

# **Concept Note for WHO-Royal Thai Government Country Cooperation Strategy (CCS) 2022-2026 Stakeholder Consultation**

**7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 13:30-16:30 hrs via Zoom**



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## **What is a WHO-Royal Thai Government Country Cooperation Strategy? (CCS)**

CCS is a mid-term (5-year) strategic vision and plan for WHO's technical cooperation with the Royal Thai Government (RTG) and partners. It describes a set of priority areas on which the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) in Thailand, its numerous partners, and the WHO will work jointly over the next 5 years. These priority areas address some of the critical public health issues facing Thailand in its unique context. It is the fifth CCS in Thailand, with the first such strategy having been put in place in 2002.

## **What are the current CCS 2017-2021 priority programmes?**

The 6 CCS 2017-2021 strategic priorities are:

- Antimicrobial Resistance
- Global Health Diplomacy
- International Trade and Health
- Migrant Health
- Noncommunicable Diseases
- Road Safety



For more information on the CCS, please visit the QR code or the links below

- <https://bit.ly/2QL8PIP>
- Tiantong, S., Limwattanayingyong, A., Wibulpolprasert, S., Vedrasco, L., & Kertesz, D. (2019). Towards optimal collaboration: reforming the WHO country cooperation strategy in Thailand. Bulletin of the World Health Organization, 97(9), 642–644.  
<https://doi.org/10.2471/BLT.18.219287>

### **How were the CCS 2017-2021 priorities identified?**

The CCS 2017-2021 is informed by an analysis of the health context in Thailand and lessons learned from the implementation of the previous CCS 2012-2016. It is aligned with priorities set out in the 12th National Economic and Social Development Plan and the 20-year strategic plan for Thailand, the United Nations Partnership Framework, World Health Assembly and Regional Committee Resolutions, SEARO Regional Director's Flagship Areas, WHO's Twelfth General Programme of Work (2014-2019) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The CCS 2017-2021 was developed in partnership between WHO, the RTG, and 75 governmental and nongovernmental organizations. Multiple stakeholders from government ministries and agencies led by the MOPH, centres of excellence in Thailand, civil society, bilateral and multilateral agencies, UN agencies, and academic institutions reached agreement on priorities, goals and operational modalities through an extensive consultation process over several months.

### **What is the purpose of this stakeholder consultation?**

The current CCS will end in 2021. As shown in Figure 1 below, this stakeholder consultation is an important step in developing the CCS 2022-2026. *Its objective is to propose and discuss potential priority programmes for the CCS 2022-2026.*

*In preparation for the consultation, we would kindly ask all participants to consider potential programme areas that they think would be appropriate for the CCS 2022-2026. Proposals for priority programmes should broadly meet the Criteria, listed below.* Priorities from CCS 2017-2021 may be continued should they meet the below criteria

## Criteria for selection of CCS 2022-2026 priorities, endorsed by the CCS Executive Committee

- Can WHO add value? Is this a priority where:
  - o domestic or international partners need to be brought together and coordinated to move work forward (WHO convening role/catalyzing intellectual and social capital). Is this a priority that might not be addressed without WHO convening?
  - o WHO could fill technical gaps – from any level of the WHO or external
  - o WHO could provide social capital, advocacy
  - o Is this an WHO Organizational priority. WHO is more likely to leverage support if it is explicitly part of regional or global priorities (e.g. triple billions/GPW, regional flagships)
- Will work in this priority area have a demonstrable impact on the health of people in Thailand?
  - o Can results be realistically achieved
  - o Can results be effectively measured
  - o Achievements may be possible, but can they be clearly linked to improving health outcomes (e.g. SDGs)
- Do multiple partners agree that this area is a priority; are multiple partners already involved in work on the priority?
  - o Are multiple partners willing to work together on the priority; will they participate in CCS programmatic mechanisms?
  - o Are multiple partners interested in funding work on the priority?
  - o Are there possibilities to attract new partners to work on this priority?
  - o Is there a clear lead agency/programme manager?
- Is the work needed in this area sufficiently clear and can it be focused?
  - o Is prioritization possible within the proposed area – are there clear areas within the priority that CCS should focus on (e.g. fiscal measures to reduce NCD risk)?
  - o Can work on the priority be clearly planned – with precise outcomes, outputs and strategies?
- Is the work consistent with national plans, priorities, including SDGs?
- Is the priority already included in CCS 2017-2021?
  - o Has the CCS moved this priority's work forward – has there been progress in the area that would not have happened had the area not been a part of CCS
  - o Is there continued work in the area that would benefit from CCS approach?
  - o Do above criteria continue to apply
  - o Consider discontinuing priority if included in >2 CCS cycles

## What happens during the stakeholder consultation on June 7?

The stakeholder consultation will begin with a brief introduction of the CCS and the current CCS 2017-2021 programmes, followed by a panel discussion that aims to provide an overview of the current health situation in Thailand. Subsequently, participants will be divided into breakout rooms for group discussions as to what priority areas do they think would be appropriate for the CCS 2022-2026. At the end of the group exercise, each group will present the results of their groups' discussion. We expect that a list of 10 priority areas would be the outcome of the stakeholder consultation. The agenda and the list of participants are enclosed with this package.

## How will the priorities be selected?

Ideas generated during this consultation will be further developed and then considered for inclusion as part of the new CCS. The process and timeline are as shown below.

