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 1\textsuperscript{st} National Plan for OP (1982-2000)
Now 2\textsuperscript{nd} 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)
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

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<th>Subdistrict</th>
<th>OP</th>
<th>% Coverage (approx.)</th>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>1752</td>
<td>80,826</td>
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<td>2017 (June)</td>
<td>2730</td>
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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)