



Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance

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Dear MBDS Colleagues,

The MBDS (Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance) cooperation is a self-organized regional network commenced since 2001. It is a collaboration effort among six Mekong Basin countries: Cambodia, China, Lao P.D.R, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam under The Health Ministerial MOU. It aims to strengthen national and regional capabilities in infectious disease surveillance, inter-regional collaboration, outbreak response and information sharing for rapidly and effectively control Public Health Threat.

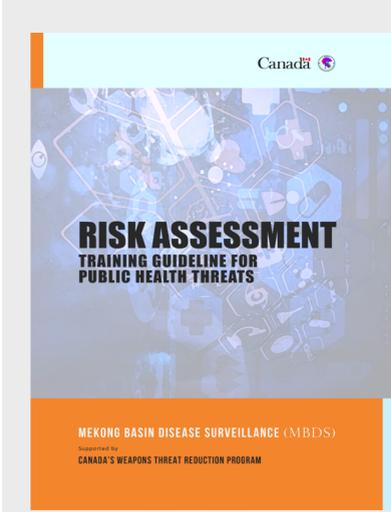


In 2022, MBDS celebrated its 22th year of its existence in the public health arena. The brief overview of MBDS activities within the year 2001 – 2022 are shown in 2 parts of videos in MBDS YouTube. MBDS would like to express appreciation and gratitude to all development partners and stakeholders for all of tremendous support throughout the years for the activities. Thank you again for all development partners and stakeholders for your kind support to MBDS.

Under the Canada's Weapon Threat Reduction Program, MBDS Event Based Surveillance (EBS) Reporting Application is developed for real time reporting, regional information sharing and collaboration. This real-time EBS App is to detect early warning, real-time reporting, share alerts on public/veterinary health events for cross-borders provinces among in the Mekong Region who has authorized to report and access. Photos/ images, geo-location related with all PH events including disaster are also reported with user friendly format. The video can be accessed in MBDS YouTube.



Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance - Event-Based Surveillance MBDS-EBS Mobile Application



MBDS has developed "Risk Assessment Training Guideline for Public Health Threats", which has been published in MBDS website. This training guideline aims to assist the planning and implementation of risk assessment (either sector-specific or joint risk assessments) in order to support timely control measures, effective risk communication, and improved preparedness and response. The guideline was developed with basic nine chapters related to risk assessment for public health threats, including about an all-hazards approach, indicator-based and event-based surveillance, epidemic intelligence process, risk management and communication, monitoring and evaluation (M&E), and information sharing mechanism.

This resource material covers the gap of knowledge as a supporting reference that can be adopted and modified by the risk assessment team, public health surveillance team, health professional, educators/ trainers, and educational institutions according to the needs and each context/ setting. As reference, this guideline also has considered the context in LMIC setting and can be assessed at MBDS website. The production of this document is under "Sustain and Strengthen Biosafety and Biosecurity in CLMV countries" Project which supported by Canada's Weapons Threat Reduction Program (Canada's WTRP).

12 January 2023: MBDS Secretariat has participated in the "Quarterly Grantee Call" hosted by The Rockefeller Foundation. During virtual meeting, the Rockefeller Foundation and organization partners updated the regional milestones and 2023 climate strategies. In this opportunity, MBDS Secretariat also informed about current implementing activities including MBDS One Health Event Base Surveillance Reporting and involvement from development partners and stakeholders. MBDS also shared what are the potential regional collaborative activities in line with the RF climate strategy and 2023 regional priorities during the meeting.

MBDS is regularly updating regional alerts related to public health events including COVID-19 situation, progress of vaccination, measures and information related with public awareness. These regional alerts are available in this MBDS webpage.



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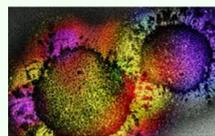
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Sincerely yours, MBDS Foundation Secretariat

