

## ATTACHMENT OF THAI STUDENTS TO PROVINCIAL ONE HEALTH NETWORK

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In order to develop capacities of future One Health workforce, THOHUN offers scholarships to students for improvement of professional skills and the sharing of related experiences with professional One Health workforces on field. The five students who received the scholarships worked and learned alongside current One Health workforces in livestock offices, public health sectors and local authorities.

Through attending an internship project, students gained experience and knowledge of the One Health Workforce concept, especially collaboration, communication and group participation. During the training period lasting 30 days, students learned how the current workforce applied their knowledge to solve problems particular to a local region. Two students joined the livestock One Health workforce to understand zoonosis control measures (Fig). Another two students who previously had attended the Participatory Oriented Disease Detection (PODD) project in a northern province of Thailand gained further experience in the training and educating people by participating as health volunteers to improve their awareness of disease control. The remaining student attended an internship project at Tha Song Yang Hospital, Tak province. Through the internship project, the students also created a network of multidisciplinary workforces, an important component of the One Health Workforce strategy. Moreover, all students gained increased knowledge and improvement in skill and expertise of importance for their future career. These experiences will help to prepare them to become an effective future workforce. All students presented their experiences during the THOHUN 2017 Annual Meeting, where they were able to receive comments from experts in each field. These comments will help induce students to pursue their chosen career with the added experience and knowledge obtained from One Health Workforce concept. Furthermore, it is hoped some of students may opt to join the One health Workforce as a profession.

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Fig – Students undergoing training with members of the One Health Workforce in a provincial setting in Thailand.

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