Strategic Planning & Coordination Experience of Thailand

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THAILAND at a glance



Population (2015) 67,959,000 million

Area 513,115 sq. km

Population 65 m

Pop. Density (2016) 133.4

GDP / Capita (2015) US\$ 16,081

Life expectancy 72/78 at birth m/f (2015)

Infant mortality rate per 11 1000 live births (2010-2015)

Total expenditure on 6.5 health as % of GDP (2014)

Administrative Central Administration (Ministry)

Governance: Provincial Administration

(Province & District)

Local Administration (Municipality,

Provincial Administrative Org. Sub-district

Administrative Org

Source: WHO, UNDP

Geopolitics & Governance

Thailand is highly centralized kingdom.

- 76 Provincial Governors are appointed by Ministry of Interior.
- Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) first elected Governor in 1975.
- Pattaya City elected Governor in 1978
- National Economic Development Council (NEDC) established in 1950
- National Economic & Social Development Board (NESDB) in 1972



Major Nutrition Problems in the Past

(During WW II to 1970)



- Protein Calorie Malnutrition esp. children < 5
- 2. Vitamin Deficiency eg. Vitamin A, B, B2
- 3. Iodine Deficiency Disease (IDD)
- Iron Deficiency Anemia esp. pregnant women, children
- Bladder Stone in North-Eastern Region



Root Causes of Malnutrition

- 1. Poverty
- 2. Traditional Belief & Behavior
- 3. Lack of Knowledge & Info
- 4. Environment(certain area eg., mountainous area)
- 5. Etc





National Nutrition Survey

1st Survey in 1960 2nd Survey in 1975

Nutrition Program in Rural Area (1960 - 1970)

Applied Nutrition Project (ANP) of FAO, WHO, , UNICEF

- Protein Food Development Project
- Infant formula &
 Young Child Food Supplement
- Child Nutrition Center
- Nutrition Education
- Iodine Salt
- Food & Nutrition Laboratory













The 3rd National Food & Nutrition Plan

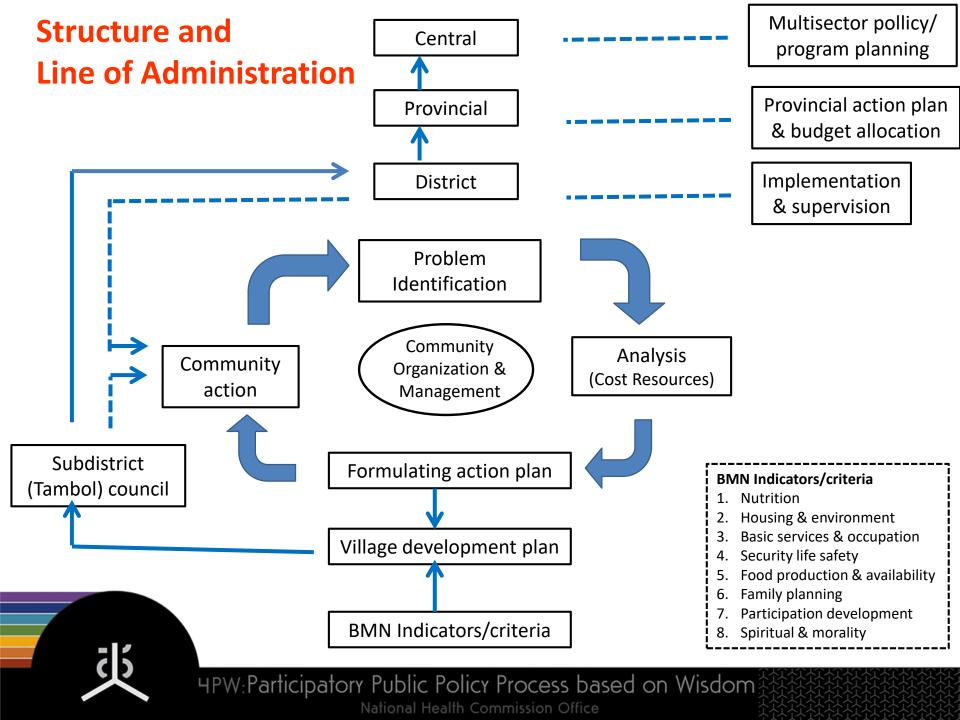
(Under the National Campaign for Quality of Life - QOL)



