Sharing of Experiences, Best Practices and Lessons Learned in Controlling COVID-19 Outbreaks between ROK and Mekong Countries

Prior to project intervention

Covid-19 was new to every country. Nobody knew how to deal with the spread of the virus. Each country tried to implement controling measures they could manage, while keeping up with the news of how other countries had been doing. Every government learned from their own success and failure. These lesson learned of each country was valuable knowledge.

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Project Initiation

Initiation process : Contacting and identify participants from CLMVT and counterpart from ROK

Early operation of the project : Explaining concept of the Project, its objectives and timeline through Zoom, Line App, and What'sApp.

Current situation : Three virtual workshops were arranged.

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Challenge faced by project team

1. Unequal understanding of the project concept due to long distance communication.
   We doculmented every meeting and use phone App instead of only e-mail.

2. Some of the participants decided to leave due to time constraint on their side. We identified new participants.

Year 1 Activities

Activities	Description
Activity 1.1 **Online meeting between SNUAC and CU IAS** **(April 2021)**	Meeting of Seoul National University, Asia Center and Chulalongkorn University, Institute of Asian Studies staffs to establish the framework for engagement and collaboration and formalized workplan developed and agreed between the Mekong countries and the ROK. **Output : All parties understand their roles, expectation, and responsibilities in the management of the project.** **Core concept of the project was jointly formed.**

Activity 1.2 **Data collection and** **brainstorming session** **(July 7, 2021)**	A baseline study report would be prepared with agreed benchmarks for the control and management of COVID-19 in Mekong based on identification of key aspect of Thailand's COVID-19 management system with focus on migrant worker populations. The first guidelines of COVID-19 control will be drafted based on Thailand's experience. **Output : Knowledge on management of COVID19 based on Thailand's experiences is comprehensively collected and documented. Experiences of CLMV were shared.** **Outcome : Shared idea and experiences on COVID19 management among migrant workers. Knowledge on the use of ICT in control and management of COVID 19 was gathered.**

Year 1 Activities (cont.)

Activity 1.3 **Virtual Workshop on** **"Best practices and cases** **of Thailand"** **(November 1-4, 2021)**	First virtual workshop based in Bangkok for Mekong participants. This included discussion and sharing of experiences on background and prior identified key aspects of each country's COVID-19 management with emphasis on migrant labor communities. The workshop will showcase the successful and best practice cases of Thailand and other countries.
	Output : Knowledge based on Thailand's experiences were shared and documented. Video on Best practice cases in Thailand were produced and shared. Each participating country shared his case. Lesson learned were jointly analyzed and discussed.
	Outcome : Deeper understanding on the use of ICT in dealing with social issues and data management in Southeast Asia

| Activity 1.4 Second virtual workshop on "Sharing experiences from Korean practitioners" (April 27-28, 2022) | Second virtual workshop to share experience of COVID-19 outbreak management in South Korea, with particular focus on ICT applications, by Korean NGOs whose mission were to support migrant workers. Knowledge gained from Thailand and other Mekong country's experience will be complemented with ROK's experiences for revision of the COVID-19 management guideline and development of the curriculum. **Output : Knowledge on Korean migrants situation. Real practice of the uses of ICT was shared by relief operating agencies.** **Outcome : Realization on the weakness and strength of ICT in pandemic relief operation and other disaster relief operation.** |

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