

WHO-RTG CCS 2022-2026 Migrant Health Programme Progress Report

First CSC meeting 2023

10 August 2023

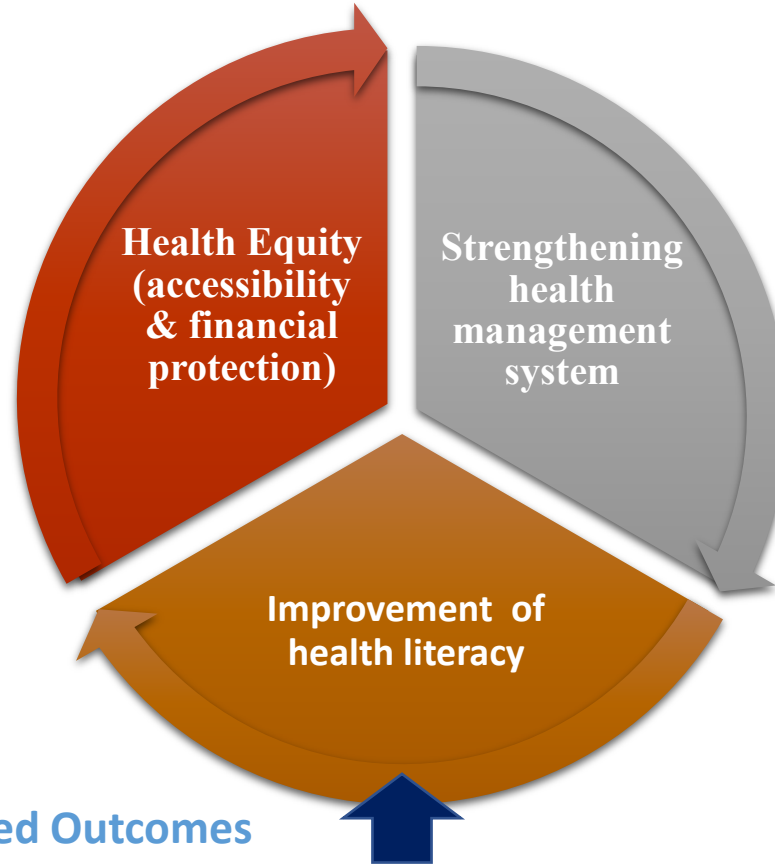
Goal

To ensure the right to health and health equity (access to health service and financial protection) among vulnerable non-Thai population living in Thailand.

Target populations

- Migrant workers and their dependents
- People with citizenship problems
- Refugees

Focus Areas



Expected Outcomes

Coherent policies, legal and regulatory framework
The improvement of health management system
Health literacy among individual migrant population and their communities

Strategies

Policy advocacy

Networking & Social movement

Policy research

Midyear 2023 Achievements

1. Vaccine (EPI) management and guideline

2. Improvement of health information systems: Standard Digital Migrant Health Data Set

- ### 3. Enhancing UHC : establishing committee/ working group
- National migrant health strategy development
 - legal framework development for ensuring the right to health

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4. Consultative meeting between relevant agencies along the border and neighboring countries for the development of border and migrant health

5. National conference on Migrant Health: Interconnectedness

6. Technical forum on enhancing UHC among migrants and non-Thai population

1. Vaccine (EPI) management and guideline development



13 July 2023

21 April 2023

**Dialogue on financial barriers
for Immunization for migrants.**

28 Sep 2022
10-11 Nov 2022
25 Dec 2022

**Consultation with Deputy,
Department of Disease Control
for finding solutions to increase
vaccination accessibility for
migrants.**

**Discussions with relevant agencies and
policymakers to address the barriers and
the way forward for improving migrant
access to EPI Vaccine.**

**EPI Guidelines development for
migrants.**

- Budget management system
- Logistic and cold chain system
- Service and implementation system
- Coordination system



2. Improvement of health information systems: Standard Digital Migrant Health Data Set

- Consultation with key stakeholders of MOPH to collaboratively draft the standard digital migrant health data set, 1st on 22 Feb and 2nd on 9 March 2023.

