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Lao Equity through policy Analysis and Research Networks

...is a 5 year program funded by the EU to enhance capabilities of public health institutes in Laos

- Lao Tropical and Public Health Institute, and the Faculty of Post Graduate Studies at the University of Health Sciences
- VU University of Amsterdam, and the Hanoi University of Public Health

Overall objective is to contribute to better population health and Universal Health Coverage in Lao PDR through better informed public health policies and their implementation, monitoring and evaluation



Specific Objective 1

To support NIOPH and associated public health institutes (UHS) to provide national health authorities and stakeholders with expertise, documentation, reports and relevant tools for evidence-based health policy-making leading to progress towards increasing health equity and universal health coverage.

Specific Objective 2

To enhance the institutional development, capacities, resources, and role of NIOPH and associated training institutes (UHS) in effectively providing evidence to policymakers with a focus on **nutrition, reproductive health, cost effectiveness** and the **socio-cultural dimensions** of health.



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Expected Result 1: More and policy-makers who are better programming

1. Research and Knowledge Translation

Expected Result 2: The Lao Tr (LaoTPHI) has stronger institu financial management, network

2. Technical and Operational Capacity

Expected Result 3: Graduates Sciences have greater capacity especially for nutrition and re costing and socio-cultural determinants of health

3. Improved Post-Graduate Education

1. Research and Knowledge Translation

Activities - Result 1

- **1.1 Policy and Implementation Gap Analysis (PIGA)** of the nutrition and MCH strategies in Laos
- Completed National Health Research Agenda

1.2 Policy Dialogues

- Produce Policy Briefs, Research Café and KT materials
- Completed Knowledge Translation Strategy

1.3 Promote and Fund Health Research (10 studies)

PhD Candidates, Post-Doctorate and Open Call Research Grants

12 Lao researchers supported to generate evidence in nutrition and mother and child health (5 PhD candidates, 4 Post-Docs)

1.4 Communications (Websites)

Activities of the KT Plan (website, Health

1.5 Advocacy with Policy Makers



NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH AGENDA 2018 – 2022

Lao Tropical and Public Health Institute



National Health Research Agenda

2018 – 2022



Lao Tropical and Public Health Institute

Integrating Public Health research into the development priorities of Lao PDR

Background

The Lao Tropical and Public Health Institute (LaoTPHI) is mandated to provide the Ministry of Health with evidence-informed policy recommendations, to set the National Health Research Agenda (NHRA) and manage the research portal for the health sector. Further to this, LaoTPHI organises the annual National Health Research Forum (NHRF) to present the results of its research to health authorities at the Ministry, Provincial health departments, as well as development partners supporting the health sector in Laos.

policy areas where research is needed. In response, LaoTPHI have developed this NHRA, which is not only informed by the recommendations of the PIGA, but also includes a focus on the SDGs for nutrition and Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR), with attention to equity, health financing, and cost-effectiveness.

The NHRA will encourage researchers to explicitly link their ongoing research to specific national health policies, enhancing their relevance and guiding their presentations given at the NHRF to focus on relevant policy issues. It will further



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2. Technical and Operational Capacity

Activities - Result 2

2.1 NIOPH Operations Support: Strategic Plan, Capacity Building Plan

2.2 Research Support

Research methodology training (proposal, grant management), guidance...

2.3 NIOPH Support for IT, & Hold International Conferences

National Health Research Forum 9, 10, 11, 12
ICPH-GMS 2019

2.4 Grants & Financial Management – training, strengthening

Institutional Capacity Strengthening continues:

- NIOPH merged with the *Institut Francophone de Medecine Tropicale (IFMT)* in December 2017 to become the Lao Tropical and Public Health Institute (Lao TPHI). Mandate confirmed by MOH and Strategic Planning ongoing
- Capacity building continues (inter-disciplinary research methods, ethics, Linear programming...)
- Lao TPHI's international and regional network continues to strengthen
- 2017 Annual Report completed and website up and running
- Organisational Capacity Assessment to complete in 2018



3. Improved Post-Graduate Education

Activities - Result 3

3.1 UHS Support – E-library, IT, Curriculum Development

MPH Joint Programme with HUPH



What to do with the Research?

- Put it in the right hands
- Ensure it is heard and understood
- Ensure it contributes to the development agenda and to the work of other influencers

National level	Health Sector	Technical areas
8 th National Socio-Economic Development Plan (2016-2020)	8 th Health Sector Development Plan	National Nutrition Strategy (2025) and Plan of Action (2016-2020)
	Health Sector Reform (2016-2025) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Resources • Financing • Governance • Information Systems 	National Strategy and Plan of Action for Integrated Services on Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (2016-2025)

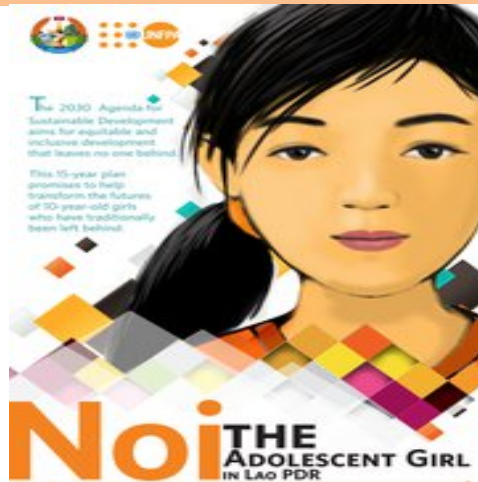


PhD Candidates

1. To determine the SRHR literacy among adolescents ; gain insights into causes and consequences of teenage pregnancy and the potential of health literacy interventions in relation to SRHR
2. Situation of contraception use and unmet need for family planning, factors contributing to unmet need for contraception and reducing unmet need for women 15-49yrs in Laos
3. Situation of maternal, neonatal and child services before development of a new IEC intervention package aimed at improving the Lao mother and child nutrition and immunisation through improvement of health education and counselling of health providers
4. Innovative Improvement of Food and Nutrition Security Strategies in Children and Women in Lao PDR

Post-Doctoral research

1. Lao PDR Adolescent Girls Situation Analysis: Establishment Provincial level Adolescent Girls Profile
2. Local specific food-based recommendations developed using linear programming approach for combating anemia among adolescent school girls in rural Lao PDR
3. Understanding the social determinants and the Sexual Reproductive Health Knowledge, Attitudes, behaviors and information seeking behaviors of adolescent girls aged 10-19 years in Lao PDR.
4. Assessment of National Health Insurance policy for informal sector in Lao PDR



Thank you

