COOPERATION PROGRAMME: Lao PDR

TRAINING COURSE ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Responsible institutions

Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research, WHO, UNFPA, Lao PDR Ministry of Health (Decree 256), University of Health Sciences, Vientiane, in collaboration with four teaching hospitals (Mahosot, Sethathirath, Mother and Child, Mitaphab) and National Institute of Public Health (NIOPH), National Center for Mother and Child Health (NCMCH), IFMT and WHO, UNFPA Vientiane.

International collaboration

Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research and WHO, Switzerland.

Aims and purpose

- To strengthen research skills of lecturers in OBGYN, public health officers who are working in the field of reproductive health including mother and child health.
- To increase the number of research for local and international publications.

Objectives

After completion of this course, the participants should be able to

- Disseminate the new knowledge in their institutions.
- Conduct research in reproductive health (prepare research proposal, data collection, data analysis, report writing).
- Write a project proposal in order to submit for a grant.

Eligibility criteria for participants

- Medical officer involved in research (Lecturer in OBGYN, Public health officers, Teaching midwives).
- Having English skills (at least intermediate level).
- Having basic computer skills.
- Working in the area of Reproductive Health including Mother and Child Health.

Number of students per class: 15-20 participants

Date of the first pilot course: September 2009

Duration of course: 7 weeks (4 weeks theoretical course and 3 weeks research proposal development supervised by Lao facilitators and GFMER advisors).

Teaching facilities and resources

- The theoretical course will be taught in the University of Health Sciences, Vientiane, Lao PDR.
- Practical session of biostatistics will be taught in the computer laboratory of the University of Health Sciences.
- Educational resources including references materials will be available in the main library of University of Health Sciences and library of Department of Postgraduate and Research.
- Lecturers: local lecturers and lecturers from Switzerland.