Outcome : Five domain of data set :

1. Personal data
2. Health screening
3. Health services access
4. P&P
5. Health behavior

- Workshop for implementing standard digital migrant health data set tool on 25-26 May 2023, Vachira Phuket Hospital, Phuket. Adding one domain as drug allergy.

Outcome:

1) Six domain of migrant health data set :

1. Personal data
2. Health screening
3. Health services access
4. P&P
5. Health behavior
6. drug allergy

2) Dashboard presentation.

- Workshop on partnership opportunity on migrant health data and information , 20 June 2023, Information Technology & Communication Centre, MOPH. Survey study administration for migrant health data system on 7 July 2023, in Mae Sai, Chaing Rai. *Outcome:* Guideline for migrant health data sharing.



3. Legal framework development for ensuring the right to health

Law and regulation on healthcare accessibility for migrants. The meeting took place on 30 June 2023, MOPH Chaired by Director of Law Division.

Steps for law and regulation development

1. Research and Analysis
2. Stakeholder Engagement
3. Policy Development
4. Legal Framework Establishment
5. Healthcare Services Provision
6. Financial Considerations
7. Monitoring and Evaluation
8. Public Awareness and Education
9. International Cooperation

Outcome:

- 1) Law and regulation gaps analysis.
- 2) Selected MoPH regulation need to be resolved.



Strategy 2 Network development and Social Movement

Collaborating Network

Collaboration between the Migrant Health Program and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) along the border and neighboring countries is crucial for the advancement of border and migrant health.

- The Workshop on Enhancing Health, Border and Mobility Management in Response to Public Health Emergencies in Thailand on 5 April 2023 at Mandarin Hotel, Bangkok
- The national consultation of migration mapping and health of migrant project implemented in Laos, Cambodia and Thailand will be discuss on 11 August 2023.



UCEP policy for migrant and non-Thai population (UHC Emergency for all)

Supporting International Health Policy Program (IHPP) for research on

"Feasibility of the inclusion of financial reimbursement for emergency care under "Universal Coverage for Emergency Patients (UCEP)" for Health Insurance for Migrants and Health Insurance for People with Citizenship Problems"

Progress : under process of the final contract approval.

