

AGREEMENT

The Ministry of Health of Lao PDR is putting efforts for improving quality of care. Regarding this purpose, Infection prevention and control in hospitals and health facilities must be a priority to achieve the 5 goods and 1 satisfaction policy.

Health care and rehabilitation Department is supporting and advising AOI in 3 district hospitals with the support of AFD to develop model district hospitals in terms of infection prevention and control, this implies to set up Central sterilization service departments in the District hospitals.

After several planning meetings and participatory discussions, the district hospital team agrees to take the following engagement when starting to implement the project:

I. Role of the director of hospital:

1. Ensure good motivation to the hospital staff involved and allocate proper personnel to facilities ensuring infection prevention and control protocols will be applied;
2. The location of the supported facilities and of the equipment should not change in the near future;
3. Support some of the renovations planned for the facilities such as screening area, drugstore and small surgery unit and room for stocking of cleaning equipment. This will be led given the budget made available by the Ministry of health;
4. Remove unnecessary material and equipment in the treatment rooms. Useful material should be kept in stock and inappropriate should be stocked in a storage room when not possible to be removed from the hospital (Ministry of Finance controls)-(Ministry of finance annual audit);
5. Organize stock management for PPE and consumables and use budget from the hospital to buy consumable for infection prevention and control from 2021 onwards;
6. Monitor the application of infection prevention and control practices from all staff working at the hospital and evaluate the compliance to procedures.

II. Role of staff from MCH, dental, maternity Emergency room, OPD, small surgery wards and cleaning team:

1. Being involved in the design and implementation of infection control procedures and follow the recommendations;
2. Being committed to use medical instrument sets with unique use per patients and use proper procedure to send to CSSD for cleaning and sterilization and packing of set;
3. Ensuring good stock management for consumables related to infection prevention and control;
4. Commit to continual training if requested by Ministry of health and director of the hospital (DHO);
5. Full participation in the monitoring and proper conduct of the activities leading to better Infection Prevention and Control.

III. Role of the AOI and PHO and MOH:

1. Support the renovation and equipment of facilities
2. Provide enough consumable (related to infection prevention and control) stock for 6 months' activity and help to organize stock management;
3. Conduct training to the hospital staff for the Infection prevention and Control and other (cleanliness,...);
4. Train hospital director and personnel to use evaluation tools;
5. Monitor and evaluate the health care facilities during 2 years;
6. Reporting to donor and the leader of the department of Health care and rehabilitation department of the Ministry of Health.

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