

**Department of Disease Control Foundation (DDCF)**

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DDCF in a nutshell (2023)

Established on 25 August 2011 as a not-for-profit organization under Thai law, the Department of Disease Control Foundation (DDCF) aims to contribute to the strengthening of the prevention and control of diseases and health hazards of Thailand. The Foundation intends to utilize professional wisdom and knowledge to work together primarily with the Department of Disease Control of Thailand Ministry of Public Health (DDC/MOPH/THA) as well as with other relevant organizations and individuals.

Specific objectives:

1. To develop managerial systems for the prevention and control of diseases and health hazards of Thailand.
2. To promote knowledge management, research and development which are relevant to the problem-solving efforts regarding diseases and health hazards of Thailand.
3. To develop human resources on the prevention and control of diseases and health hazards of Thailand.

Governance (as of April 2023):

The DDCF is now governed by an 8-member Committee, formally appointed on 24 Apr 2023 as follows:

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| 1. Dr Manit Teeratantikanont | Chairperson |
| 2. Dr Supamit Chunsuttiwat | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Dr Taweessap Siraprapasiri | member |
| 4. Dr Preecha Prempree | member |
| 5. Dr Charung Muangchana | member |
| 6. Pol Capt Dr Rungrueng Kitphati | member |
| 7. Dr Ariya Bunngamchairat | member and treasurer |
| 8. Dr Sapon Iamsirithaworn | member and secretary |

The Chairperson, Dr Manit Teeratantikanont, was the Director General of DDC/MOPH/THA from 2009 until his retirement in Sep 2011. The Vice Chairperson, Dr Supamit Chunsuttiwat has been a senior technical advisor to the DDC since 2015 after his retirement from the DDC. The DDCF Secretary, Dr Sapon Iamsirithaworn, is a Deputy Director General of the DDC/MOPH/THA whereas the treasurer, Dr Ariya Bunngamchairat, is a faculty member of the Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University.

Example of key projects:

Among other things, the DDCF has implemented a few collaborative projects as follows:

1. A three-year project (2013-2016), funded by UCLA/USA on "Service providers' programs for maternal HIV disclosure to children in Thailand".
 2. Training courses on "Growing Expertise in E-health Knowledge and Skills - GEEKS" in 2017 and 2019. The course is a collaborative project participated by US CDC, Mahidol University of Thailand, the Thai Ministry of Public Health and DDCF.
 3. Development of Information Platform for Disease and Health Hazard Surveillance. This project was started in May 2022, expected to end by June 2023, and funded by the Broadcasting and Telecommunications Research and Development Fund for Public Interest (BTFP/NBTC), Thailand.
 4. Capacity building and strengthening of the surveillance system on Adverse Effects Following Immunization and Vaccine Effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines, a 1-year project completed in 2022.
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