Lessons learned

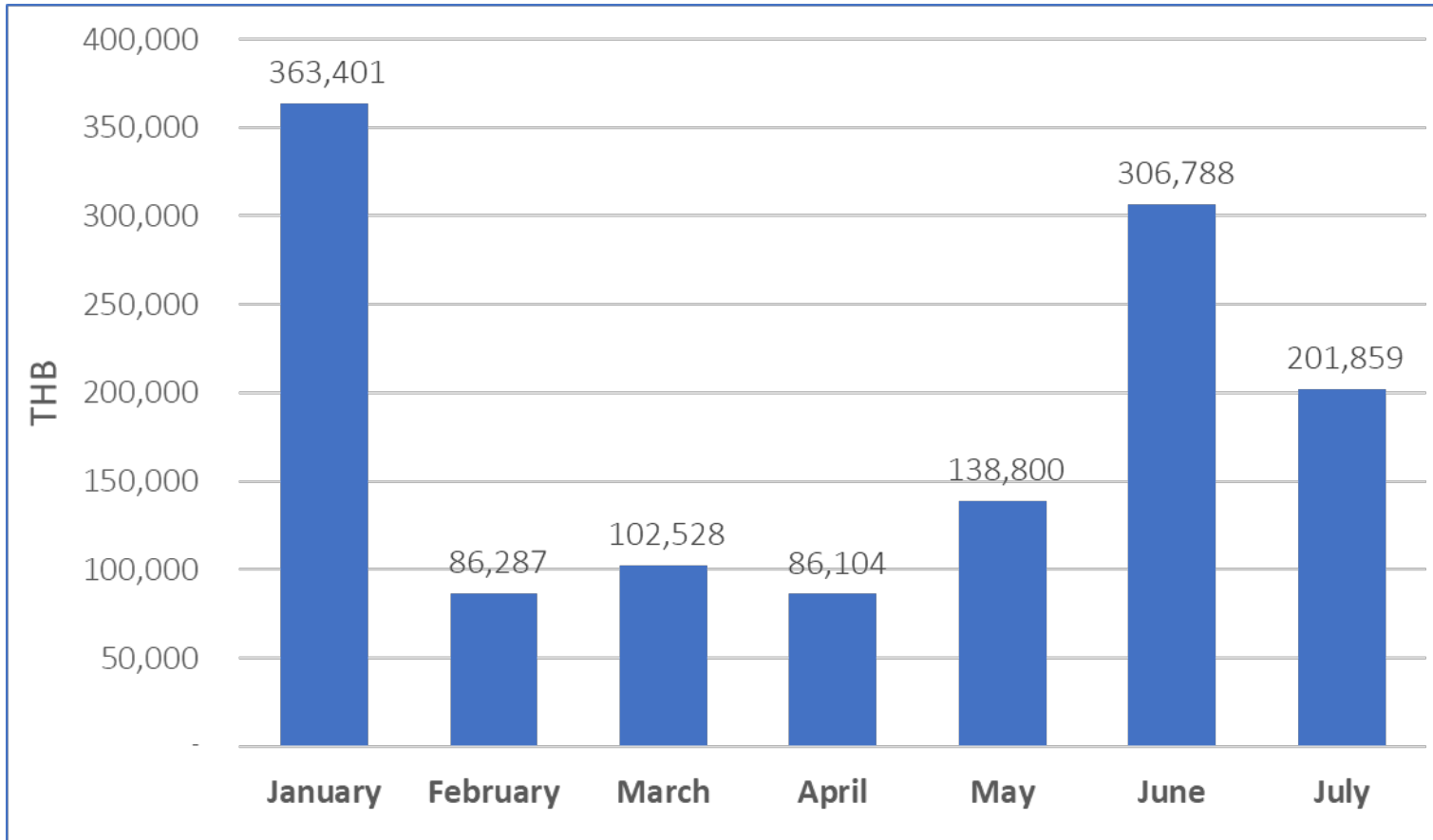
1. Ensuring the health data system is designed to prioritize data privacy and obtain clear consent from migrants before collecting and sharing their health information.
2. Develop a system that can easily share data within MoPH Hospitals to ensure continuity of care. But across different healthcare providers and organizations can indeed be challenging.
3. User-Centric Design: Involve migrants and IT personnels in the design process to create a system that meets their specific needs and preferences.
4. Legal Clarity : Ensure that the migrant laws clearly define the rights, entitlements, and access to health services for migrants.
5. Enforcement Mechanisms : Establish effective enforcement mechanisms through the Legal Division to ensure that the laws are followed by both healthcare providers and migrants.

7. Law and regulations Review : Regularly assess the effectiveness of the laws and make necessary adjustments based on feedback and changing migration patterns.
8. Network Engagement : Engage a wide range of stakeholders, including government agencies, non-profit organizations, healthcare providers, and migrant communities themselves.
9. Mutual Benefits : Clearly articulate the benefits of network engagement for all parties involved, highlighting how collaboration can lead to improved health outcomes for migrants.
10. Flexibility : Be adaptable and open to feedback, allowing the network to evolve based on changing needs and circumstances.
11. Sustainability : Developing a long-term Migrant Health strategy to sustain the network's activities and ensure its continued impact on improving health services for migrants.