 From National strategic planning and coordination to area implementation

 Multisectoral planning and coordination of economic, agriculture, public health, education, social development, research & training sectors























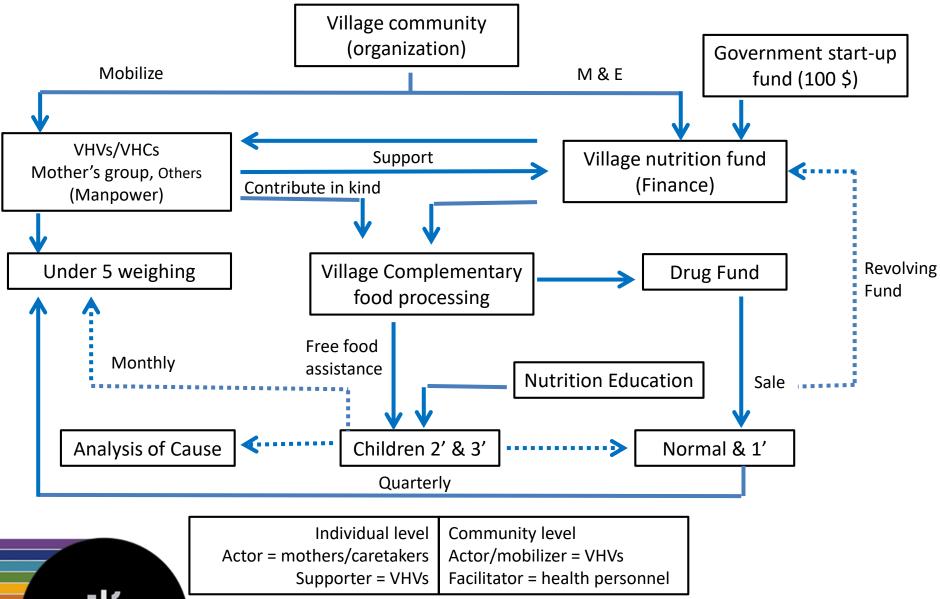






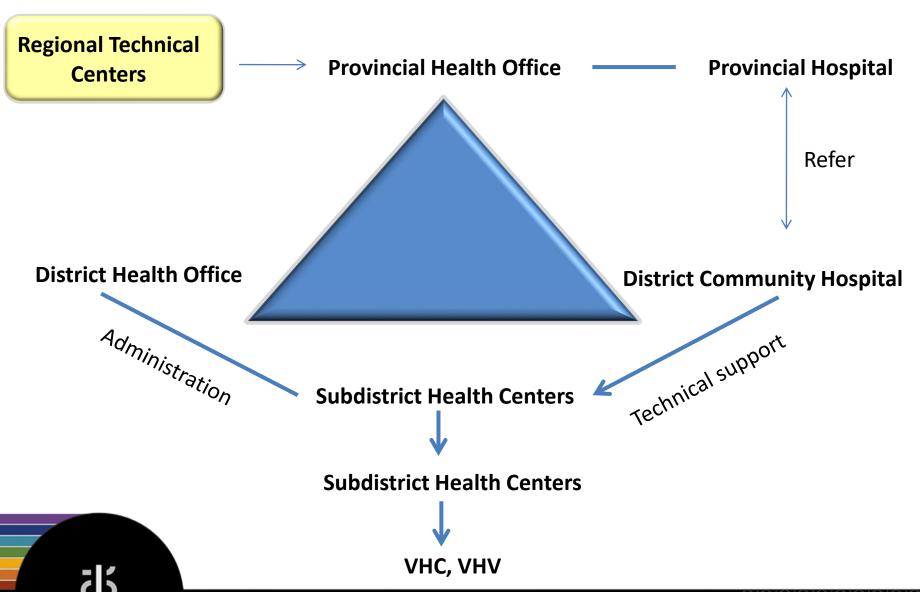


Nutrition in Community Model of PHC



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Provincial Health Infrasturture



4PW:Participatory Public Policy Process based on Wisdom
National Health Commission Office

