



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.



Dr. Rattanaxy Phetsouvanh, Director General (MBDS Board) Ministry of Health, Lao P.D.R has giving opening speech in MBDS real-time EBS Application reporting refresh training activity. This EBS App reporting program is supported by Canada's Weapons Threat Reduction Program (Canada's WTRP). Laos MOH has organized the training workshop to five cross-border provinces on 21 February 2023. Dr. Malyvanh VONGPANHYA, Technical Officer Surveillance and Response Division (MBDS focal) from Laos also participated in training workshop. Public health events, veterinary health events and environmental events are reported by dedicated persons from respective Ministries in real-time EBS App. This application has been implementing in the selected Mekong countries with technical assistance and training from Cambodia MOH.

*Photo credit to Dr. Malyvanh VONGPANHYA, MBDS focal of Lao P.D.R*

MBDS Secretariat is regularly updating Biosafety and Biosecurity related information in MBDS Biosafety website, including Biosafety and Biosecurity activities from the different regions. In addition, Biosafety & Biosecurity related documents, multimedia and other resources are also can be accessed as references to support the implementation of biothreat reduction programs at <https://mbdsbiosafety.net/>.



VIEWPOINTS  
ON ISSUES IN  
HEALTHCARE  
DELIVERY  
SYSTEMS IN  
DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES

COMING SOON!

H.E Dr Myint Htwe (former Health & Sports Minister from Myanmar 2016-2021) has been developing "Viewpoints on Issues in Healthcare Delivery Systems in Developing Countries". This book will discuss solutions or coping mechanism to the issues that arise while providing population-wide healthcare services. Dr. Myint Htwe has already published three books on healthcare delivery system, which inter-linked and inter-connected to each other. The fourth book in a series on the healthcare delivery systems will soon be available at MBDS website.

The content of this book will be prepared in the format of questions and answers (Q&A) to make it easier to digest. The topics are discussed and suggestions are made, including about how to strengthen community involvement, enhance patient satisfaction, improve doctors' clinical argument, manage IDP camps, improve prison health, choose a health program director and the value of "out of the box" thinking. The fourth book will be published at MBDS website, while previous three series are already available under publication section.

**14 - 15 February 2023:** MBDS Secretariat has participated in the "Border Area Development Meeting" under the Global Health Security Agenda together with other stakeholders for protection, detect and respond to public health emergencies. The meeting was organized by the Office of International Cooperation (OIC), Department of Disease Control (DDC), Ministry of Public Health in Udon Thani Province, Thailand. During the meeting, MBDS Secretariat has presented about MBDS One Health Event-Based Surveillance (EBS) Regional Collaboration Application platform. Ten cross-border provinces from Thailand are reporting by using real-time EBS App in collaboration with Cambodia CDC MOH and support from Thailand Ministry of Public Health and the Rockefeller Foundation. Mukdahan province from Thailand also presented about details of real-time reporting mechanism and visualization of the data from dashboard and mobile.

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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## REGIONAL ALERTS



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FIRST BIRD FLU...**

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CASES IN CAMBODIA**

25 February 2023. Cambodia  
Ministry of Health reported...

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'WORRYING', WHO...**

25 February 2023. The World  
Health Organization is...

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INFECTIONS RISE TO...**

25 February 2023. According to  
the Lao Ministry...

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## RECENT UPDATE

MBDS Secretariat Office has been updating Regional and International disease information on [MBDS website](#) and those updates can be easily accessed via [MBDS Facebook](#), [MBDS Instagram](#), and [MBDS Twitter](#).

## USEFUL LINKS

MBDS has been updating useful links (Disease Surveillance Networks, Health Related Links, Links for Disaster Management, Research Links, Global Conference Alerts and Others Links) on [MBDS website](#).

Sincerely yours,  
MBDS Foundation Secretariat