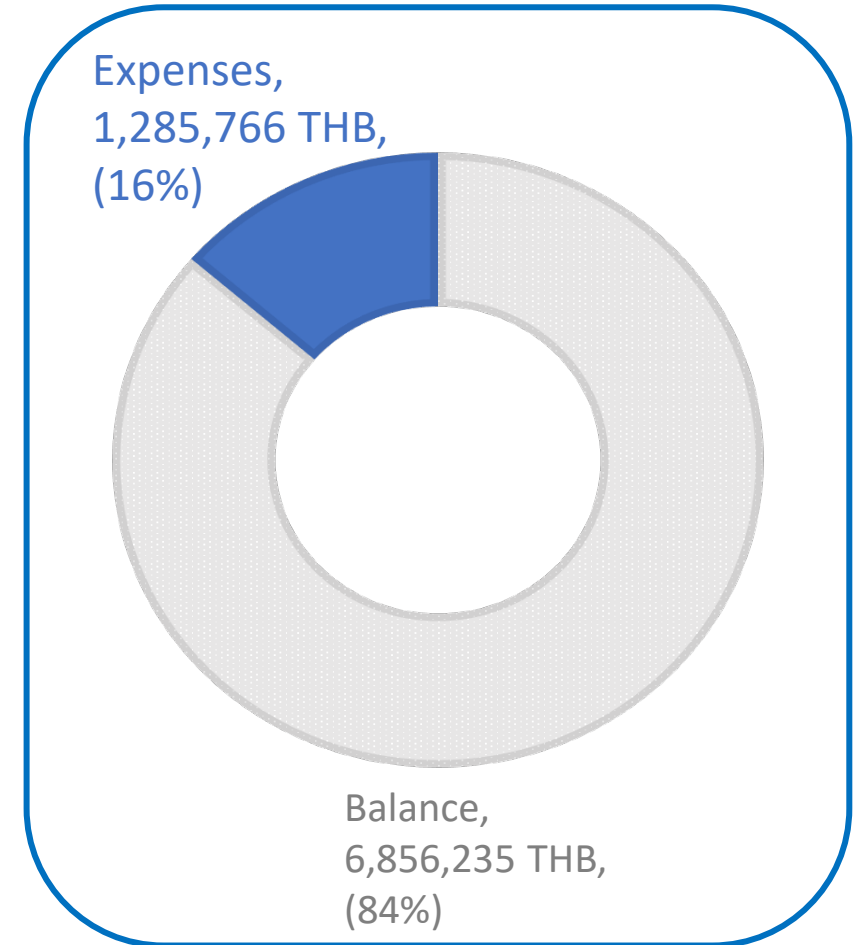
Challenges/barriers to implementation

1. Multiple stakeholders:
 - 1) Organization Identifying/mapping defined
 - 2) Tailor our engagement approach to each stakeholder's needs and interests, ensuring they feel valued and heard.
 - 3) Provide regular updates to stakeholders about the migrant health program's progress, challenges, and achievements to keep them informed and engaged.
2. The lengthy process of Migrant Health Data System is a barrier to developing an efficient data system :
 - 1) leveraging existing platforms or tools are possible and
 - 2) collaboration with the experienced IT professionals and regular communication with stakeholders can help streamline the development process and ensure that the data system meets the intended goals in a timely manner.

Financial progress for 2023



Total, 8,142,000 THB



1. Vaccine (EPI) management and guideline

- Consultative meeting with Provincial administrative organizations and Comptroller General Department for budget management system.

2. Improvement of health information systems: Standard Digital Migrant Health Data Set

- Guideline development of health information system for migrants.
- Adding migrant health indicators in HDC platforms.

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3. Enhancing UHC : establishing committee/ working group

- **National migrant health strategy development** under MoPH's working group on Migrants health services development.
- **legal framework development for ensuring the right to health** (2nd roundtable meeting) under MoPH's working group on Law amendment for Migrants.

4. Consultative meeting between e relevant agencies along the border and neighboring countries for the development of border and migrant health

- Discussion with IOM for meeting preparation with neighboring countries.

5. National conference on Migrant Health: Interconnected-ness

- Will be held in December 2023.

6. Technical forum on enhancing UHC among migrants and non-Thai population

THANK YOU