



Collaborative Projects to Reach the Unreached in Southeast Asia and Attain Education For All Goals by 2015

Project 9

Project on HIV and AIDS using an integrated approach (providing education, care, treatment and counseling services to learners affected or infected by HIV and AIDS)

I HAVE AIDS
Can you hug me?



Lead Country: Thailand

Target Group:

Children, youth and adults infected and affected by HIV and/or AIDS

Activities:

Data collection, care and treatment, curriculum strengthening, capacity building, monitoring & evaluation

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PROGRESS REPORT by LEAD COUNTRY (As of November 2010)

Name of Projects : **“Moving Forward to Reach the Unreached Population Groups in Thailand and Southeast Asia”**

Project 7 – Development of more community-based learning centres in rural areas in Southeast Asia for Literacy and Livelihood

Project 9 – Project on HIV and AIDS using an integrated approach (providing education, care, treatment and counseling services to learners affected or infected by HIV and AIDS)

Lead Country : **Thailand**

A. Accomplishments and Activities Conducted

1) National Seminar

In response to the commitment to Reach the Unreached in Southeast Asia and help attain Education For All Goals, the Ministry of Education of Thailand through the Bureau of International Cooperation, Office of the Permanent Secretary, in cooperation with the SEAMEO Secretariat organized a national seminar called **““Moving Forward to Reach the Unreached Population Groups in Thailand” on 14 September 2010 at the Prince Palace Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.**

The one-day seminar which aimed at providing opportunity for discussion on addressing the educational needs of disadvantaged populations groups in the country was attended by 650 school administrators, teachers, educators and representatives from other ministries and non-government organizations in Thailand.

The highlight of the seminar was a discussion to formulate strategies to reach out to students and learners who do not have access to education in Thailand. Participants were grouped to share ideas, experiences and best practices on the two projects that Thailand is spearheading under the Reaching the Unreached to Achieve the EFA Goals Together by 2015. They recommended ways on how to scale up the best practices for replication in Thailand and in Southeast Asia. Ten brief proposals were formulated with five each for Community Learning Center Project and HIV Project.

Mr Chinnaworn Boonyakiat, Minister of Education, Thailand graciously presided the Opening Ceremony. The Minister highlighted the commitment of the country to address the educational needs of the disadvantaged and reduce their number. He also cited the different programmes and initiatives of the Ministry of Education that are geared towards providing education for all.

Dr Witaya Jeradechakul, (SEAMEO Secretariat Consultant) provided an overview on the 10 SEAMEO Collaborative Projects to Reach the Unreached, while Dr. Warakon Samakoses, the formal Vice-Minister of Education, highlighted the four basic elements to make Thailand move forward to a knowledge based economy, comprising on creative economy, social networking, local wisdom and quality education.

An exhibition showcasing the work of SEAMEO and ASEAN was displayed while information about SEAMEO was disseminated to the participants.

National Survey

2) National Survey

To explore current situation of Thailand on CLCs and HIV, a survey instrument was developed and sent to government agencies dealing with CLCs and HIV projects nationwide. Approximately 500 completed questionnaires were sent back with updating current activities on CLCs and HIV projects, as well as providing suggestions on how to improve projects in Thailand.

Moreover, Thailand will set up a working group on CLCs and HIVs to review the result of the survey and develop proposals how best practices of CLCs and HIVs in Thailand could be shared with SEAMEO Member Countries.

In May 201, the Ministry of Education, Thailand, will cooperate with SEAMEO Secretariat in organizing a Regional Seminar on Moving Forward to Reach the Unreached Population Groups in Southeast Asia. The regional seminar will provide opportunities for representatives of SEAMEO member countries to share views and experiences on CLCs and HIVs.

B. Implementation Challenges and Other Issues

C. Recommendations to Enhance Implementation

Thailand will host a Regional Seminar on "Moving Forward to Reach the Unreached Population Groups in Southeast Asia" in May 2014. Representatives from SEAMEO member countries, dealing with CLCs and HIVs will be invited to share views and experiences in order to develop best practices and models of CLC in the region. Support of the SEAMEO High Officials is requested to ensure the successful conduct of the activity.