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Summary Report of the Thailand-Myanmar Local Joint Coordination Meeting Between Tak Province of Thailand and Myawaddy of Myanmar 24 - 25 October 2012, Mae Sot of Tak Province

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The Thailand-Myanmar Local Joint Coordination Meeting between Tak Province of Thailand and Myawaddy of Myanmar was held on 24 - 25 October 2012 at Mae Sot Hospital in Mae Sot District, Tak Province. The meeting is aimed to provide a forum for sharing information, discussing on cross-border health problems and identifying appropriate solutions to reduce health problems and disease burdens especially HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria in the border areas.

There were totally 55 representatives from related organizations of both sides participating in the meeting. These include 10 representatives from Kayin State Health Department and Myawaddy District led by Dr. Win Naing, Director of Kayin State Health Department and 43 representatives from the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand at central and provincial level led by Dr. Patjuban Hemhongsas, Chief Medical Officer of Tak Province. Two representatives from WHO Thailand also joined the meeting.

In the meeting on 24 October 2012, a number of presentations was made in order to exchange information between both sides. The presentations include update on Thailand-Myanmar Health Cooperation, MBDS Cooperation Framework, Overview on Health Care Service System and Disease Surveillance System in Tak and Myawaddy, Update on Situation and Prevention and Control activities on HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria in the Border Areas of Tak and Myawaddy.

In the meeting on 25 October 2012, general discussion was made to identify proposed joint activities at local level between Tak and Myawaddy. Based on the result of the discussion, it was agreed that:

1. MBDS sharing information format and schedule will be used for exchanging information between the two sides. Myawaddy will provide information on border village and town mapping for Tak Province to be used as fundamental information for improving health care system in the border areas.

2. Coordinating persons of both sides were identified as follows:

Myawaddy	Tak
1. Dr. Khin Maung Myint, Myawaddy District Medical Officer E-mail: drkhinmgmyint82@gmail.com	<u>For immediate reporting and rapid outbreak response :</u> 1. Dr. Witaya Swaddiwudhipong, Mae Sot Hospital E-mail: swaddi@hotmail.com 2. Mr. Natree Prasithketkit, Port Health Officer, Mae Sot District E-mail: ntpskk@gmail.com
2. Dr. Zin Hla Maung STD Team Leader E-mail: zinhlamaung@gmail.com	<u>For regular MBDS reporting:</u> 1. Mrs. Suthathip Inthanun, Tak PHO E-mail: epidemtak@yahoo.com

3. Mae Sot Hospital will support Myawaddy for TB sputum culture and Laboratory confirmation of diseases that need to be reported within 24 hours.
4. Support of CD4 count monitoring for 50 AIDS cases per year proposed by Myawaddy will be put for further consideration at national level with more information from Myawaddy.
5. Joint SRRT Training for both sides will be conducted by March 2013 with financial support from TICA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand.
6. Contingency plan for migrant returnees, e.g. screening and referral system needs to be jointly developed by both sides to obtain disease situation among this group of people and to prepare appropriate interventions to reduce cross-border disease transmission and to ensure access to health care services, especially for continuous treatment of HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria.

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