

The 3rd GHSA Videoconference
for Workforce Development Action Package
14:00 (Thailand time zone, UTC+07:00), 21 September 2016

Meeting Summary

The third Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) videoconference for Workforce Development Action Package was organized with the representatives from Ethiopia, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Yemen, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and Thailand MOPH – U.S. CDC Collaboration (TUC).

Update from Thailand

The basic epidemiology and bio-statistic course (June Course) was conducted on 13 June to 8 July 2016 in Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) Thailand, with 15 international participants and 27 Thai participants. The Training for the Trainers program was carried out in June to August 2016 as the 9th cohort, including fellows from Ethiopia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

In terms of national activities, surveillance and response activities are being implemented under International Health Regulations (IHR), aligning with GHSA activities. The national working group for GHSA was set up under the national IHR committee. As a future plan, IHR implementation will be linked to ASEAN Economic and the GHSA activities will be linked at 31 border provinces.

Review of the Recent GHSA Meetings under Thailand Regional GHSA Coordinating Office

The First Joint Consultative Meeting between ASEAN Veterinary Epidemiology Group (AVEG) and ASEAN Plus Three Field Epidemiology Training Network (ASEAN+3 FETN) was took place as the first formal collaboration between the epidemiology groups of animal and human health on 16-18 August 2016 in Danang, Vietnam. This meeting was organized with the approval by ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Livestock (ASWGL) and the ASEAN Expert Group on Communicable Disease (AEGCD), under the support of United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and FAO.

Total 22 delegates from 10 ASEAN+3 countries and 14 participants from the development partners engaged in the meeting. Brainstorming through the World Café format and special sessions of the respective networks delivered four main activities to be implemented jointly between animal and human health sectors during 2017, namely regular meetings between AVEG and ASEAN+3 FETN, joint trainings on various topics (scientific writing, public communication and the FETP-One Health modules), an avenue or platform (workshop, meeting, conference, website, video conference) and a workshop on cross-border and joint (animal-human health) outbreak investigation and surveillance of zoonotic diseases.

Updates from Contributing Countries

The Ethiopian Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Program is being implemented in the country to strengthen public health capacity by developing a cadre of health professionals with advanced skills in applied epidemiology, and strengthen national and regional capacity to respond to public health emergencies such as outbreaks, natural disasters, and other

unusual public health events including those that could be a result of chemical or biological terrorism. Updates, opportunities and challenges of the program were presented in the meeting.

Progress and current activities of FETP in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia were presented as well.

Future Activities

1. The Project Coordination Meeting for GHSA Workforce Development and National Laboratory System Action Packages will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, tentatively on 19-21 December 2016.
2. The joint trainings between animal and public health sectors will be performed for ASEAN+3 Member Countries during 2017.
3. Training for trainers will be conducted again in FETP Thailand during 2017 as regional or/and bilateral collaboration.

Announcements and invitation for the respective events will be distributed to the countries in due time.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned with the acknowledgements to the representatives from the contributing countries and the development partners for their active participation as well as the Department of Medical Science, Thailand for providing the meeting facilities.

Annexes

Annex 1. Agenda

VDO conference of GHSA Workforce Development
Wednesday, 14:00-15:00, 21 September 2016 (Bangkok Time)

a) Opening/ Chairman announcement [5 min]

(Dr. Khanchit Limpakarnjanarat, the Chairman of this meeting will give opening announcement)

b) Activities update [10 min]

(Recent activities will be presented by GHSA Thailand/Regional Coordinating Office)

c) Review of recent GHSA meetings [10 min]

(Recent GHSA meetings will be reviewed and presented by GHSA Thailand/Regional Coordinating Office)

d) Updates from contributing countries [25 min]

(Leading and contributing countries are invited to present recent relevant updates)

e) Future activities [5 min]

(Future activities will be presented by GHSA Thailand/Regional Coordinating Office)

f) Closing [5 min]

City(Country)	Local time for VDO meeting	Time zone UTC offset
Bangkok (Thailand)	Wednesday, 21 September 2016, 14:00	UTC+07:00
Amman (Jordan)	Wednesday, 21 September 2016, 10:00	UTC+03:00
Helsinki (Finland)	Wednesday, 21 September 2016, 10:00	UTC+03:00
Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)	Wednesday, 21 September 2016, 10:00	UTC+03:00
Riyadh (Saudi Arabia)	Wednesday, 21 September 2016, 10:00	UTC+03:00
Sana (Yemen)	Wednesday, 21 September 2016, 10:00	UTC+03:00
Atlanta (USA - Georgia)	Wednesday, 21 September 2016, 03:00	UTC-05:00

Annex 2. List of Participants

Leading Countries:

1. Jordan

- Unable to establish the connection

2. Thailand (Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health)

- Dr. Khanchit Limpakarnjanarat, Consultant, Thailand GHSA Regional Coordinating Office
- Dr. Wanna Hanshaoworakul, Director, Field Epidemiology Training Program, Bureau of Epidemiology
- Dr. Chen Lei, Staff, Field Epidemiology Training Program, Bureau of Epidemiology
- Dr. Yin Myo Aye, Coordinator, Thailand GHSA Regional Coordinating Office
- Ms. Vanlaya Srethapranai, IFETP Coordinator, Field Epidemiology Training Program, Bureau of Epidemiology

Contributing Countries:

1. Ethiopia

- Dr. Tatek Bogale Anbessie, Director, Ethiopian Field Epidemiology Training Program

2. Finland

- None

3. Saudi Arabia

- Dr. Randa Nooh, Consultant Epidemiologist & General Supervisor, Field Epidemiology Training Program, Department of Public Health, Ministry of Health, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

4. United States

- None

5. Yemen

- Dr. Abdulhakim Alkohlani, Director General for Disease Control and Surveillance, Director of Field Epidemiology Training Program, Yemen

Contributing International Organizations:

1. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

- Dr. Kachen Wongsathapornchai, Regional Epidemiology Coordinator, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

2. Thailand MOPH – U.S. CDC Collaboration (TUC)

- Dr. Charatdao Bunthi, Thailand MOPH - U.S. CDC Collaboration, CDC/Southeast Asia Regional Office