



ONLINE INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE

ON

**"COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT TO STRENGTHEN MATERNAL
AND NEONATAL HEALTH CARE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC"**

1. Course Name: "Community Empowerment to Strengthen Maternal and Neonatal Health Care during the COVID-19 Pandemic"
2. Duration: December 14 - 18, 2020 (between 12.00 - 15.00 pm. in Bangkok, Thailand local time (GMT+7))
3. Implementing Agency: Faculty of Nursing, Chiang Mai University
4. Background and Justification

To ensure healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages (Sustainable Development Goal 3) is essential to the Global Goals. Two major targets under Sustainable Development Goal 3 are to reduce the global maternal mortality ratio to less than 70 per 100,000 births and to reduce neonatal mortality to at least as low as 12 per 1,000 live births. Major progress has been made in order to achieve these targets and the report shows that maternal and newborn mortality dropped globally by about 40 per cent. However, maternal mortality from pregnancy- or childbirth-related complications is unacceptably high, about 830 women per day. Almost all of these deaths occurred in low-resource settings, and most could have been prevented and treated.

The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is a new global pandemic that has disrupted essential services, which could lead to an increase in maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity. Furthermore, the lockdowns, curfews, and increased risk for contracting COVID-19 may affect how women access health facilities. As a result, the decision-making process needs the support from community leaders, community members, and family members. Village health workers and public health personnel in the community take critical roles not only in providing essential interventions and health services, but also enhancing community empowerment.

The population's involvement has always proven to be a basic element in outbreaks and epidemics. Community empowerment is the process by which people gain control over the factors and decisions that shape their lives. This approach engages full community

participation in order to increase people's skills, knowledge and confidence, and instill in them a belief that they can make a difference. To provide comprehensive and effective maternal and neonatal health care during COVID-19, village health workers and public health personnel in the community require knowledge, skills, and abilities that are essential for the success of his/her service. The development of the training course in enhancing community empowerment to strengthen maternal and neonatal health care during COVID-19 has been initiated. The training is an important strategy for transforming knowledge into action on the ground.

TICA is a national focal point for Thailand's international development cooperation. TICA was established in 2004 to realize Thailand's aspiration to be a contributor of development cooperation. Believing that global challenges are best addressed by international cooperation and global partnership, today we continue to strengthen our contribution to achieve global development agenda through various capacity-building and human resources development programmes. In response to the recent changes in the global landscape of development cooperation, especially through the concept of South-South and Triangular Cooperation, TICA continues to realign our focuses in order to deliver Thailand's commitment to be a relevant partner in global agendas including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Nearly 60 years, Faculty of Nursing, Chiang Mai University (FON CMU) is recognized as an international center in nursing education, learning and research innovation. FON CMU also provides more than 20 international training courses related to strengthening reproductive health care and strengthening maternal and newborn health care for professionals looking to deepen their knowledge and skills. Lessons learned from the project implementation are: 1) high level of collaboration and ownership required at community and policy level in order to provide equitable and sustainable maternal healthcare to vulnerable women, families, and communities; 2) the effective process arises from community participation and interdisciplinary team in combination with supportive mechanism from various organizations including family, community organization, local administrative organization, a district health promotion hospital, and education institutions. We continuously develop and maintain a robust professional network with community and hospital settings in promoting maternal and neonatal well-being. The FON CMU's staff expertise and case studies can help international trainees to gain a deeper understanding of the implementation challenges of maternal and newborn health care in order to meet the SDG3 targets.

FON CMU will provide a challenging online course to train nurses, midwives and health personnel with an aim to improve their knowledge and skills in providing maternal and neonatal health services to the community during COVID-19. This online training course will help strengthen the capacity of health personnel who play an important role in providing maternal and neonatal health services in the community. The anticipated outcomes of this training course will be ending preventable maternal and newborn deaths through community empowerment.

4. Objectives: After the training, participants will be able to:

4.1 Explain the basic concepts, principles, and strategies related to community-based care in maternal and newborn health;

4.2 Explain mechanisms in driven family and community empowerment to promote maternal and newborn health during COVID-19

4.3 Describe the roles and responsibilities of public health personnel in providing maternal and neonatal health services in the community during COVID-19;

4.4 Recommend strategies or approaches for providing maternal and neonatal health services among health personnel in the community during COVID-19.

