Thai NHA: Institutionalization Experience

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Thai NHA

One-off exercise

- 1983: USAID health financing program to estimate THE
- 1986: Health expenditure was estimated by Dr Mongkolsmai and Dr Berman

Long term development (1994 onwards)

- 1994: locally initiated by a research team led by MOPH in collaboration with partners including university
- 2003: IHPP, a research institute under MOPH, was designated by MOPH to be national focal point of NHA
  - Thai NHA Institutionalization: champion group, regular update, dissemination, policy use, and continuous development
Thai NHA Products

- Routine NHA update: long series of 1994-2008 with OECD SHA 3 dimensional matrix application
- Updating Thai NHA 2009-2010
- NHA derivatives
  - Verification of HH OOP applying Post-Enumeration Survey in 2002
  - NHA by age groups, health insurance schemes and disease categories 2007
  - National Drug Account: 2004 and 2009 -> routine reporting to FDA
  - Provincial Health Account: pilot study in 2 provinces, 2008
Thai NHA Institutionalization

- A home-grown product: strong commitment of NHA team
- Local resources: research funds in 1994-2000 and regular budget from 2001 onwards
- Data platform: improvement of hh survey questionnaire by National Statistical Office (NSO), routine report of MOPH & 3 insurance schemes
- Capacity building: INNE
  - Individual - four generations of NHA developers, critical mass and continuity of NHA expertise
  - Node / hub at IHPP, MOPH
  - Networking
    - NHA Team (24) = IHPP, MOPH, NSO, National Economic and Social Development Office, 3 public health insurance schemes,...
    - NAA Team (18): Disease Control Department, IHPP, UC scheme,...
    - NDA Team (8): Pharmacists of four Universities, FDA, MOPH, IHPP
  - Environment
Network outside Thailand

• Global level
  - WHO/NHA e.g. useful website and NHA producer guide
  - OECD SHA – NHA matrix

• Regional network e.g.
  - Joint OECD/Korea Regional Centre on Health and Social Policy (RCHSP) and APNHan – knowledge exchange once a year

• South-south collaboration e.g.
  - AIDS account of five countries – Cambodia, Lao, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam in 2005
  - Bangladesh study visit on Thai NHA in Nov 2007
  - Palestine study visit on Thai NHA in May 2008
  - Maldives, knowledge transfer for Maldives staffs, Feb 2011
  - Bhutan, review NHA produced by WB consultant, Apr 2011
Conclusion

NHA capacities

Local initiative, ownership and continuity of inter-sectoral team work, local resources and continue development of capacities [INNE, network include in and outside country]

Demand for NHA

Policy utilities of NHA and capacity to diversity products to suit policy needs, e.g. UNGASS NASA, National Drug Account

Policy msg. "teach people how to fish"

• Do strengthen empower institutional capacity
• Don't impose outside consultant to produce NHA, stories repeatedly show failure to sustain NHA
Thank you very much