Dear MBDS Colleagues,

The MBDS (Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance) network has been active in recent years, collaborating with regional partners to enhance disease surveillance and outbreak response. This has involved the development of regional alerts related to public health events, including COVID-19, the progress of vaccination campaigns, and other important issues. These alerts are updated regularly on the MBDS website, providing valuable information to public health officials and researchers.

Best practice and lesson learned from the past two years emphasize the importance of regional collaboration for rapid and effective public health response. This includes the integration of core competencies for reporting on the exchange of information under the International Health Regulations 2005. The MBDS network operates based on its core values of mutual respect and trust, and has been working together to progress, inter-regional collaboration, outbreak response, and information sharing for rapidly and effectively controlling public health threats.

MBDS publications

MBDS has prepared the "Risk Assessment Training Guidelines for Public Health Threats," which provides a comprehensive guide for assessing public health risks. The guidelines aim to support the implementation of risk assessment tools that are adaptable to various contexts and can be used by public health officials and other stakeholders.

MBDS has also published "Three Books on Healthcare Delivery System in a Nutshell," which is a comprehensive resource for healthcare delivery systems in CLMV countries. These books are available to download at the MBDS website.

Recent Update

MBDS has been actively engaged in recent activities, including updates on the SARS-CoV-2 virus, progress of vaccination campaigns, and the development of guidance for risk assessment in public health threats.

Useful Links

MBDS has a comprehensive set of useful links, including Disease Surveillance Networks, Health Related Links, Links for Disaster Management, and Others Links. These links are easily accessed via MBDS Facebook and MBDS YouTube channel.

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