
- International Health Policy Programme (IHPP),
- Health Insurance System Research Office,
- Thai Health Promotion Foundation (THF),