

**National health research policy:  
more transparency and  
communication on actual research  
implemented in the Lao PDR**

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- **Issue in health research management**
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# Background

- HR is one of the eight work plan of MoH
- Strategy on Health Research by WHO (2012)
- Law on Sciences and Technology (July 2013)
- World Health Report 2013 (on Research for Universal Health Coverage)
- Decree on the Sciences and Technology Development Fund endorsed by government (May 2014)
- Strategy on the Promotion and management of Health Research by 2020 (August 2014)

# Issue in health research management

- In the past, Health research has been implemented in many sectors/departments/public/international org.
- Lack systematic macro management and research topics were followed according to the needs of donors (not the needs health sectors)
- Health research was not based on the set priorities due to do not have a policy or specific strategy for health research promotion and management
- Limited budget to implement of prioritized research topics

**Strategy on Promotion and Management  
of Health Research Consists of 6 main  
components:**

# 1. Research Governance

- Ensuring quality and transparency in health research: all health research and its results submit to the website:  
[Lao Health Research Portal](#) , “[Lao Space](#)” ,.
- Ensuring ethical conduct of health research:
  - Create and review policies on ethical issue
  - Develop the roles of CMS and NECHR

## **2. Capacity Development of Researchers**

- **Strengthen research capacity at the individual level** (promote and pursue in long term, short-term training and participation in scientific meeting)
- **Strengthen research capacity at the organizational level** (upgrade lectures' capacity, provide equipment for lab, ICT..)
- **Encouragement researchers and students to conduct research** (setting fund to promote competition to conduct research, award for excellent paper...)

### **3. Defining and Implementing Research Priorities**

**Getting core information and evidence to resolve prioritized health issues and support the MDG 1,2,3,4, 5,6,7,8 and 9).**

**Define research priorities and conduct research related to prioritized health issues and MDGs: Nutrition, maternal and child health, HIV/AIDS, and etc...**



## **4. Dissemination and Application of Research outcomes**

- **Capacity building in interpreting research outcomes and apply into practice** (hold seminar or meeting between researcher, users, policy makers...)
- **Promote the accessibility of research outcomes by developing qualified tools** (develop web pages like Lao Space...)
- **Enhancing the effective use of research outcomes** (present of reliable for policy makers and apply research outcomes).

## **5. Seeking Funding sources and Mobilization for Health Research**

- Providing information to researchers on funding sources for research in the country and abroad.**
- Developing coordinating mechanisms in order to attract government funding and partners' funds for research.**
- Allocation budgets for health research effectively.**

## **6. Monitoring and Evaluation Research Strategies**

- **Evaluation the achievement of the vision, mission, and goals of this strategy**
- **Monitor the implementation of research strategies.**
- **Evaluation the impacts of the changes which occur during the implementation of strategies.**

# Implementation

- **MoH shall disseminate, absorb, materialize and implement this strategy by applying it into work plans and projects in cooperation with the related sectors both domestically and internationally, including development partners.**
- **Monitoring and evaluation shall be reported to the MoH regularly.**
- **MoH shall also supply the state budget promote fundraising from international aid organizations, the private sector and other international organizations.**
- **Ministries, equivalent agencies, provinces and related sectors including societal organizations, private sectors have a duty to cooperate and contribute to the implementation of this strategy fruitfully.**



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