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Meeting on Caring Societies
“Resilient Communities for Active Ageing”

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(SWWLMW and HCDD)*



ASEAN Mandate for Active Aging

- Concerns and initiatives on Active Aging:
 - Based on the elements and action lines of *B. Social Welfare and Protection of ASCC Blueprint* (2009-2015)
 - Relevant declarations and work-plans from the ASEAN Sectors involved
- Two sectors are involved:
 - Social Welfare and Development
 - Health



ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection

- Everyone [including older people] is entitled to have equitable access to social protection that is a basic human right and based on a rights-based/needs-based, **life-cycle approach** and covering essential services as needed;
 - ❑ *Building a resilient ASEAN Community for Active Ageing should start from early age (e.g. healthy lifestyle, school curriculum to educate children on respect for elderly)*
- **Family unit and the community** are an important element in supporting and delivering social protection services and therefore should be strengthened and preserved;
 - ❑ *Current traditions vs. awareness and capacity building of families and communities*



ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection

- Extending **coverage, availability, quality, equitability and sustainability** of social protection should be gradually promoted to ensure optimal benefits to the beneficiaries;
 - ❑ *Retirement age vs. increasing life expectancy*
 - ❑ *Gender responsive retirement age vs. higher female life expectancy than men (life expectancy gap: from 2.9 years (Brunei) to 6.7 years (Thailand))*
 - ❑ *ASEAN economies are predominantly in informal employment sector vs. coverage of social insurance schemes; alternative measures to secure the basic income security of the older people*



ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection

- Social protection is **an investment in people** that should be supported by adequate resources in order to empower them to meet their basic needs;
 - ❑ *Moving towards universal healthcare coverage vs. sustainability plan of financing it*
 - ❑ *Raising the quality of social work education and profile of social workers*



ASEAN-ILO/Japan Project of Promoting and Building Income Security and Employment Services in ASEAN

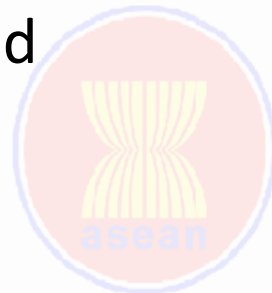
- Phase II (2014-2015), involving labour and social welfare sectors (SLOM and SOMSWD)
- Enhance capacities and facilitate knowledge sharing of ASEAN Member States to develop policies, schemes and mechanisms for the implementation of nationally defined social protection floors, in particular guarantees for the basic income security of elderly and working age groups.



ASEAN-ILO/Japan Project of Promoting and Building Income Security and Employment Services in ASEAN

Project Activities include:

- Conduct a review of the social protection situation in AMS as baseline information for monitoring the effective implementation of the ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection
- Conduct an inventory and review countries' practices of combined old-age pension systems that provide coverage for all
- A series of tripartite seminars for capacity building and knowledge sharing



Strategic Framework on Social Welfare and Development 2011-2015

Studies and Research:

- Regional Study on the socio-economic impacts of the growing trends of ageing societies and the existing social security and pension schemes in ASEAN Member States [the Philippines]
- Establishment of an ASEAN-wide Research Network on Ageing [Malaysia]

Networks:

- ASEAN Social Work Consortium [Thailand: Coordinator 2014-15]
- Establishment of an ASEAN Network of Family Development



Strategic Framework on Social Welfare and Development 2011-2015

Capacity Building:

- Workshop on the promotion of older people's associations (OPAs) in ASEAN Member States (Cambodia)
- Regional Conference on caring and self-caring for the elderly at homes and communities (Viet Nam and Singapore)
- Capacity building for social workers and caregivers working in areas concerning the elderly (Viet Nam)
- Workshop on public policy focused on ageing (Brunei Darussalam)



ASEAN Health Cooperation and its support to initiatives in Active Aging_1

Complementary support to the initiatives of the Social Welfare and Development Sector can be provided by the Health Sector on matters pertaining to regional advocacy, monitoring, and capacity building initiatives

- **ASEAN Strategic Framework on Health Development (2010-2015)** as endorsed by the ASEAN Health Ministers
- Relevant **Work Plan Activities for 2011-2015** to be implemented by the:
 - ASEAN Task Force on Noncommunicable Diseases (ATFNCD)
 - ASEAN Focal Points on Tobacco Control (AFPTC)
 - ASEAN Mental Health Task Force (AMT)



ASEAN Health Cooperation and its support to initiatives in Active Aging_2

- Implementation of Work Plan of the **ASEAN Plus Three Universal Health Coverage Network (ASEAN Plus Three UHC Network)**
- Implementation of ***Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on NCDs***, adopted by the ASEAN Summit, October 2013



ASEAN Strategic Framework on Health Development (2011-2015)_1

B.4 Access to Healthcare and Promotion of Healthy Lifestyles

- Increasing access to health services for ASEAN People (Indonesia, Thailand and Viet Nam)
 - Increasing access to primary healthcare for ASEAN citizen through the development of a regional strategy on health care and services and primary health care
 - Development of evidence-based advocacy tool on health care services
 - Sharing of good practices