Enabling Factors

- Clear top-down policy and vision of HFA2000
- Clear targets
- Multisectoral coordination form top level to operation field
- Good strategies of BMN and QOL
- Good health infrastructure from central to district level
- Fair budget
- Strong and consistent monitoring and evaluation



Incurring Problems

1981 – 1987

1976 - 1980

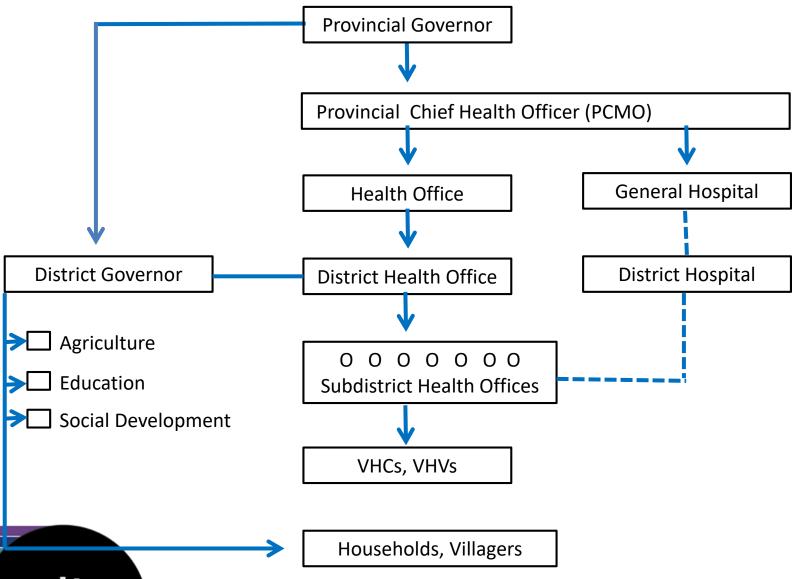
Political fighting against communists in some rural areas

Economic slowdown





Provincial Governance Structure

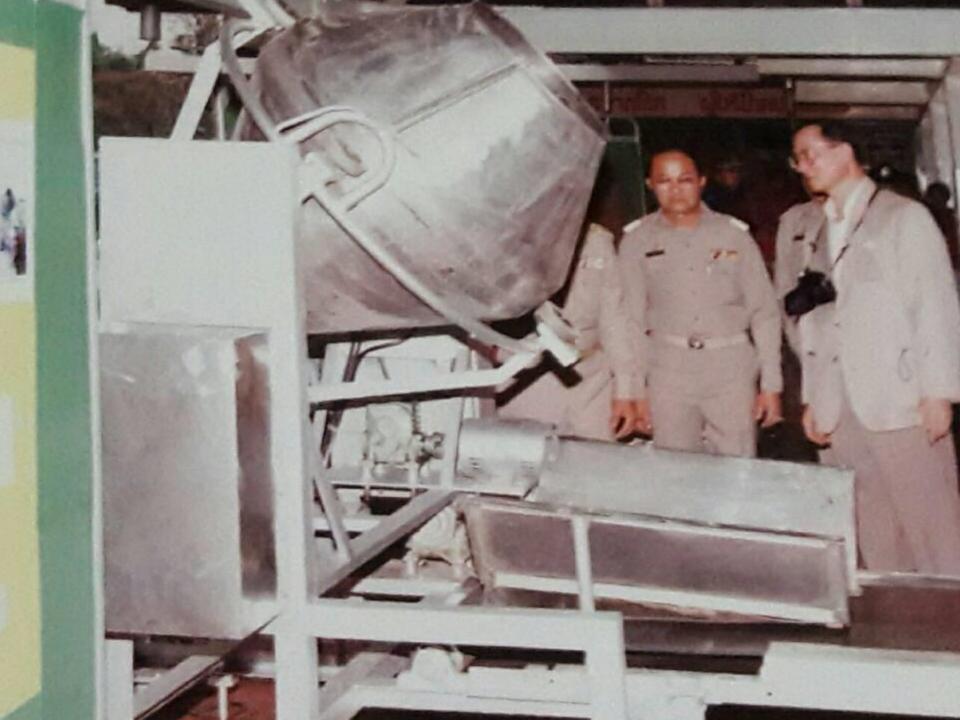


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IDD Program

From goiter to Subclinical deficiency in certain groups and specific areas





































Breastfeeding Promotion Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI)



















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