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## EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER PROJECT

Monitoring and preparing for the COVID-19 outbreak

From 3/5/2020 - 2/7/2020, Department of Communicable Disease and Control Ministry of Health with WHO, CHAI and PSI Laos has supervised the provincial public health emergency operations center in Laos PDR through surveillance and responses to COVID-19. This included presenting the importance and necessity of utilizing EOC as a focal point for coordinating efforts and compiling information from daily reports. The team also introduced a weekly status report form to summarize information, and to assess the readiness of each location.

In addition, PSI ensured that each stakeholder was aware of the importance and necessity of integrating EOC in, as a focal point for the coordination and observation of the capabilities of each facility for any potential future improvements.



## TB CASE DETECTION & TREATMENT PROJECT

Further developing TB case detection capacities

From the 28/05/2020-29/05/2020 PSI/Laos, in collaboration with the Luang Prabang Health Department and the National Tuberculosis Center, conducted a training workshop on TB case detection for 37 service providers at the provincial level, including providers within PSI's network of pharmacies.

Overall, the training was successful and the participants were able to improve their understanding of TB case detection in order to prevent TB outbreaks and keep Lao citizens safe.



## WOMEN'S HEALTH PROJECT

Raising people's awareness and knowledge to serve society to its maximum potential.

Enhance knowledge in order to serve the people to maximum efficiency On June 8, 2020, PSI Laos in collaboration with the OBGY association of the Ministry of Health organized a training course of provincial trainers for representatives of 18 provinces across the country. To enhance knowledge the skills of provincial trainers in promote, monitoring and follow up encourage of safe abortion. Make more understand safe abortion and post abortion care ethics, Strengthen the skills of trainers in advising to provide services in various locations.

This training made the provincial trainers aware of the skills of the coaches and the procedures during the follow-up encouragement of the trainers, and also had a good exchange of ideas with each other, as well as shared real experiences to discuss, all to protect the health of lao women

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PSI makes it easier for people in developing world to lead healthier lives and plan the families they desire.

## CURRENT PROGRAMS OF PSI LAOS

| Women's Health Project   | HIV/AIDS STI Prevention & Treatment  | TB Case Detection & Treatment   | Malaria Case Management  | Increasing Public Sector Capacity for Diabetes Management in Laos   | Strengthening EOC to Accelerate Malaria Elimination and Respond to Future Public Health Emergencies in Lao PDR.   |
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| <b>Period:</b> 2020-2022   | <b>Period:</b> 2018-2020   | <b>Period:</b> 2018-2020  | <b>Period:</b> 2020-2022   | <b>Period:</b> 2017-2020  | <b>Period:</b> 2018-2022  |
| <b>Donors:</b> Private Foundation  | <b>Donors:</b> Global Fund   | <b>Donors:</b> Global Fund  | <b>Donors:</b> Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation   | <b>Donors:</b> World Diabetes Foundation  | <b>Donors:</b> Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation  |
| <b>Objective:</b><br>Every woman and girl will have universal access to safe abortion and contraception  | <b>Objective:</b><br>Reduce transmission of HIV and STIs by increasing Lao people's access to high quality, affordable or free prevention products and services, including condoms and HIV testing | <b>Objective:</b><br>Increase TB case detection and provide free TB DOTS treatment via private clinics and pharmacies | <b>Objective:</b><br>Supporting the malaria elimination movement in the Lao PDR and enhance the management of private sector operations for malaria detection, treatment and reporting in accordance with national treatment guideline.  | <b>Objective:</b><br>Healthcare services for type 2 diabetes, gestational diabetes, and hypertension improved, expanded, and standardized.  | <b>Objective:</b><br>To support the Lao PDR MOH to detect and respond to any public health emergency, interrupt disease outbreaks (including malaria), and ultimately reduce the impact of these diseases on the community.                     |
| <b>Products &amp; Services Offered:</b><br>IUD<br>Oral Contraceptives<br>Injectable Contraceptives<br>Implant<br>Condoms<br>Misoprostol for post-abortion care<br>Mifepristol for safe-abortion care | <b>Products &amp; Services Offered:</b><br>Number One condoms<br>HIV testing<br>Referral for treatment   | <b>Products &amp; Services Offered:</b><br>Free screening and testing for TB<br>Referral for treatment                | <b>Products &amp; Services Offered:</b><br>Implement training to private sector for malaria diagnosis by testing, treatment, and reporting, and the participating private sector must be provide rapid detection tests (RDTs) to suspect malaria cases and provide artemisinin-based combination therapy (ACTs) to confirmed malaria cases | <b>Products &amp; Services Offered:</b><br>Developing national guidelines modules for type 2 diabetes, gestational diabetes and hypertension, Training modules for providers on establishing and incorporating minimum quality standards for service provision. | <b>Capacity Strengthening Areas:</b><br>Incident management structure established, public health surveillance strengthening, public health EOC logistics strengthening, and development of EOC sustainability model for full transition to MOH. |

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