ASEAN Strategic Framework on Health Development (2011-2015)_2

B.4 Access to Healthcare and Promotion of Healthy Lifestyles

- Implementation of the ASEAN Work Plan on Noncommunicable Diseases (2011-2015) through the ASEAN Task Force on NCDs
- Implementation of the ASEAN Work Plan on Tobacco Control (2011-2015) and its endorsed recommendations for policy consideration through the ASEAN Focal Points on Tobacco Control



ASEAN Plus Three Universal Health Coverage Network (ASEAN Plus Three UHC)

- Result of the tasks from the Joint Statement of the 5th ASEAN Plus Three Health Ministers Meeting, 2012, Phuket, Thailand
- Endorsed TOR and Work Plan
- Complements the *Increasing Access to Health Services for ASEAN People* (ASEAN Strategic Framework on Health Development, 2010-2015)
- Current advocacy is focus on elevating UHC in the platform of the ASEAN Summit in November 2014



ASEAN Plus Three Universal Health Coverage Network (ASEAN Plus Three UHC)

The objectives of the Network are:

- a) To promote collaborative studies, exchange and share experiences on UHC such as agenda setting, policy formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation and reporting progresses toward UHC achievements for better understanding of the UHC.
- b) To support the strengthening of the country institutional capacities on health systems researches which contribute to the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the UHC achievement and impacts.
- c) To promote collaborative researches for better understanding of the UHC resulting in performance improvement.
- d) To strategize and position UHC agenda at the highest regional and global development forums.



ASEAN Plus Three Universal Health Coverage Network (ASEAN Plus Three UHC)

- Salient Work Plan Activities for 2014-2016
 - UHC Baseline in 2014: Documenting the current UHC situation in 2014
 - Strengthening data systems
 - Monitoring UHC Progress
 - Knowledge generation



Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on Noncommunicable Diseases in ASEAN, 9 October 2013 / ASEAN Summit_1

- *Deeply concerned that NCDs, namely, cardiovascular diseases, cancers, diabetes and chronic respiratory diseases, are the leading causes of deaths in AMS...*
- *Equally concerned on the increasing trends of intermediate risk factors for NCDs such as high blood pressure, high blood sugar levels, high blood cholesterol levels, and overweight and obesity in AMS as well as behavioral risk factors such as smoking, unhealthy diet, the harmful use of alcohol and physical inactivity, and that these factors are the leading global risks for mortality and disability...*



Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on Noncommunicable Diseases in ASEAN, 9 October 2013 / ASEAN Summit_2

Declare that:

- *Expand efforts to strengthen the capacity of health systems incorporating principles of Universal Health Coverage to improve early management of NCDs as well as prevent and manage complications*
- *Call for the effective implementation of action lines related to NCDs in the ASEAN Strategic Framework on Health Development (2010-2015)*
- *Urge ASEAN Health Ministers to enhance efforts towards achieving the set of 9 voluntary global targets for the prevention and control of NCDs by 2025, which during the 66th WHA, Geneva, 2013*
- *Call on ASEAN Ministers responsible for health and other relevant sectoral bodies to accelerate the adoption of Health in All Policies (HiAP) in tackling unhealthy lifestyles including risk behaviours for NCDs..*



ASEAN Task Force on Noncommunicable Diseases (ATFNCD)_1

- Have the mandate to implement the tasks relevant to the *Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on Non-communicable Diseases in ASEAN* as adopted by the ASEAN Leaders in October 2013
- Implement the ASEAN Work Plan on NCDs (2011-2015)
 - Development of advocacy tool for the four NCDs
 - Development of advocacy messages relevant to labeling and standards for healthy low salt food, ethical advertising on food products, alcohol consumption reduction
 - Development of inventory of experts for the four NCDs



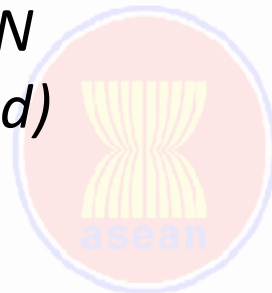
ASEAN Task Force on Noncommunicable Diseases (ATFNCD)_2

- Implement the ASEAN Work Plan on NCDs (2011-2015)
 - Updating of monitoring system in ASEAN for the four NCDs
 - Guideline and mechanism for sharing of good practices
 - Regular conduct of Regional Forum on NCD
 - Regional workshop to harmonize regional guidelines on physical activity
 - Integrated regional framework for NCD screening and management



ASEAN Post-2015 Health Development Agenda (as endorsed by the 12th AHMM)

- Vision: A Healthy, Caring and Sustainable ASEAN Community
- Cluster on Promoting Healthy Lifestyle:
 - Goal 2020: a) To achieve maximal health potential of ASEAN Community through promoting healthy lifestyle; b) To ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- Health Priorities under this cluster would include:
 - Promotion of healthy and active aging
 - *(entry point for collaboration with Japan on ASEAN Health Initiative as discussed in the 12th AHMM); next ASEAN Japan Regional Conference on Active Aging –Thailand)*



Thank you!

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