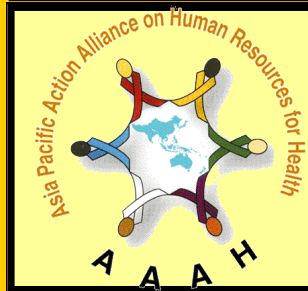


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The 5-country situation analysis workshop

“Health Professional Education for a New Century”

The 5-country (Bangladesh, China, India, Vietnam, and Thailand) situation analysis workshop “Health Professional Education for a New Century” was held during August, 15th -17th, 2011 at Charoen Thani Princess Hotel, Khon Kaen [KK], Thailand. The rationale of the meeting is an urgent need to change the mainstream of HRH education from the rigid, science-based model, derived from Flexnor’s report to a more flexible and competency-based education that is responsive to the health needs at both national and global levels. The discussion is based on 3 objectives;



1. To learn and share experiences of effective innovations and good practices among countries.
2. To finalize the common protocol for the survey on the situation analysis.
3. To strengthen the collaboration among countries.

The meeting agreed to conduct situation analysis on health-professionals education. The study will preliminarily focus on medical, nursing and public health education. Common protocol for the assessment on the health professional educations was drafted. It was categorized into three tiers; national level assessment, institutional assessment and graduate assessment. (continued on page 2)

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The meeting also discussed on the methodology for conducting the survey based on individual country's contexts and also the work plan for each country, for example, Thailand and India plan to complete the survey on national and institutional level for medical and public health professionals respectively, whereas, Vietnam and Bangladesh aim to complete the whole study by the end of 2012. Furthermore, lessons learnt from experiences on HRH education reform in India, Vietnam, China and Bangladesh were drawn up and shared among the members.

The 5C members were truly grateful to Dr. Piya for the in kind support for HealthSpace.asia that would facilitate the working process of the network.



On August, 17th 2011, the meeting had a full day field visit to Ubonrat and Namphong district hospitals in Khon Kaen. Ubonrat hospital has implemented a number of strategies on health promotion which the community can be proactively involved. While Namphong hospital has successfully recruited students from the community to effectively work as community nurses. The next step of the working process is to convene the back to back meeting to 6th AAAH Annual Conference on 8th November 2011 to finalize the analysis tool and link with the AAAH conference program regarding HRH education for the 21st Century.

Joint collaboration between IHPP and HSPI on RHR retention policy assessment

International Health Policy Program, Thailand and Health Strategy and Policy Institute, Vietnam had recently convened a meeting to conduct national policy assessment on rural retention in Vietnam during 22nd to 26th August 2011 in order to have a good and in-depth understanding of the current policy.

A brain storming discussion was convened among key stakeholders [five from MOH, one from Hanoi School of Public Health]. The first step is a thorough assessment of policies at the macro-level while the second step is to 2-3 policies for in- depth assessment. The mission is planned to be accomplished by early 2012 and the outcome will be published in international journals. This collaboration proves a productive engagement among AAAH members in HRH development.

Global Fund Calls for Round 11 Proposal



Call for Proposal is now open, with a submission date of 15 December 2011

The Global Fund provides grants in support of technically sound and cost-effective interventions for the prevention of infection and the treatment, care and support of persons infected and directly affected by HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.



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The Global Fund receives proposals through a Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM), Sub-CCM, Regional Coordinating Mechanism or Regional Organization. Proposals must have been developed through a consultative, multi-stakeholder process, and clearly demonstrate that they are in line with the country's national disease prevention and control plans.

As a general principle, HSS proposals should demonstrate that proposed interventions:

- Are coherent with national health policies, strategies and plans;
- Bring added value to existing programs by addressing identified gaps and unmet needs;
- Contribute to equitable coverage across population groups in need;
- Ensure the most efficient use of available resources and high value for money;
- Ensure the use of feasible, effective and technically sound approaches that are adapted to suit the local context;
- Are aligned to country processes and demonstrate a meaningful involvement of a broad range of stakeholders.

