



Thailand's Review

of the Health System

Response to COVID-19



On July 24th Thailand became the first country to complete an assessment of how the health system responded to COVID-19, using a WHO Intra-action Review (IAR) tool



Sixteen external experts made recommendations
Ninety-Six policy-makers, technical experts and healthcare workers provided their inputs

Six Key Success Factors



Strong leadership, informed by the best available scientific evidence

Strong, well-resourced and inclusive medical and public health systems

Consistent and transparent communication leading to compliance of the public with protective measures

Administrative systems that adapt to changing demands

Previous experience with major infectious disease outbreaks including SARS, Avian Influenza, H1N1

A 'whole of society' approach, including engagement with academia and the private sector

Six Key Recommendations

Information for action



Integrate epidemiological, laboratory, clinical and logistic data in a new digital information system

Protecting health workers & patients



Establish a national programme for Infection Prevention and Control

Improved Detection



Expand COVID-19 surveillance to strengthen detection of cases and monitor the pandemic impact

Strengthened workforce



Review existing COVID-19 human resources against assessed needs - to identify and address shortfalls

World class quarantine



Establish a national quarantine authority - to facilitate inter-sectoral coordination and an expansion of capacity

Enhanced coordination



Increase the operational efficiency of Emergency Operations Centres - to strengthen the COVID-19 response



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