

UN Pandemic Planning Thailand Case

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Plandemic, n.

An uncontrolled outbreak of planning triggered by identification of plausible new ways to die.

Main symptoms: desire to hold press-conferences, followed by either mass inoculation or compulsive stockpiling.



The best way to avoid being embroiled in a plandemic is to stand aside and graciously permit more worried people to do the work.



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UN Pandemic Planning

Overview

- **Background**
- **Planning Strategy**
- **Planning Scenarios**
- **Staff Health and Security**
- **Business Continuity and Response**



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Background

- UNCT Contingency Plan for Staff Health and Security revised on 20 January 06
- New UN System Pandemic Preparedness and Planning Guidelines (15 March)
- DMT tasked to prepare new comprehensive plan → DMT/AHI



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Planning Strategy

“Survive Well to Serve Well”

Minimize a pandemic's impact on Staff Health & Safety

In order to maintain and sustain Operational Capacity

In order to support National Preparedness and Response



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Planning Scenarios

Scenario	Consequences level
<p><i>f</i> Rapid onset – escalation with widespread impact Little time for preparation, response is reactive and defensive.</p>	Catastrophic
<p>, Slow onset – moderate and localized impact Slowly acquires human infectiousness. Depending on the evolution of the virus it may be contained after its emergence. May also develop into human pandemic.</p>	Moderate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended WHO Phase 3 with continuing outbreaks of avian influenza Impact on livelihoods due to culling of birds	Low



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Health Staff & Security

Medical Interventions

- Vaccines, medicines, medical supplies etc.
- Access to medical care
- Fever Clinic
- Pandemic Response Team
- Hotline

Non-medical Interventions

- General Precautions & Restricted movements
- Emergency communication
- Staff Preparedness



Business Continuity & Response

- Operation Continuity
- Programme Continuity
- Response Strategy



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Operational Continuity

- Maintenance of communication systems (computers, telephone, etc)
- Staffing structure and HR policies
- Office supplies and equipment



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Business Continuity & Response

Programme Continuity

Rationale:

- identify impact of a pandemic on our development programmes
- Prioritise critical activities to be maintained



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Programme Continuity planning template

Project	Sector	Geographic location	Nat'l partner	Scenario 2			Scenario 3		
				Maint'd at full scale	Maint'd at reduced scale	Put on hold	Maint'd at full scale	Maint'd at reduced scale	Put on hold



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Business Continuity & Response

Response Strategy

- Support national preparedness and response
- Agencies to identify interventions as per their mandates
- Plan according to the three scenarios:
 - Preventive measures
 - Preparedness
 - Pandemic response (focus on vulnerable groups)



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Response planning template

Type of Activity	Sector	Expected Results	National partner(s) (indicate implementing partner (IP))			Scenario Type			Resource Implications
			Gov't	NGO	UN and donors	1	2	3	



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Challenges!




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**SENSE OF URGENCY
PRIORITY SETTING**



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Coordination with other (non-UN) Partners



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**Keep the plan
alive!**



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**From Planning...
To Action!**



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IT PAYS TO BE READY.



Ready



Almost Ready

When disaster strikes, it is often too late to complete preparations – especially in the case of a severe influenza pandemic, which could quickly paralyse key sectors such as energy and transport, threaten the rule of law, and result in significant mortality.

While some good progress has already been made, more work is needed before the world is truly ready to face the next pandemic. Indeed, while most countries and organisations have created multi-sector contingency plans, many of them have not been fully operationalised...



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Thank You!

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