Key dates and Timeline

Round 11 Action	Date
Submission date for Round 11 Proposals	15 Dec 2011
Global Fund review of Round 11 Proposals for applicant eligibility and completeness	Dec 2011 - March 2012
Technical Review Panel review of Round 11 Proposals	March 2012
Board funding decision based on Technical Review Panel's recommendations	April/ May 2012

For full information; Global Fund, Health Systems Strengthening Available at <http://www.theglobalfund.org>

Prepare Yourself for....

The 6th Annual AAAH Conference at Cebu, Philippines

Know a bit more about Cebu (<http://www.cebuloife.com>)



Cebu is located 584 km south of Manila, the capital city of Philippines. Cebu-City is also called as the Queen City of the South and has become one of the great tourist destinations in the Philippines. It is a long narrow island some 250 km from north to south and 45 km across at its widest point.

The climate of Cebu is tempered by pleasant sea breezes from the Pacific Ocean! Daily temperatures normally range between 26 and 33 degrees centigrade.

The people living in Cebu speak Cebuano but can also speak Tagalog and English. So it's easy for you to communicate with them.

Health Coverage in Cebu

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Health system in Cebu has covered all level of people. Some 30,000 poor families from 80 barangays in Cebu City have been sponsored by the local government to avail benefits from the Philippine Health Insurance Corp for the year 2011 .













Cebu City's urban poor have access to preventive care through their respective health centers. The City will be working out the accreditation of, initially, one of its health centers as provider of the outpatient benefit package. PhilHealth and a highly urbanized local government sponsor like Cebu City. At an insurance premium of only P600 per family per year-the other half to be shouldered by the national government-the sponsorship is indeed an investment in the health of the City's constituents.



The City's health centers, like rural health units, may also be accredited as lying-in clinics to provide PhilHealth's maternity care package for the first four normal deliveries. Once accredited, all members availing themselves of prenatal, normal spontaneous delivery and postnatal services in the center can avail of P6,500 as health insurance coverage. The City government has also expressed its intent to secure accreditation of an initial 12 health centers as lying-in clinics.

Updated Conference Program

Who is the conference session coordinator?

Date	Time	Activity	
Wednesday 9 Nov 2011	Morning	<p>Opening ceremony</p> <p>Plenary session 1 Dialogue on HRH management Challenges to Achieve UHC</p>  <p>Coordinator: AAAH secretariat</p>	
	Afternoon	Field visit	
Thursday 10 Nov 2011	Morning	 <p>Plenary session 2 Leading towards health workforce development at country level</p> <p>Coordinator: Dr. Junhua Zhang (Director General, Health Human Resources Development Center, Ministry of Health China)</p>	
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Friday 11 Nov 2011	Morning	 <p>Plenary session 4 Capacity for HRH knowledge generation and information management</p> <p>Coordinator: Dr. Mario Roberto Dal Poz (Coordinator of the "Health Workforce Information and Governance" program, WHO, Switzerland)</p>	
		Summary and synthesis/ Closing ceremony	
	Afternoon	Bon voyage!	

Calendar 2011: Conference Alert!

Topic	Public Health International Conference
Date	8–9 September 2011
Venue	London, United Kingdom
Topic	Contributions to global health research, capacity building and governance
Date	12–13 September 2011
Venue	Oslo, Norway
Topic	18th National Public Health Colloquium & 1st International Public Health Conference
Date	27-28 September 2011
Venue	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Topic	Regional Consultation on Strengthening Role of Family/Community Physicians in PHC
Date	19 - 21 October 2011
Venue	Colombo, Sri Lanka
Topic	Capacity for HRH Management and Development to Support Universal Health Coverage
Date	9 - 11 November 2011
Venue	Cebu, Philippines

Greetings from AAAH Secretariat!

In this forth issue of the 5th Year AAAH Newsletter, we would like to present the 5-country situation analysis workshop which was held in Khon Kaen, Thailand in the middle of August. We also present the global fund for health system strengthening which is now call for proposal. To prepare ourselves ready for the forthcoming AAAH annual conference, we bring you a bit closer to Cebu, Philippines. The conference program and session coordinator are also updated.

We appreciate your kind supports. Your feedback to the newsletter is always welcomed and will help us make it better. If you have any information to share through this newsletter, please feel free to let us know at secretariat@aaahrh.org.

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