***5. Course Contents**

5.1 Course Outline

5.1.1 Maternal healthcare delivery system and referral system in Thailand

5.1.2 Update on the COVID-19 guidelines and recommendations for maternal healthcare in Thailand

5.1.3 Maternal and child health: benefit package under the Thai universal health coverage (since pre-conception until children grow up to 5 years)

5.1.4 Community-based care in maternal and newborn health: Concepts, principles, and strategies

5.1.5 Updates on mechanisms in driven family and community empowerment to promote maternal and newborn health during COVID-19

5.1.6 Roles and responsibilities of community health workers and public health personnel to improve maternal and newborn health outcomes during COVID-19

5.1.7 Lesson learned from community to promote maternal and newborn health during COVID-19

5.1.8 Community health volunteers: How to strengthen their abilities principles and strategies during COVID-19

5.2 Advance Assignments

5.2.1 Country report: participants prepare a report about their country including the following information:

- 1) National demographic data and COVID-19 statistics
- 2) Role and function of public health personnel in providing maternal and neonatal health care services for the community

5.2.2 Online participation and discussion session of lessons learned from community

Training Methods

This training will be conducted on Zoom Online Meeting Platform basis of multimedia presentations. All participants and lecturers will be able to discuss in this online platform and Q&A chat box using ZOOM® application.

8. Expected Results

After the training, participants will be able to apply their knowledge, experiences, and skills in enhancing community empowerment to strengthen essential maternal and newborn health care for their home community to end preventable maternal and newborn deaths during COVID-19.

9. Evaluation

- 9.1 Online learning
- 9.2 Online class participation and discussion
- 9.3 Online presentation and report

10. Executing/Implementing Agency

- Thailand International Cooperation Agency
- Faculty of Nursing, Chiang Mai University

11. Project Proposer

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12. Expenditure/Funding

Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA)

Online International Training Course

Community Empowerment to Strengthen Maternal and Neonatal Health Care

During the COVID-19 Pandemic

December 14 – 18, 2020

between 12.00-15.00 pm. In Bangkok, Thailand local time (GMT+7)

Via Zoom Cloud Meeting Platform

Faculty of Nursing, Chiang Mai University, Thailand

12.00 – 12.15 pm.	• Opening session	Dean
12.15 – 12.30 pm.	• Orientation to the course	FON Staff (L=0.5)
12.30 – 13.30 pm.	• Maternal healthcare delivery system and referral system in Thailand	Guest lecturer (L=1)
13.30 – 14.30 pm.	• Update on the COVID-19 guidelines and recommendations for maternal and neonatal healthcare in Thailand	FON Staff (L=1)
12.00–13.00 pm.	• Maternal and child health: benefit package under the Thai universal health coverage (since pre-conception until children grow up to 5 years)	FON Staff (L=1)
13.00–15.00 pm.	• Community-based care in maternal and newborn health: Concepts, principles, and strategies	FON Staff (L=2)
12.00–13.00 pm.	• Updates on mechanisms in driven family and community empowerment to promote maternal and newborn health during COVID-19	FON Staff (L=1)
13.00–15.00 pm.	• Roles and responsibilities of community health workers and public health personnel to improve maternal and newborn health outcomes during COVID-19	FON Staff (L=2)

Day 2: December 11, 2020		
12.00–14.00 pm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson learned from community to promote maternal and newborn health during COVID-19 	Guest speaker (P=2)
14.00–15.00 pm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community health volunteers: How to strengthen their abilities-principles and strategies during COVID-19 	Guest speaker & FON Staff (Zoom) (L=1)
Day 3: December 12, 2020		
12.00–14.00 pm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss with the core working group about the roles and responsibilities of community participation within their own setting (Breakout rooms in Zoom) 	FON Staff (P=2)
14.00–14.45 pm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the virtual training course 	FON Staff (P=1)
14.45–15.00 pm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing ceremony 	Dean

Remarks:

Every session comprises of a 45-minute multimedia presentation and 15 minutes live Q&A session

Hour conclusion

Lecture (L) = 9.5 hours

Practice (P) = 5 hours

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Registration Form
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Course Outline
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