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SHARING EXPERIENCE BETWEEN EU AND SOUTH EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES ON THE REINFORCEMENT OF LEGISLATIONS AND REGULATIONS IN THE FIELD OF BIO-SAFETY AND BIO-SECURITY, AS WELL AS RELEVANT LABORATORIES MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS THROUGH REGIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE - PHASE 2

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:

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IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:

April 2013 - 1 April 2015

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE:

Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Vietnam

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES:

Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Vietnam,

BUDGET:

319,840.95 euro

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

By adopting the International Health Regulations at the World Health Assembly in 2005 (IHR 2005), partner countries have committed to develop and maintain capabilities to prevent, protect against, control and provide health response to the international spread of diseases regardless of their cause - accidental or intentional. The project aims at assisting countries in reinforcing national regulations in the field of bio-safety and bio-security practice management in laboratories in the context of implementing the IHR 2005.

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As a first step, the project aims at identifying all relevant actors on the national and regional level, and at defining the nature and extent of local government involvement in bio-security and bio-safety issues and bio-risk management. Secondly, national legislation, regulations, standards and procedures concerning the targeted countries will be collected, mapped and compared to IHR 2005. This will serve to produce a gap analysis for each of the beneficiary countries. A comparative study of the countries will lead to the identification of the best management practices for laboratories. The project will assist the beneficiary countries in identifying priority areas for advancing the implementation of IHR 2005 and in drafting a national strategy for action.

The project will be concluded with a regional workshop, providing the opportunity for all stakeholders to meet, exchange experience and increase the awareness of the gaps existing in the region.

The expected result of the project is that partner countries make significant progress in adopting international standards on laboratory bio-safety and bio-security practices.

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