Mahidol University Global Health (MUGH) is a university-based Global Health initiative committed to bringing collaboration among our network of global health partners to move forward actions on Global Health to achieve Health Equity for better health of all.

Established in 2012, MUGH has carried out its mission to strengthen capacities of all parties and advocate Global Health policy especially in the region by focusing on three strategies;

- Knowledge Generation, Management and Communication
- Capacity Building on Global Health for INN – Individual, Node and Network
- Development and Advocacy of Global Health Policy
KNOWLEDGE
GENERATION,
MANAGEMENT
& COMMUNICATION

FUNDAMENTAL OF
GLOBAL HEALTH
MOVEMENT
An ever-expanding disease rates demand the use of evidence-based solutions to improve Global Health. MUGH convened a research forum for an effective dialogue and collaboration to develop a research proposal on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), the leading cause of death of the world population. All research forums to develop research proposals on NCDs – from identifying research topics, submitting concept papers, developing and improving research proposals and presenting to potential donors – were organized.
THE 1ST JOINT RESEARCH NETWORK FORUM ON NCDS

TIME AND VENUE:
17-18 October, 2013 at Novotel hotel, Bangkok

PURPOSE
Identification of research topics

OUTCOMES
21 research topics identified in 3 areas; Health System and NCDs & development and impact, Unhealthy Diets and Physical Inactivity and Tobacco and Alcohol
20 Concept papers were submitted by 1st week of November
THE 2ND JOINT RESEARCH NETWORK FORUM ON NCDS

TIME AND VENUE:
12 – 13 December 2013 at Peking University, China

PURPOSE
Presentation of research proposals, review and comments

OUTCOMES
20 research proposals presented and revised according to feedback
THAI EXPERT MEETING

TIME AND VENUE:
18 November 2013 at IPSR, Mahidol University, Salaya

PURPOSE
Improve research proposals from NCDs and research methodology experts

OUTCOMES
Research proposals revised and submitted
RESEARCH PROPOSAL PRESENTATION TO DONORS

TIME AND VENUE:
10 & 21 March 2014 at IPSR, Mahidol University, Salaya

PURPOSE
Presentation of 10 research proposals to Thai NCD Network, Thai Health Promotion Foundation, and WHO

OUTCOMES
3 research proposals received funding support
To keep everyone stay connected and communicate, another 2 channels of communication to provide information, news, forthcoming activities of MUGH and the network AAGH were created; MUGH website (www.mugh.mahidol.ac.th) and E-newsletter. This is also an open space for suggestions, information sharing, announcements and reviews on Global Health findings.
WHAT TO FIND ON MUGH WEBSITE & E-NEWSLETTER

- Background information and updates on MUGH and AAGH
- Announcements of any forthcoming events, workshops and conferences
- Database of Global Health experts at Mahidol University
- Snapshots and insights of research and best practices/interventions regarding the Global Health implementation/development/movement
- Contact information
CAPACITY BUILDING

THE NEED TO THE CHANGING GLOBAL HEALTH INTERDEPENDENCE
GLOBAL HEALTH
DIPLOMACY
The Global Health Diplomacy (GHD) program is designed in a form of five-day course and strives to build the skills of health-related professionals for negotiations at the global level particularly the World Health Assembly (WHA). In a one-year round, the GHD program is implemented as national and regional trainings to provide country delegates to WHA in-depth understanding in Global Health arena and strategic negotiation practices. These GHD trainings are a comprehensive WHA preparation platform. Before a year ends, Training of the trainers (TOT) on GHD will be conducted at Bellagio Center with the aim to produce more trainers in this particular field who will be capable of developing and organizing the GHD workshop in their own countries.
To date, MUGH has organized and facilitated GHD training in the region since its establishment in 2012;
- National GHD workshop at Rose Garden, Thailand (April 2013 and May 2014)
- Regional GHD workshop at New Delhi, India (May 2013)
- Global GHD Training of the Trainers workshop at Bellagio, Italy (September 2013)
- Technical Support for GHD workshop;
  - Bangladesh (July 2013 and October 2014)
  - Indonesia (August 2013)
  - Vietnam (August 2013)
  - Maldives (August 2014)
  - Sri Lanka (September 2014)
The focus of the GHD program is the learning process through skill-building activities. The course is highly participatory with full of real situation discussions, hands-on experiences learning, working groups and negotiation simulation.

