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DDCF Thailand in a nutshell (October 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 Thai Ministry of Public Health (DDC/MOPH/THA) as well as with other relevant organizations and individuals.

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.
4. To operate, or co-operate with other charitable organizations, for public benefits.
5. To not engage in politics.

Governance (since April 2023):

The DDCF is 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 Taweesap Siraprasiri | 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 Sopon Iamsirithaworn | member and secretary |

The Chairperson, Dr Manit Teeratantikanont, is the former Director General (2009 – 2011) of DDC/MOPH/THA. The Vice Chairperson, Dr Supamit Chunsuttiwat is a senior technical advisor to the DDC/MOPH/THA. The Member and Secretary, Dr Sopon Iamsirithaworn, is a Deputy Director General of the DDC/MOPH/THA whereas the Member and Treasurer, Dr Ariya Bunngamchairat, is a faculty member of the Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University.

Example of key projects: Completed and On-going

1. **Completed:** A three-year project (2013-2016) on “Service providers’ programs for maternal HIV disclosure to children in Thailand”, funded by UCLA/USA

2. **Completed:** Training courses on “Growing Expertise in E-health Knowledge and Skills - GEEKS” in 2017 and 2019. These were collaborative projects participated by US CDC, Mahidol University of Thailand, the Thai Ministry of Public Health, and DDCF.
3. **Completed:** Development of Information Platform for Disease and Health Hazard Surveillance. This project was active during May 2022 until June 2023, funded by the Broadcasting and Telecommunications Research and Development Fund for Public Interest (BTFRP/NBTC), Thailand.
4. **Completed:** 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. Funds for this project were donated by AstraZeneca (Thailand) Co. Ltd. and Zuellig Pharma (Thailand) Co. Ltd.
5. **On-going:** Strengthening of the systems and human resources for the surveillance, investigation, prevention and control of respiratory communicable diseases through cooperative integration among key units in charge of responding to diseases and health hazards, 2023. Funds for this project were donated by AstraZeneca (Thailand) Co. Ltd and it would be active during 14 Dec 2022 until end of Dec 2023.
6. **On-going:** Digital Results Improve Vaccine Equity (DRIVE Demand) Project in Thailand. This multi-country project seeks to accelerate vaccination demand generation, access & uptake with digital tools. This is a collaborative project within Thailand’s contexts among 4 parties, i.e. DDCF, DDC/MOPH/THA, PATH corporation/USA, and The Rockefeller Foundation (RF)/USA. It is funded by RF through PATH’s Digital Square and would be active during June 2023 to end of Q2 2024.
