



# ASIAN HEALTH INSTITUTE (AHI)

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## <AHI Workshop Outline>

### **International Workshop on *Multisectoral Collaboration for Health in All Policies at local level The Case of Thailand***

Dates: ***March 25, 2019 – March 29 2019***

#### **Introduction:**

##### **AHI International Workshop:**

Since 2000, Asian Health Institute (AHI) started activities to offer continuous learning and networking opportunities among AHI alumni of the international course and their development partners who share common issues and concerns. The workshop is jointly organized by AHI and the alumni's organization in collaboration, and hosted at the field site of the alumni's organization. The first workshop of this kind was held in the Philippines in 2000, followed by one in Bangladesh in 2001, India in 2003, the Philippines in 2006, Cambodia in 2011 and the Philippines in 2015.

The workshop calls on participants to share experiences from various countries and engage in an in-depth case study with field exposure. This provides a venue for participants to learn from one another, exchange feedback, and discover insights to make a difference in their respective working areas. The workshop also aims to promote Asia-wide grassroots networking towards common goals, to gradually build an alternative power base to cope with the current trends in economic globalization. In March 2019, AHI plans to organize the workshop jointly with National Health Commission Office (NHCO), Thailand.

##### **Thailand and AHI:**

AHI has invited participants from Thailand since its foundation in 1980. In 1980's -90's, several young doctors from the group "Rural Doctors Association" participated AHI's international courses. One of them later has become to work with the Thailand National Health Commission Office (NHCO). Through him, AHI came to know their

works. National Health Assembly(NHA) is their major program, where health-related issues in wide range would be brought about for discussion from local levels, being attended by multi-sector stakeholders. NHCO has been cooperative to accept AHI alumni as foreign observers in the NHAs.

NHCO is an autonomous agency established under the National Health Act in 2007. They work with the motto Synergy for Wellbeing. Hence, a participatory public policy process base on wisdom (4P-W) is the hearth of their work and their vision is develop the national health system by using 4P-W.

NHCO adopts a "Triangle that Moves the Mountain" strategy which trilateral synergy of political power, knowledge power and civil power holds the key to success, with the ambitious aim of integrating them into collaborative efforts to achieve.

### **Why multi-sectoral collaboration? ;**

As widely recognized that health of population is determined by many determinants especially politics, economy, social status, culture and environment. This reality obliges NHCO to work with various sectors and stakeholders at many administrative levels to improve health outcome. And to improve health outcome, it necessitates it needs working at the starting point which is a policy level, because policies from other sectors, i.e., transportation, energy, industry have positive and negative impacts to health of population. NHCO is mandated to create an enabling environment to develop health in all policies

In fact, public policies are not limited to development by a government. It has a broader definition as a direction where the whole-of-society agrees and commits to pursue. Therefore, public policies can be initiated and developed by a community or a society. It is found that voice of the population well reflects encompassing determinants of health useful to policy making. In addition, a sense of ownership of population toward public policies results in sustainable and successful implementation of these public policies.

For a decade, NHCO has been facilitating government organizations, NGOs, civil society organizations and academia from both health background and non-health background to work together and come up with policy options or policy recommendations to solve problems. NHCO has provided them the participatory processes and tools of developing public policy options and recommendations by using health assembly, health charter and health impact assessment.

Working as a facilitator for the public policy process, NHCO has discovered that government organizations, NGOs, civil society organizations and academia see importance of multi-sectoral collaboration, but find difficulties to achieve it due to limitation of knowledge, skills and tools. As a result, we have provided capacity building programs to partners and networks, aiming them to achieve multisectoral collaboration in order to develop health in all policies.

## **Objectives:**

- 1) To learn experiences of NHCO and its network about the multisectoral collaboration for health in all policies.
- 2) To learn new ideas and insights through sharing experiences on multisectoral collaborations from various areas/countries;
- 3) To build solidarity and network among participants towards developing health in all polices

## **Methodology:**

This workshop will be conducted using Participatory Training Methodology (PTM). Sharing is learning and learning is sharing. Though the group will learn intensively from the case of Thailand, each country team is expected to present their concrete cases as well. **AHI alumni, who are mostly NGO workers, would facilitate their partners' learning by taking the role of translator, coordinator, and co-learner, before, during and after the workshop. AHI Alumni are responsible to provide orientation on AHI and basic information about Thailand to their partners before the workshop as part of the preparation.** Each session will be facilitated with ample freedom to maximize experience sharing. Each participant is responsible for her/his own learning with active participation in sharing and discussion.

## **Venue:**

Banyupensuk Resort, Muang District, Chachoengsao Province

## **Date: March 25 (Mon) – March 29 (Fri), 2019**

(Arrival in Bangkok on March 24, 2019 and departure from Chacheongsao province on March 30, 2019. It is around 2 hours from the airport in Bangkok to Banyupensuk Resort, Chachoengsao Province.

