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

- Website server updating,
- IT manpower training and retraining,
- Research data-base development and updating,
- Knowledge-based information distribution,
- Knowledge management support through community-based health programs demonstration in the form of best practices focusing on the health system reform : "Thailand Model",
- Strengthening of the AIHD Journal (Public Health and Development), and Newsletter to be wider accepted by both national and international subscribers,
- Producing educational media in order to serve academic education and training purposes, as well as public education and international relations through local and international mass media in accordance with assessed needs.

- Activity 2** Academic education and capacity building programmes aiming to up-grade the planning and managerial capabilities of middle management health and allied community-based personnel through:
- (a) An international one-year graduate course for a Master of Primary Health Care (MPHM.) Programme
 - (b) A national two-year graduate course for a Master of Arts (M.A.) Programme for Addiction Study.
 - (c) Various short-course training programmes serving both national and international trainees according to requested needs.

- Explanation**
- (a) The international one-year MPHM Programme has been continuously carrying out since 1986. In 2010 there were 15 students and 15 graduates.
 - (b) The Thai Language two-year M.A. Programme Addiction Study was initiated by the Faculty of Graduate Study, Mahidol University. It was transferred to AIHD only in 2010. There are 9 graduates in 2010.
 - (c) There are totally 14 short-course training Programmes with over 120 participants in 2010

- Activity 3** Strengthening of research work and group-educational development programmes encompassing community and family empowerment, healthy institutions (workplaces), and spiritual health for leadership development including integration of disease control programmes in support of the district health system based upon the PHC that aimed to improve cost-effective participatory action programmes in support of the current national health reforms.

- Explanation** The major outputs generated from sub-activities under *Activity 3* are as follows:

- (a) The International Symposium on “Regional Network Development for the Future of Primary Health Care Research and Teaching Imperatives”. The Symposium took place on 17th-18th June 2010 at the ASEAN Institute for Health Development, Mahidol University.

There were approximately 80 participants of the International Symposium. Apart from approximately 60 participants of local AIHD Alumni, international students, and resource persons in Thailand; there were 18 international AIHD Alumni from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, The Lao PDR, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Vietnam (See Proceeding Report in AIHD Website.)

- (b) The National Conference on “Empowerment of Families and Communities for Health Management”. was organized by AIHD on 13th-14th January 2011 at The Convention Hall, Miracle Grand Hotel (Bangkok). There were approximately 120 participants.
(see Proceeding Report in AIHD Website)

- (c) The Strengthening Institutional Capacity on Safe Motherhood programme is implementing by AIHD under the collaboration of UNFPA and TICA (Thailand International Cooperation Agency), aim to provide a knowledge-based management forum on “Strengthening Institutional Capacity on Safe Motherhood programme” to engage the responsible persons from Lao PDR, Bhutan and Thailand with the knowledge and skills for critical analysis on the reproductive health situation and then review strategies and programs to secure the woman health and social well-being of mother in their own country, the starting point to plan collaborations among related stakeholders to strengthening institutions capacity on Safe Motherhood programme. The overall programme is divided into 2 phases (will be finished by the end of 2011).

Activity 4

Continuing support of community-based health development research programmes beginning with Participatory Action Research (PAR) for Active Ageing in Community-based Organizations (Elderly Health Clubs) for Integrated Health Programmes based on PHC. Other initiative sub-activities are also ensued.

Explanation

The Pilot Project on Quality of life Development through Integrated Community-based Organization (Elderly Health Clubs) into Provincial Health System based on PHC in Kanchanaburi Province, started in 2008 has been successfully generated key features’ model in 2010. The prototypes had been replicated in Mae Hongson Province in 2010 with satisfactory progress appeared in early 2011

Other sub activities under *Activity 4* have been carrying out in the form of technical support in monitoring PHC Development are as follows:

- (1) Focusing the research of AIHD to generate new knowledge and understanding about PHC and community health development,
- (2) Creating network to develop research to support PHC and community health .
- (3) Undertaking integrated research design to facilitate policy development and multidisciplinary approach for sustainable health development and evaluation programmes.
- (4) Publication and dissemination of research findings.
- (5) Development of knowledge management system to facilitate research supporting PHC development.

In 2010 there are 8 research projects are actively proceeding, expected to obtain final reports by 2011.

2. Other Information Related to the Collaboration between the AIHD and WHO

- (1) The WHO Regional Director for SEAR visited AIHD twice, once as Special Guest Lecturer for the International Symposium and the second visit was a formal visit.
- (2) The WR Thailand regularly attended periodically formal meeting as a member of the Advisory Committee to AIHD
- (3) The WR Thailand Office and the Network of WHO Collaborating Centres and the Centres of Excellence (NEW-CCET) in Thailand have been in good contact with one another. There has not been any sign of difficulty with respect to cooperation and collaboration at all.

3 Collaborating with Other WHO Collaborating Centres

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),