

Workshop “Outbreak Investigation and Acute Response”

Organization and coordination: Pasteur Institute of Ho Chi Minh City, Australian National University and HKU-Pasteur Research Pole

General goals of the workshop

- (i) To reinforce the reactivity within the sub-region to potential emergencies and to insure that the countries have a common base and understanding on “how to work together”
- (ii) To create a network of team leaders in South East Asia able and available for rapid deployment to a public health emergency of national or international concern as part of the regional disaster response team
- (iii) To provide participants streamline knowledge/expertise on the organization and the coordination of the emergency response
- (iv) To improve the quality of field investigations

Objectives

After completion of the workshop, the participants will be able to:

- Perform an emergency situation analysis (displaced persons, refugees, natural disasters such as floods and earthquake, violence....)
- Perform an epidemic investigation (explain the objectives, describe the steps of the investigation, describe the epidemics, find the risk factors, organize the data collection system and analyze/interpret the surveillance data)
- Define the necessary strategies and organize the effective management of epidemics (and emergency situations)
- Communicate about the situation (write up a summary of the assessment, formulate recommendations and communicate with the partners)

Target group

- Number of participants: 20-30 maximum with basic knowledge in epidemiology and with previous experience within emergency and/or epidemic context.

Training organization

- Duration: 5 days, November 4-8, 2013
- Language: English
- Teaching techniques: Interactive lectures, case studies, field work

Location

The workshop will be organized in the International Training Center of the Pasteur Institute in Ho Chi Minh City. Ho Chi Minh City is easily accessible for the participants from all other countries in the region.