

Course Title: Program Management of Prevention of Mother to Child HIV Transmission

Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT) was one of the priority areas for discussion at the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS which took place in June 2002. The commitment of the meeting is the goal of reducing the number of children acquiring HIV through mother-to-child transmission by 20% in the year 2005 and by 50% in 2010. At this historic meeting, over 180 member states signed the declaration of commitment on HIV/AIDS. These targets which have been labeled by some people as being rather ambitious are in fact achievable. For this to happen, however, countries do need to begin to scale up their activities aimed at preventing and stopping mother-to-child transmission of HIV.

A two-week international training course is designed to provide updated knowledge of PMTCT program which participants will also understand and are able to perform skills to develop their PMTCT program based on their countries situation. In addition, the participants will be capable of responding to HIV/AIDS problems in mothers and children considering political, economical, social and cultural characteristics in their own countries. A medium group of 27 participants who are responsible for PMTCT program will be accepted to the course. The target countries are Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China PRC, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Timor Leste, Vietnam and Thailand. In addition, some countries in Africa will also be invited to participate in this training. Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) will provide financial support for nominated participants. TICA forwards the official invitation to the Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate in their countries. The training course consists of classroom lectures, presentations, demonstration, group practices and field visit.

The training will introduce PMTCT Overview, Services Components, HIV/AIDS Counseling, Stigma and Discrimination, Monitoring and Evaluation and Program Implementation Plan. The participants will have enough knowledge and tools to develop the PMTCT Implementation Plan for their own countries.

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