

Concept Note
International Workshop
On
Multi-sectoral Collaboration in Action
May 5 – 9, 2020
Yasothon Province, Thailand

1. Background

National Health Commission Office (NHCO), Thailand is an autonomous government organization established under the National Health Act in 2007. We aim to promote and create health in all policies in a society. This is because health of the population is affected by determinants beyond health care such as economy, environment, national and international policy, culture and norm. To solve this problem, it necessitates tackling the problem by working across sectors for the shared goal.

“Multi-sectoral collaboration¹” refers to deliberate collaboration among various stakeholder groups (e.g., government, academia, civil society, and private sector) and sectors (e.g., health, environment, and economy) to jointly achieve a policy outcome. Working as a facilitator for a public policy process; NHCO has discovered that all sectors see importance of multi-sectoral collaboration, but find obstacles to achieve it. As a result, we provide our partners a platform and a tool – health assembly and health charter – to build collaboration among different sectors and collectively develop health in all policies.

This workshop will take Thai and overseas participants to learn technique on how to work across sectors and failures that the participants can prevent. The story of Yasothon province will be presented during the workshop step by step. In summary, Yasothon people were worried about chemical use in agriculture, low reading skill in children and harmful drinking alcohol. They raised these issues at the provincial health assembly, a multi-sectoral platform in which government, academia and civil society attend to raise problems and find solutions together. Instead of tackling each problem by individual sector, they decided to tackle the three problems together by reframing the issues, analyzing stakeholders, and using communication techniques to work with stakeholders.

The strength of Yasonthorn health assembly network on multi-sectoral collaboration is drawn to design the workshop. This workshop will offer the participants attitude, knowledge, skills and tools to build multi-sectoral collaboration in your working context. The success case of Yasonthorn will be shared with the participants; however obstacles are still remained to be solved especially control of harmful drinking alcohol during the rocket festival, which is organized annually in May in this province. New

¹ Salunke S, Lal DK. Multisectoral approach for promoting public health. Indian J Public Health 2017;61:163-8

perspectives from the participants as outsiders are welcomed to give feedback to improve this situation.

2. Objectives

Overall objectives:

The workshop aims to promote the idea of health in all policies through inspiring and empowering Thai and foreign participants to build **multi-sectoral collaboration**.

Specific objectives

- To provide participants attitude, knowledge, skills and tools to build multi-sectoral collaboration for health in all policies
- To increase capacity of participants through, experience sharing of Yasothorn health assembly network and among participants. Building up capacity from participants own experiences.
- To scale up the work of Yasothorn health assembly network from sharing and learning from participants, especially foreigners who have different perspectives from the local.

3. Expected outputs

20 participants are equipped with attitude, knowledge, skills and tools about multi-sectoral collaboration for health in all policies; and become a network to support each other work.

In addition to knowledge gained, participants are expected to gain more confidence and pride of their work after sharing experiences with other participants. Questions from other participants result in self-reflection and work improvement.

4. Expected Outcome

The participants will adjust and apply lessons learned from the workshop to their work. And NHCO staff will increase capacity of facilitating and coaching skill and be able to support participants on applying multisectoral collaboration for health in all policies. With this regard, the network of the participants will be sustained.

5. Workshop Approach

The workshop will be set as if a neutral platform for participants to freely discuss, share experience and fill in each other gaps without prejudgment. The workshop will apply participatory training methods such as field trip, case study, role play to stimulate learning of participants as well as to build relationship among them.

