

Conference Announcement



The National Health Research Forum (NHRF) is an annual event organized by the Lao Tropical and Public Health Institute Health with its National and International research Institutions namely the Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN) of Kyoto Japan, the National Center for Global Health and Medicine (NCGM) of Tokyo, Japan, the EU LEARN-MCNV, the JICA_SATREPS at IPL, Lao PDR, the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, UNFPA, and other national and international research collaborators.

In keeping with the success of the 11 NHRFs since 2007, the 12th NHRF theme will focus on the importance of health research system strengthening that contributing to the achievement of Universal Health Coverage, and control the Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) and eliminate some communicable diseases (CD) in Lao PDR by 2025.

The 12th NHRF will gather internal and international public health researchers, epidemiologist, social scientists, health economists, practitioners, and other experts in health research development who share a passion for exchanging ideas and analysis in the various fields of health researches.

In addition, the 12th National Health Research Forum will provide an unique platform as an opportunity to start an in-country sector policy dialogue on how best the health research system strengthening enhancing and accelerating the health sector reform in Lao PDR by 2025 as ensuring the UHC, control of NCD and eliminate the CD.

The 12th NHRF will establish effective links between the policy/political level, public health institutions, relevant sectors outside health; health aids agencies, and civil society organizations.

The Pre-conference Adolescent research day

The annual Adolescent Research day (ARD) was established in 2016 under Noi 2030 framework as a joint initiative by Lao TPHI and United Nation Population Fund (UNFPA) and Medical Committee Netherlands-Vietnam (MCNV) in Lao PDR. The ARD is held prior the annual health research forum, as a one-day conference with a specific theme related to adolescents. It provides a platform for researchers, policy-makers and development partners in the Greater Mekong Sub-region to unite, share existing research and

collaborative on generating new evidence. The overall goal is to fill the gap and build knowledge and evidence on adolescents 10-19 years for promoting evidence-based policies and comprehensive interventions that are vital to achieving the well-being of all adolescents in the region. This year's ARD will focus on **SDG 1 (End poverty)** with special emphasis on social protection and interlinked with health, education and employment, with the theme: *<Social protection for Adolescents-removing their barriers towards a healthy and fulfilling life>*.

The objective of the Forum is to bring together researchers, policy makers, health specialists and other experts to discuss the field of health researches that could be best enhancing and accelerating the achievement of the health sector reform in Lao PDR by 2025 as a part of Sustainable Development Goals related to health challenges particularly goal 1, 2,3,4,5, 6, and 8. The forum will enable the exchange of ideas and knowledge between the different disciplines for facilitating research and clinical interdisciplinary collaborations focusing various health problems, including policy dialogue for health related challenges.

The following specific objectives are set for the twelfth NHRF:

- To present the new research findings and innovation of research works related to health researches, health economic, development of human resource for health and health information system development at both nationally and internationally
- To share and to learn the best practices of research skills between national and international researchers
- To strengthen and enhance the research network within and between countries
- To provide evidences to policy-makers for their decision-making
- To conduct an in-country sector policy dialogue to prepare for the achievement of midterm health sector reform in Lao PDR as a part of SDGs implementation to ensure the health system improvement
- To establish effective links between the policy/political level, public health institutions, relevant sectors outside health, health aids agencies, and civil society organizations.

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