

Network

Harmony

Collaboration

Our Passion



National Health Commission Office (NHCO)

The National Health Commission Office (NHCO), Thailand is an autonomous government agency under supervision of the Prime Minister. The National Health Act (A.D.2007) defines the role of NHCO as a facilitator for policy process which underlines inclusive participation and evidence. We provide platforms, tools and processes to multiple stakeholders for co-design, co-produce and co-benefit of public policies.

Our vision is to develop the health system
by a participatory public policy process
based on wisdom. (4P-W)

National Health Commission

The National Health Commission demonstrates a participatory governance for health in Thailand. The composition of the commission represents Thai's concept of work **"triangle that moves the mountain"** which the synergy of knowledge power, political power and social power can solve complicated and complex problems. NHCO is a secretariat of this commission.

TRIANGLE THAT MOVES THE MOUNTAIN

Knowledge generation

9 health and public
health professionals
6 non-health
professionals

Political Involvement

6 ministries
4 local governments

Prime
Minister
as a chair

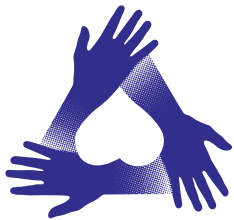
Social Movement

13 civil societies
from health regions

We provide platforms, tools and processes to multiple stakeholders for co-design, co-produce and co-benefit of public policies.

Health Assembly is a process and platform for a policy process, that engages multi sectors to brainstorm and dialogue for policy recommendation and solutions.

We organize the National Health Assembly annually and encourage our partners to organize Provincial Health Assembly and the issued-based health assembly.



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National Health Assemblies (NHA)
(As of 2024)

77

Provincial Health Assembly networks

Health System Charter is a blueprint for the desirable health system jointly developed by a health and non-health sector.

Apart from the National Health System Charter, local governments and other organizations can develop their health charter for their context, e.g., a health charter for Mon ethnic group, a health charter of schools led by Ministry of Education, a health charter of monks led by The Sangha Supreme Council of Thailand.



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National Health System Charters aiming for Health Equity

Health Impact Assessment

is a process of collectively assessing impacts on health and wellbeing from policies, programmes and projects. Scientific and lived evidences from HIA aims to inform decision-making.

HIA Commission set a HIA system and develop guidelines for all stakeholders to co-conduct HIA.

6  Regional HIA Consortia

82  Community and local Government Organizations conducted HIA



Our Services

2 National Health System Charters for Buddhist Monks

Over **1,000** Local Health System Charters

Rights to Health: An individual right to refuse health care treatments provided merely to prolong his or her terminal stage of life by making a living will is one of rights to health specified in the National Health Act. A living will motivates medical care services to serve patient's wishes.



Over **100,000** living wills written by palliative care patients in hospitals of Ministry of Public Health

Electronic Living Will

Our History at the Glance



2008

The First National Health Assembly (NHA) *(organized every year)*

2020

The First Bangkok Health Assembly for the well-being of metropolitan city *(organized every year)*



Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Director-General of World Health Organization as a keynote speaker at NHA10

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Thailand's National Health Assembly is a powerful example of the importance of participatory governance mechanism for public health that WHO is advocating for

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2023

Ms. Saima Wazed

Regional Director for World Health Organization South-East Asia Region as a keynote speaker at NHA 13

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This collaborative and participatory model (of the health assembly) leads to better and more durable outcomes, specifically listening to grassroots communities and people with lived experiences

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2007

The National Health Act
National Health Commission Office (NHCO)
National Health Commission *(A 4-year term)*

2009

The First National Health System Charter *(revised every 5 years)*

The First Rule and Procedure for Health Impact Assessment of Public Policies *(revised every 5 years)*

2010

The Ministerial Regulation on Living Will

2016

The Participatory Regional Health Commission *(A 4-year term)*

2017

Global Network for Health in All Policies (GNHiAP). NHCO is the co-founder and the executive board

2022

The First Pattaya City Health Assembly for the wellbeing of tourism city *(organized every year)*

WHO SEARO resolution on enhancing social participation in support of primary health care and UHC.

2024

WHA 77 resolution on social participation for UHC, health and well-being. NHCO is a prime mover and consistent driver of social participation



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