



## Progress report of ASEAN Plus 3 FETN Activities in Nov 2022

**Duration:** 1– 30 November 2022

1. ASEAN Plus 3 FETN Coordinating Office met with the US CDC team to finalize the concept note entitled “Strengthening FETN Emergency Rapid Response Capacity: Multisectoral Collaboration and Partnership Approach” before submitting the project on Wednesday, 9 November 2022, from 08:00 – 09:17 PM virtually.

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- Panithee Thailand FETP/DDC/MOPH
- Thailand-Komchaluch Taweeseeneepitch...
- Yanee N.
- Phanthanee Thitichai, FETP, TH
- Jenny Beaver
- Marissa Morales
- SEAOHUN Vipat
- Supamit
- Ikeda ARCH2
- Dr.Kriangsak\_Th...
- Charatdao-CDC...
- Lalida CDC Thai...
- Ashley Greiner,...
- ASEC - Michael...
- Sukanya DPHEM...

The screen share shows a document titled "Concept note: RRT project with minor revisions" with the following content:

**Specific Objectives are:**

- To identify key lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, barriers and obstacles of field epidemiologists as a part of rapid response functions and teams in ASEAN plus 3 FETN member countries at the sub-national and national levels. (2022-2023)
- To review the existing capacities, areas of priorities, gaps and needs for further development and policy support to the FETP/FET/EIP programs or allies with regard to workforce development (2023)
- To identify common gaps and needs for multi-sector and multidisciplinary collaboration across existing ASEAN platforms to inform the crafting of a 5-year operation framework for field epidemiology workforce development to be proposed to the ASEAN Health Cluster II meeting facilitated by ASEAN Secretariat (2023-24)
- To identify needs for and foster collaboration among members of the ASEAN network and partners such as ASEAN EOC, ACPHEED, AVEG, SEAHOHUN etc., for field epidemiology workforce capacity building, strengthening unusual event/outbreak management of the member countries, and preparing for a better future response. (2022-2024)

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**Key output:** There is a fruitful discussion. The invited development partners provided suitable interventions. The concept note is modified with minor revisions by changing objective four to be more appropriate. The final concept note plan is to submit before the due date.

2. Korea Overseas Development and Consulting [KODAC] visited the ASEAN Plus 3 FETN Coordinating Office at the Division of Epidemiology, Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health Thailand to understand the Field Epidemiology Training Program in the aspects of structures, curriculum, format and history. The KODAC aims to understand and gather the information to develop the project on Capacity Building for Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response. The project's objective is to strengthen the capacity to respond to infectious diseases in the Laboratory Network, Management of Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and conduct Field Epidemiological Investigation Field epidemiologist is one of the three main pillars.

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### D3: Human Resource Background



**Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558**

National Communicable Disease Committee

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Provincial Communicable Disease Committee

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Communicable Disease Control Unit (CDCU)


- Isolation
- Quarantine
- Investigation
- Enforce for disinfection



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CDCU members



- Physician, nurse, lab technician, public health technician
- Pass 5-day CDCU training or
  - Diploma in preventive medicine (epidemiology)
  - Graduate from FETP, FETH, FEMT

6 | Joint External Evaluation – Technical Area Presentation

 World Health Organization


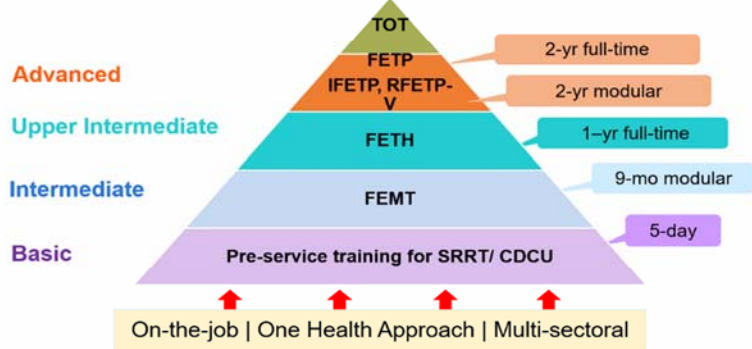



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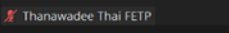
### Field Epidemiology Training Courses in Thailand

