HiAP and Thai School Catering System Management

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Health system in Thailand: SDH, Health Equity and HiAP

- Free health care services for all Thais (UHC)

- **SDH and HiAP have been applied through participatory public policies processes and mechanisms** under the National Health Act 2007 (e.g. Health Assembly, Health Charter, National Health Commission)

- The 3rd National Health System Charter aiming towards “Equitable Health System”

- Several health promotion activities and programs related to SDH and Health Equity
HiAP approach on “Thailand School Catering System Management Policy” and National Health Assembly (NHA)

- Related to children, which is considered as a vulnerable group of people.
- Related to collaboration among many sectors/stakeholders
- Related to equity

Collaboration among many sectors/stakeholders

Health Equity

Children esp Poor Children
National Health Assembly Resolution on Thai School Catering System Management Policy

Consensus resolution adopted in National Health Assembly 2013:

- It requested “School Catering System” to be pushed as a National, Provincial and Local Agenda.

- “Standard of School Catering Management and School Food Standard” needed to be put into practice.

- Progress should be reported to the National Food Committee and National Health Commission (NHC).
Results

1. Cabinet approval in 2014 (the resolution was proposed by National Health Commission chaired by Deputy Prime Minister)

2. Increased funding support for lunch in schools over the country

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4. Pilot Provinces collaboration among sectors through the whole food chain in the provinces

Global Network for Health in All Policies

Pilot Provinces

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Analysis of 4 HiAP pillars and lessons learned

**Governance**

1. National Health Commission (e.g. Ministry of Education)
2. National Food Committee
3. The Monitoring and Follow up Commission on NHA Resolutions
4. Composition of related mechanisms allows multisectoral collaboration for national health related policies

**Leadership**

1. local administrative authority and communities

**Ways of practice**

1. Collaboration among sectors through the whole food chain
2. Several Informal meetings are needed
3. CSO network plays crucial role on advocacy

**Resources**

1. People
2. Thai Government provides budget to several agencies for related mechanisms and research studies on Thai School Catering system
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