SEAMEO and the Promotion of Cooperation in School Health and Nutrition Programmes in Southeast Asia

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Leading through Learning
The Purpose of SEAMEO

SEAMEO is a chartered international and intergovernmental organization established in 1965 to promote cooperation in education, science and culture in Southeast Asia.

- Establishes network and partnerships
- Provides intellectual forums for policy makers and experts
- Promotes sustainable human resource development
- Develops and nurtures the capacities of teachers and school managers in Southeast Asia through 20 SEAMEO specialist institutions
11 SEAMEO Member Countries

Indonesia (1965)
Lao PDR (1965)
Malaysia (1965)
Philippines (1965)
Singapore (1965)
Thailand (1965)
Cambodia (1971)
Brunei Darussalam (1984)
Vietnam (1992)
Myanmar (1998)
Timor-Leste (2006)
7 SEAMEO Associate Members

Australia (1973)
France (1973)
New Zealand (1974)
Canada (1988)
Germany (1990)
Netherlands (1993)
Spain (2007)

3 SEAMEO Affiliate Members

International Council for Open and Distance Education (1999)
Tsukuba University (2009)
The British Council (2010)
Vision

The leading organization for enhancing regional understanding and cooperation in education, science and culture for a better quality of life in Southeast Asia

Mission

To enhance regional understanding, cooperation and unity of purpose among Member Countries for a better quality of life through

– the establishment of networks and partnerships,
– the provision of fora among policy makers and experts, and
– the promotion of sustainable human resource development
Priority Areas

1. Education
   a) 21st Century Skills
   b) Continuous Professional Development for Teachers and Education Personnel
   c) Education For All
   d) Education for Sustainable Development
   e) Higher Education
   f) Technical and Vocational Education

2. Culture
   a) Archaeology and History
   b) Arts and Design
   c) Cultural Diversity and Regional Identity
   d) Heritage Preservation and Cultural Management
   e) Traditions and Values

3. Science
   a) Agriculture
   b) Biodiversity and Biotechnology
   c) Disaster Management
   d) Food and Nutrition
   e) Natural Resources and Environmental Management
   f) Preventive Health, Reproductive Health Education and Life Skills Development
# 20 SEAMEO Regional Centres and a Regional Network on Tropical Medicine and Public Health

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Roles of SEAMEO Regional Centres

1. Training and Human Resource Development
2. Technical Assistance and Consultancy
3. Forum for Policy Dialogue and Regional cooperation
4. Research & Development
5. Publications and Information Dissemination
6. Partnership and Networking
The SEAMEO TROPMED Network

• SEAMEO Regional Network on Tropical Medicine and Public Health (TROPMED) Network – established in 1966

• A regional cooperation network to promote health and control tropical diseases and public health problems through education, training and research in tropical medicine and public health.

• Has 3 sub-regional centres in Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand. The central office is located in Bangkok.
Objectives of SEAMEO TROPMED Network

- Train health workers in quality healthcare management
- Support research on endemic and emerging diseases due to changing environment
- Advocate relevant health policies for sustainable development
- Empower communities with knowledge and skills to find solutions to health problems
- Encourage the use of traditional and modern-day tools for health promotion and disease prevention
- Minimize the economic burden of health.
SEAMEO TROPMED Malaysia

• SEAMEO TROPMED Regional Centre for Microbiology, Parasitology and Entomology

• Located in the Institute for Medical Research (IMR) - one of the research institutions network under the National Institute of Health of the Ministry of Health Malaysia.

• Facilitate the strengthening of national and institutional capabilities in research and human resource development through training and postgraduate degree programmes, linkages, personnel exchanges, scientific forums, technical consultant services, publications and information dissemination.
SEAMEO TROPMED Philippines

• SEAMEO TROPMED Regional Centre for Public Health, Hospital Administration, Environmental and Occupational Health

• Based in the College of Public Health, University of the Philippines

• Conducts research and training in the fields of public health, rural medicine, hospital administration, environmental and occupational health, health policy and management.
SEAMEO TROPIMED Thailand

- SEAMEO TROPIMED Regional Centre for Tropical Medicine

- Hosted by the Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand
- Offers training on endemic tropical diseases, parasitology, community and preventive medicine.
- Conducts researches on alternative control measures of diseases and the promotion of healthy lifestyles, including trials of new chemotherapeutic compounds and new vaccines.
- Provides clinical care to patients suffering from tropical diseases.
SEAMEO RECFON

• SEAMEO Regional Centre for Food and Nutrition – established in 2010
• Located in Jakarta, Indonesia
• Formerly SEAMEO TROPMED Regional Centre for Community Nutrition (SEAMEO-TROPMED RCCN), one of the four networks under the SEAMEO TROPMED Network.
• Mission: to enhance regional understanding, cooperation and unity of purpose for quality human resources of South East Asia region and beyond through research, education, building and information dissemination in food and nutrition
Featured Project of SEAMEO TROPMED Network

ICT and HIV/AIDS Preventive Education in the Cross-border Areas of the Greater Mekong Subregion by SEAMEO TROPMED Network

Development Goals

1. Reduce incidence of HIV/AIDS infection among vulnerable age groups, poor and marginalized population groups
2. Expand the use of ICT and other multimedia technologies in HIV/AIDS preventive education
Activities

1. Developing ICT-based learning materials for HIV/AIDS preventive education in local languages

2. Building capacities of teachers, health workers, multimedia providers, and other stakeholders for HIV/AIDS preventive education

3. Expanding the use of ICT interventions in HIV/AIDS preventive education

4. Delivering ICT-based interventions to isolated, marginalized, and vulnerable populations
Some Intangible Project Outcomes

1. Establishment of the culture of ICT among the pilot 36 schools
2. Higher morale and satisfaction of teachers delivering the programme
3. Increased interest and participation of students
4. Higher commitment of school officials and community leaders
5. Strengthened partnership between health and education sectors at different levels
6. Upgraded local capacities for decentralized responses to emerging issues at the communities
7. Initiated cross-border activities and bilateral cooperation between countries
8. Reaching poor marginalized population along the border areas
9. Reaching girls and women in the school and communities and addressing their need to reduce their vulnerability to HIV
Collaborative Projects to Reach the Unreached in Southeast Asia and Achieve Education for All Goals by 2015
1. The Southeast Asian Education Ministers expressed commitment in 2008 to focus future cooperation on implementing Education For All, particularly in addressing the educational needs of those population groups that are disadvantaged and remain “unreached”
The 10 Collaborative Projects & Lead Countries

- Project 1: Transition support for learners with disabilities (Malaysia)
- Project 2: Tracking system for students at risk of dropping out (Philippines)
- Project 3: Conference to promote awareness of education for women and girls (Malaysia)
- Project 4: Tracking mechanism for unreached populations (Vietnam)
- Project 5: Preschool Programme for All (Brunei Darussalam)
The 10 Collaborative Projects & Lead Countries

- Project 6: Multigrade Teaching (Lao PDR)
- Project 7: Development of More Community Learning Centres (Thailand)
- Project 8: Inter-Country Schooling (Indonesia)
- Project 9: Project on HIV and AIDS (Thailand)
- Project 10: Education in Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness (Indonesia and Philippines)
Project 9

Target group:
- Children, youth and adults infected and affected by HIV and/or AIDS

Components/Activities
- Data collection, care and treatment, curriculum strengthening, capacity building, M&E
Thank you very much.

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