Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance Network (MBDS)

Maintaining and Expanding Cross-Border Disease Surveillance

Description	Since 1999, the Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance Network (MBDS) has worked cooperatively across national borders to improve disease surveillance and control in the Mekong Basin area of Southeast Asia. In 2007, a permanent memorandum of understanding was signed by MBDS health ministries. MBDS currently works to implement seven core strategies: maintain and expand cross-border cooperation, improve the human-animal sector interface and strengthen community-based surveillance, strengthen epidemiology capacity, strengthen laboratory capacity, strengthen information and communications technologies capacity, strengthen risk communication, and conduct and apply policy research.
Purpose	Reduce morbidity caused by outbreak-prone priority diseases by strengthening national and sub-regional capabilities in infectious disease surveillance and outbreak response to rapidly and effectively control them.
Scope	Regional - Includes Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, Yunnan and Gianxi Provinces of China, Myanmar, and Vietnam
Primary Funders	The Rockefeller Foundation, Nuclear Threat Initiative's (NTI) Global Health and Security Initiative (GHSI), WHO, CDC, Google.org
Participants & Key Collaborators	Ministries of Health for MBDS members, United Nations System Influenza Coordination (UNSIC), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Kenan Institute Asia, The RAND Corporation, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
Definition of One Health	None
Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy	MBDS has an action plan for 2008-2013. Within this action plan are specific and measurable goals, indicators for measuring success, and a simplified monitoring and evaluation strategy for each of MBDS's core strategies.
Sources of Information	MBDS Website: http://mbdsoffice.com/index_2008.php MBDS Action Plan: http://www.ghsi.org/downloads/MBDS_Action_Plan.pdf
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