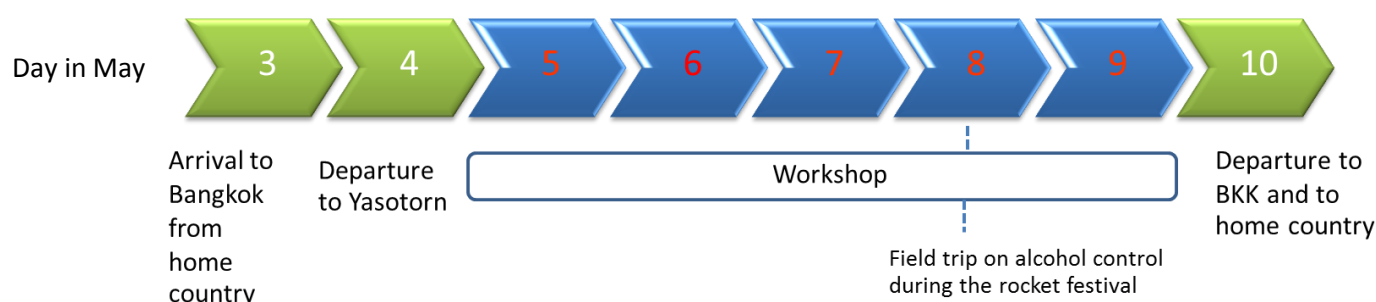
We will offer the participants attitude, knowledge and skills to build multi-sectoral collaboration which is built on from real experience of Yasothorn health assembly network and National Health Commission Office.

6. Participants

- The total participants are 12 - 16 people divided into oversea participants and Thai participants. Each group has not more than 8 participants.
- Asia countries, especially neighboring countries of Thailand are the target group of the workshop.

7. Duration

- 5 Days from 5– 9 May 2020
- Arrival in Bangkok, Thailand on Sunday, 3 May 2020
- Departure from Bangkok to Yasonthorn on Monday, 4 May 2020
- Depart from Yasothorn to Bangkok, on Sunday 10 May 2020
- Departure to participants' home country on Sunday 10 May 2020



8. Venue

- Yasothorn province which is in the North East of Thailand.
- 1 hour flight from Bangkok to Yasothorn province

9. Recruitment and Selection Process

- March 22 : Deadline for application submission.
Please send the form to global@nationalhealth.or.th
- March 30 : Announcement of workshop participants
- April 10 : Confirmation from you to attend the workshop
- April 20 : Sending us the copy of passport and your E-ticket to Thailand.
- Preferably Don Muang Airport

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10. Financial Support

NHCO and Stop Drinking Alcohol Network (SDN) will provide financial support to participants on the following items.

- Domestic airfare from Bangkok to Yasothorn including a local transport in Yasothorn.
- Taxi (200 baht) from the airport to the hotel on the arrival day from your home country, if you have arrive on May 3, 2019. This depends on your flight and the connecting domestic flight in Thailand
- Accommodation from May 3 – May 9, 2019 totally 7 nights
- All meals during the workshop.
- Registration fee

11. Draft Workshop Programme

Monday, 4 May 2020		
Time	Session	Format of presentation
Afternoon	Arrive Yasothorn province by airplane and van Registration	
Tuesday, 5 May 2020		
Time	Session	Format of Presentation
Morning	Welcome remark by the provincial authorities Opening remark by NHCO and SDN Group photo Ice breaking and self-introduction	
Afternoon	Sharing your work	Group sharing
Wednesday, 6 May 2020		
Time	Session	Format of Presentation
Morning	Knowledge Complexity of global health trends Social determinants of health and policy	Lecture Game
Afternoon	Skill Framing and reframing the issue	Game to understand framing and reframing Yasothorn story presented by local people Group discussion
Night	Special session on tool How to do health assembly or health charter	Q&A
Thursday, 7 May 2020		
Time	Session	Format of Presentation
Morning	Skill Stakeholder Analysis Attitude Understanding and Acceptance of Different	Lecture and remind the participants of Yasothorn case Practice stakeholder

	Values Collective Leadership / Clear Goal Trust building	analysis based on your case Game for attitude
Afternoon	Communication	Role play or game
Friday, 8 May 2020		
Time	Session	Format of Presentation
Morning	Panel discussion on the alcohol control campaign during the rocket festival	Government, academia and civil society are speakers.
Afternoon	Diving the participants into groups with tasks Attend the rocket festivals Observation and reflection after come back	
Saturday, 9 May 2020		
Time	Session	Format of Presentation
Morning	Conclusion on lessons the participants gained	
Afternoon	What's next (How will the participants apply their lessons gained Final thank	
Sunday, 10 May 2020		
Time	Session	Format of Presentation
Morning	Depart to Bangkok by van and airplane	
Afternoon	Depart to home country	