### **Expected Schedule:**

March 24: Arrival, Course Orientation

March 25: Participants know each other, Introduce why multi-sectoral collaboration is needed and Share experiences about the challenge of working on multi-sectoral collaboration approach.

March 26: Basic concept focus on Empathy skill, Stakeholder analysis and Communication for change

March 27: Learn multi-sectoral collaboration for HiAP in a reality world through field trip.

March 28: Learn and Analysis multi-sectoral collaboration for HiAP in a reality

world (issue based) through case studies of Thailand  
March 29: Present working experience and tools of NHCO, Evaluation of the  
workshop and Plan of Action Making.  
March 30: Departure / Free time in Bangkok (if you like)

### **Coordinators/Organizers:**

- NHCO: Ms. Khanitta Sae-iew with NHCO team
- AHI: Ms. Kyoko SHIMIZU with AHI team

### **Prospective participants:**

**Basically TEAM participation: one AHI ALUMNUS (mostly NGO worker) with one or two development partners** (health volunteer leader/people's organization leader and/or local government officer who have been closely working in a certain geographical area toward sustainable health system development) as a team from several Asian countries. Several seats are available for Thai alumni. The total number of participants aside from those from NHCO and its partner team would be about 12.

### **Criteria for Participants (AHI alumni and their partners):**

- 1) The sending NGOs, People's Organizations (POs), and Local Government Units (LGUs) should be responsible for the selection of applicants. The selection process should be in a democratic manner with consensus. Participation should promote and strengthen the respective organizations as well as the applicants as individuals.
- 2) All the applicants (NGO, PO, LGU) should have at least 3 years of experience working together in community-based health activities with component of developing health volunteers in indigenous peoples' communities, and can jointly prepare and present a concrete case study to share.
- 3) All the applicants should have strong commitment and leadership, and support from their sending organizations to put their learning into practice back home.
- 4) All the applicants should be committed to continue working in the area for a minimum of 2 years after participation in the workshop.
- 5) AHI alumni applicants should be fluent in English, which is the common language in the workshop, and be willing to take translation and facilitation role for their partners.
- 6) All the applicants should be in good health for traveling and living in a rural area.

### **Financial requirements:**

- The organizer will pay for:
  - 1) Workshop expenses;
  - 2) Board and lodging during the workshop period ;

- 3) Domestic transportation expenses within Thailand,;
  - 4) The rest of the sending organization's share (200USD for NGO, 100 USD for Partner(s)) of discount rate international airfare (from their nearest airport to Bangkok International Airport) with minimum transit expenses.
- The organizer asks the sending organization side to take responsibility for:
    - 1) NGO : 200 USD of total amount of discount rate international airfare  
Partners : 100 USD of total amount of discount rate international airfare
    - 2) Domestic transportation expenses to their nearest airport within their own respective countries;
    - 3) Miscellaneous expenses incurred for travel preparation; such as passport, visa (to enter Thailand and to transit at any airport when required), and airport taxes in their own respective countries

\*For **Korean, Taiwanese, Hong Konger and Japanese organizations and field offices or counterpart organizations of Japanese NGOs**, the organizer asks the sending organization to pay for the full amount of international airfare

\*For **participants in Thailand**: They can participate in this seminar alone, not with their partner(s). However, team participation is given priority in the selection. They should also submit an application form to AHI and NHCO by the deadline and join the whole workshop period (**Partial participation is not allowed**).

### **Application Procedure:**

Please complete and submit the following documents (in English) for each applicant to **both AHI and NHCO through e-mail by the deadline:**

1. AHI official application form for the International Workshop 2019.
2. Statement by the sending organization with information.  
(For Health Volunteers Group, PO/CBO and LGU applicants who are applying as partners of AHI Alumni's organizations, **ENDORSEMENT sheet should be filled out by the alumni's organization representatives** and should be attached to their application forms.)
3. Face photos.

In case you send them by e-mail, please send twice to make sure. We will send you our acknowledgement e-mail within five working days. If you have not received it, please contact us for confirmation. **Some pages with authorized signature should be printed out to sign on them.** These signed pages should be sent by e-mail as attached PDF or JPG files.

### **Deadline for Application:**

**February 7, 2019**

Please send application to two addresses below mentioned

1. AHI with its e-mail address : [info@ahi-japan.jp](mailto:info@ahi-japan.jp)
2. NHCO with the e-mail address : [khanitta@nationalhealth.or.th](mailto:khanitta@nationalhealth.or.th)

**All the applicants will be informed of the selection results by AHI about 14 days after the deadline.**

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**\*The AHI Workshop Outline (this one) and Application Form can be downloaded from AHI website or will be sent by e-mail or post upon request to AHI. For any other inquiries or comments regarding this workshop, please contact AHI and/or NHCO at above address.**