Since its pioneer in 2010, the GHD course has built capacity for more than 200 health and international professionals across countries in the region and trained mostly senior level professionals to be a potential GHD trainer for almost 40 individuals.

The participating countries include Bhutan, Bangladesh, China, DPR Korea, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor Leste, Cambodia, Lao PDR and Vietnam.
POLICY COMMUNICATION

WORKSHOP
TRANSLATING EVIDENCE INTO HIGH IMPACT POLICY

Communicating research to maximize its uptake and impact requires a specific set of communication skills. MUGH, in collaboration with IHPP and Thai Health Report organized the policy communication workshop on 18 – 22 August 2014. This workshop centered around policy brief as a useful tool to convey the implications of evidence for policy and practice.

The 5-day workshop was intended to build capacity of academics and health personnel in translating their research outcomes into high impact policy briefs and there were 19 individuals participating in the workshop. The workshop provided theoretical presentations on policy concepts, policy communication skills, effective writing and stakeholder analysis. The workshop also invited experienced health experts to share their knowledge on policy communication, decision-making process, as well as success and lessons learned in policy communication.

The workshop was also complemented with extensive discussions, exercises, group and individual works to provide participants the opportunity to practice their writing and conceptual skills in order to deliver policy brief to policy makers. By the end of the training, each participant produced a policy brief and gave a presentation on their proposed policy.
NETWORKING
THE TOP FORM
OF CAPACITY BUILDING
AAGH
\textsc{Asia Alliance on Global Health}

Given the nature of Global Health, collaboration of relevant sectors is needed for a broader perspective and stronger movement towards resolving the world’s health challenges. AAGH was established in 2013 with current 12 member countries; Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

The goal of the Network is “Better Collaboration for Better Health through Global Interaction” with 4 objectives;

- Share information and experience among members of the network
- Build up and strengthen capacity of health and related professionals on Global Health
- Generate and manage knowledge as well as promote communication
- Advocate health-related policy.
AAGH is an inclusive and expanding network. It carries out shared goal by

- Discussing strategies, exchanging viewpoints and sharing information/ideas/experience to determine the feasibility and sustainability of the AAGH network among country members at PMAC side meeting
- Promoting regular communication and participatory among members through e-newsletter and other activities
- Collaborating among members to generate evidence-based solutions to respond to the Global Health issues via joint program/research

MUGH serves as the Secretariat and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Churnrurtai Kanchanachitra, is the appointed Chair of the Network.
CUGH
CONSORTIUM OF UNIVERSITIES FOR GLOBAL HEALTH

CUGH is a membership organization of leading academics, with multidisciplinary Global Health programs in North America. CUGH aims to promote long-term collaborations between universities in resource-rich and poor countries and establishes itself to provide a major platform for presentation to encourage translating knowledge into action.

Two years in a row at the annual CUGH conference, MUGH, represented by the President Prof. Dr. Rajata Rajatanavin, joined the plenary panel and gave a talk on;

“Global Leaders in Health” to explain the role of Mahidol University in Global Health and why Global Health is such an important area of investment for the university (CUGH 2013)

“Global Health Consortia from Around the World” representing consortia from Asia about dynamic partnerships developing between institutions and regions around the world (CUGH 2014)

At the 2014 CUGH Conference, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Churnrurtai Kanchanachitra, the Director of Mahidol University Global Health (MUGH), presented the training program “Capacity Building on Global Health Diplomacy (GHD): Experience from South East Asia Region” and the abstract of this training program was selected to publish in the CUGH Proceedings.
GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY ADVOCACY

SUPPORT TO CREATE MOMENTUM AT THE WORLD FORUM
MUGH supported Mahidol faculties to participate as a country’s delegate to the 67th World Health Assembly, the world’s highest health forum;
Dr. Nawanan
THEERA-AMPORNPU

Faculty of Medicine
Ramathibodi Hospital

Dr. Pattarawalai
TALUNGCHIT

Faculty of Medicine
Sriraj Hospital

Assist. Prof. Kwanjai
AMNATSATSUE

Faculty of Public Health
MUGH

PRIORITIES 2015

RESEARCH FORUM ON AGEING

CAPACITY BUILDING ON;
Global Health Diplomacy (GHD)
Policy Communication

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND ADVOCACY
AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL
CUGH
WHA
Collaboration with Chatham House