On-the-job | One Health Approach | Multi-sectoral

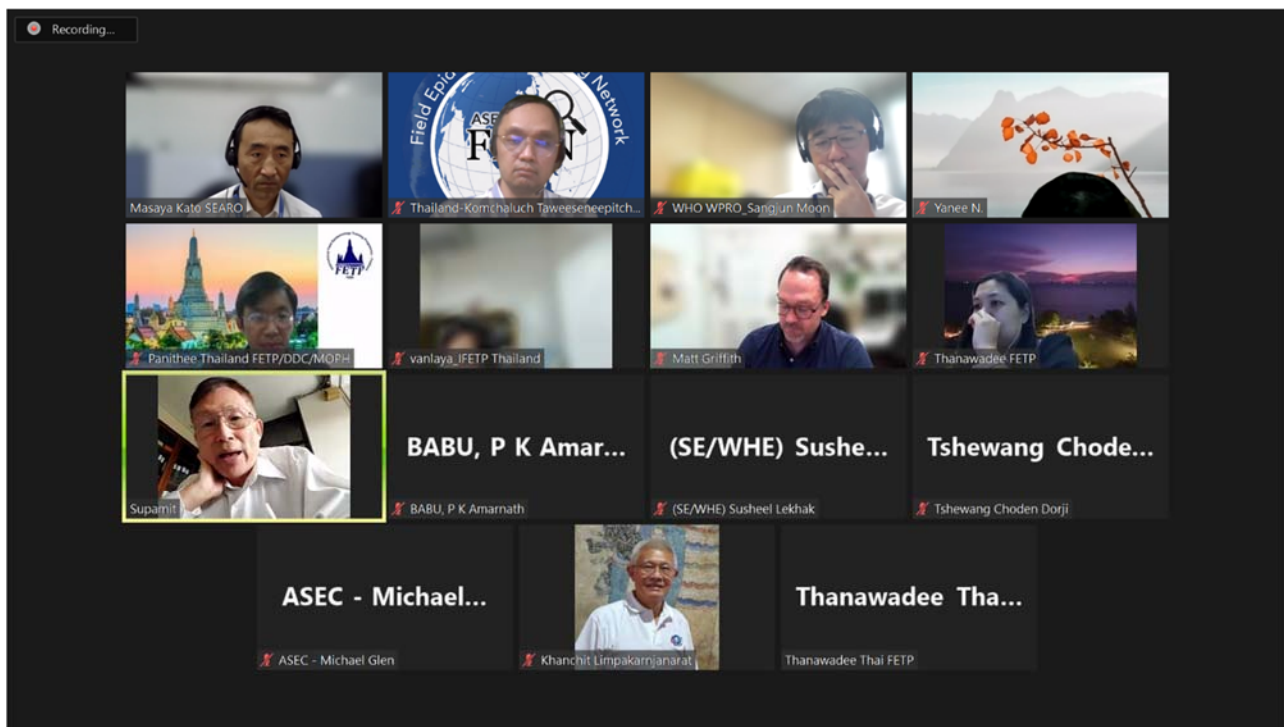
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**Key output:** There is a fruitful discussion. We exchange essential information to understand the basic needs and explore the possible area to fulfil the said project. The KODAC team was interested in the data science workshop. They mentioned that the FETP need to be equipped with new hard skills. The challenge is policy support, financial sustainability and limited staff etc.

3. ASEAN Plus 3 FETN Coordinating Office team had a discussion meeting with Dr Masaya KATO and the team from WHO SEARO and WHO to contribute to the EU – ASEAN Project entitled “Strengthening field epidemiology training in ASEAN member states through fostering local resources and improving learning approaches and materials” on Wednesday, 9 November 2022 from 03:00 – 04:00 PM virtually.





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training approaches for field epidemiologists. The project will formalise the ASEAN community of field epidemiology training and mentoring practitioners. Through this community, practitioners will share experiences and lessons, request and provide peer support, and develop and share field-based practical tools for use in and training on field epidemiology in the ASEAN context. To help formalise this community, we propose hosting an in-person workshop and four webinars for FETP trainers, supervisors, mentors, and facilitators over fourteen months, and an online platform for continuous engagement.

**Key activities**



The following activities will be organized in close collaboration among ASEAN FETN secretariat, WHO SEARO and WHO WPRO.

- 4-day in-person workshop in strengthening learning materials and mentoring approaches - for two FETP staff from each of the FETPs of 8 Member States
- Four virtual webinars/workshops to facilitate exchange practices and challenges in curriculum and mentoring (e.g. development of case studies) – for the two FETP staff from each of the 8 Member States, who attends/attended the above workshop
- Ad hoc technical webinar in evolving situation in ASEAN countries – WHO SEARO and WPRO to provide technical updates in evolving situation of outbreaks and other emergencies, as needed

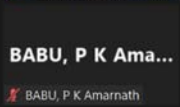


**III. PROPOSED COMMENCEMENT & COMPLETION DATE:**

1 October 2022 – 15 December 2023











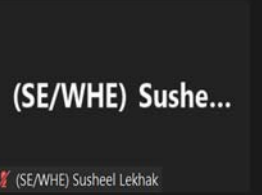
<sup>1</sup> This concept note is based on the ASEAN Cooperation Project Proposal as of 2017 approved by the

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From (SE/WHE) Susheel Lekhak to Everyone

Great!! Thank you so much!!

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Key output:



1) There is a fruitful discussion among participants (WHO SEARO, WHO PRO, ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN Plus 3 FETN Coordinating Office, ASEAN Plus FETN Foundation) to finalize the concept note to process the next step, the implementation step.

2) The concerns of the implementation are the policy support, human resources, resource mobilization and sustainability of the project. Thus, Dr Masaya Kato and the team took the critical intervention and agreed to revise some of the activities mentioned in the concept note to be more suitable for implementation.

3) The ASEAN Secretariat, Dr Michael, provided information related to the budget (ended next year) that ASEAN Secretariat could help find the mechanism to utilize the fund support from the EU with the other ASEAN platforms.

4) Dr Masaya KATO and team propose a side meeting or some agenda to discuss with the Chair and ASEAN Plus 3 FETN Steering Committee in the annual meeting to finalize the new revised concept note for the implementation step. They plan to participate in the annual meeting from 23 - 24 November 2022.