

# Support to Training Institutions

## Aim:

To improve the quality of training of health professionals to provide better health care for the people they serve.

## Specific objectives:

1. For Secondary Medical Schools in Quang Tri, Cao Bang, Lao Cai and Phu Yen and Public Health School Savannakhet: improve the quality of the training methods and materials and improve the relevance of the training for the future work of the graduates, also in relation to CMHD programs.
2. For Hue Medical College: strengthen the capacity of training in public health, especially social sciences, and the use of information technology to contribute to distance learning for continued learning by medical staff in the provinces

## Main activities:

### 1. SMS in Vietnam & PHS in Savannakhet

- Develop a strategic plan with training, coaching, exchange and facilitation activities
- Training and experience for teachers in using Internet to update knowledge for lessons
- Participation in research to improve teachers' skills and knowledge of the local situation participation in CMHD and other MCNV activities to strengthen capacity of teachers in community-oriented health care



- Exchange visits with other schools in Vietnam and with training institutions in Thailand to learn about quality teaching of nurses, midwives and other health workers
- Provide equipment and Internet connections, to improve active teaching
- In Quang Tri, support to building of practical rooms and equipment

### 2. Hue College of Medicine and Pharmacy

- Support staff to review curriculum of Bachelor of Public Health to identify points needing improvement especially in social science
- Provide technical assistance and support for development of modules on social science in health and on health economics for teaching BPH, including teaching materials
- Support research in field social science and health, including studies in mental health, anemia, diabetes, malaria, some in collaboration with graduate students from the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, the Netherlands



- Exchange visits with universities in Thailand to share experiences on teaching programs in public health.

## Achievements:

### 1. SMS in Vietnam & PHS in Savannakhet

- Strategic plans for the development of each school, produced in a participatory way with staff and stakeholders
- Improved use of active teaching methods
- Lessons integrating community managed health development
- Practice sessions in the field that include CMHD sites where available
- Better use of IT by teachers, to update and upgrade teaching materials
- A Research Fund in the QT SMS to support teachers to continue to practice and learn from research

### 2. Hue College of Medicine & Pharmacy:

- Teachers able to include social aspects of public health in appropriate place in their teaching, including a module on social science in health and one on health economics
- A book in social science in health (anthropology and public health) - first one in Vietnam prepared and written in Vietnam, not translated from abroad
- Book on health economics for students of public health
- Research reports on the relation between poverty/ ethnicity and anemia, on economic burden of diabetes in the community, and on mental health; articles in journals
- The previous project in Hue (1997-2006) resulted in a new block-teaching curriculum for upgrading assistant doctors in 25 modules, including teachers' and students' reference materials for all blocks

### 3. Technical Advice to other programs

In addition to its own projects to strengthen human resources for health, MCNV also provides technical assistance to other programs, mainly to those supported by the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Hanoi. These programs include improving the capacity with the following partners:

- Department of Science and Training, Ministry of Health, focused on the work of the Department and its many functions overseeing training and research for health
- Hanoi Medical University as lead partner for programs with the seven other medical schools around Vietnam, broadly focused on a range of competencies needed by teachers in medical schools
- Hanoi School of Public Health and 6 Secondary Medical Schools in the north and the south of Vietnam, focusing on teaching approaches and on teaching of primary health care management
- Hai Duong Medical Technical University and 12 medical colleges and secondary medical schools around Vietnam, focused on training of nurses

The technical advice pertains to the program planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, as well as specific technical assistance to support development of better programs using more modern teaching methods and materials for undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in medicine, public health, preventive medicine and management.