

The Essential Role of Community Systems for Long-Term Care

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Background

Thailand 66 mil. Population

2003 become Aged Society

2021 will be Complete-aged Society

Now 17+% Older Person (OP)

approx 11 mil

1.2 mil. need long term care

1982 1st National Plan for OP (1982-2000)

Now 2nd National Plan for OP(2001-2020)

- 1989** established SCCT (by Dept. of Public Welfare)
- 1994** started monthly allowance (200 Baht)
for vulnerable OP
- 2001** National Health Promotion Foundation Act
- 2002** National Health Security Act (UHC)
- 2003** Older Person Act (Nat. OP Committee &
Nat. OP Fund)
- 2011** National Saving Fund Act.

Under UHC Scheme

(National Health Security Act 2002)

- 2005** Started Local Health Fund
 - 1.1 USD / Person from NHSO**
 - 20-50% from local Govt. (matching fund)**
 - (now 1.3 US from NHSO)**
 - now > 7,500 Funds (> 95% of Local Govt)**
 - (Total Local Govt 7,755)**
- 2009** Started Rehabilitation Fund
 - (at Provincial Level) (cover 70%)**
 - (Budget from NHSO + Local Govt)**
- 2015** Long Term Care Program
- 2016** 1st Budget 600 mil. Baht, (approx 18 mil USD)
 - (Cover 10%)**
- 2017** 900 mil Baht (approx 27 mil.USD)

Training

Care Givers

24,698

(Target 10,000)

Care Manager

2,598

(Target 2,500)

Coverage of Long Term Care

	Subdistrict	OP	% Coverage (approx.)
2016	1752	80,826 (Target 100,000)	8
2017 (June)	2730	99,822 (Target 150,000)	10

Challenges

- **Policy acceptance**
 - **Reluctance of former Govt. to accept the Policy**
 - **Delay of Budget Allocation**
 - **Slowness in expansion of the program**
- **Policy implementation**
 - **Many bureaucratic red tapes**
 - **More focus on rules and regulations; not on the benefits of OPs**

Lesson-Learned

1. Active Participation of Older Persons (SCCT)

Both in Policy Development and Implementation

- SCCT proposed for Monthly Allowance for vulnerable OP; now become Basic Pension (18-30 USD/month)
7.8 million OP 2,000 mil. USD
- National Saving Act 2011 (initiated by SCCT)
- Long Term Care Program

2. Good cooperation among GOs-NGOs-Academias

- Many members of NGOs are Govt. Officials or Retired Govt. Officials

3. Knowledge-based Works

(2005 established Thai Research&Development Institute-NGO

President : OP aged 92)