

Objective 2: Education and Pre-Service Training of One Health Students (Future Workforce)

INTEGRATIVE ONE HEALTH MODULES FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE ONE HEALTH WORKFORCES

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A number of One Health-associated activities have been implemented in the northern region of Thailand, but only a small subset of One Health workforce in the region has been trained. The majority of trainees are students and academic staff. Thus, technical modules to develop One Health skills for other professionals of the One Health workforce should be promoted. In 2015 a number of new One Health modules were developed with collaboration of THOHUN members, stakeholders and students with the aim of increasing the number of available One Health modules, and it was deemed desirable to produce in 2016 other technical modules for other professions of the One Health workforce.

The project entitled “Integrative One Health Modules for Current and Future One Health Workforces” was launched. In order to achieve a sustainable program, an attractive academic curriculum would be developed and evaluated by Chiang Mai University to encourage participation by both undergraduate and graduate students and One Health workers from other professional sectors, especially in the northern region of Thailand. The developed curriculum can serve as a model for other academic institutions in Thailand and thereby ensure the quality and quantity of One Health Workforce in the country.

With these goals in mind, a number of workshops/training courses were conducted in northeastern Thailand as follows. 1) A One Health Workforce Needs Brainstorming Workshop was held in Chiang Mai during 17-18 March, 2016. This activity was conducted to identify the challenges and the needs in the current One Health working areas. Three areas, namely, communication and informatics, knowledge and awareness, and integration and collaboration, were identified by various professionals in

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THOHUN stakeholders, and other professional sectors. 2) One Health Modules I & II Development Workshop was held in Chiang Mai during 19-20 April and 18-19 May, 2016. The activities were conducted to develop two new One Health modules: module A (knowledge and collaboration) and module B (communication and informatics). 3) One Health New Modules Training was held in Chiang Mai during 7-8 July, 2016. This activity was conducted to ensure quality and quantity of the developed modules to be used by the target sectors. 4) An Evaluation Workshop for New Modules Implementations was held in Chiang Mai during 18-19 August, 2016 to assess the effectiveness of implementations of the training course so that adjustments and improvements to the new modules.