

Thai Model for Pandemic Preparedness for Migrant Population

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Background



- **IOM-MOPH Migrant Health Program (MHP) launched in 2003 for migrant health system development**
- **Focus on inclusion of migrants to primary health care system**
- **Bird flu added to MHP in 2005**
- **Evolved to pandemic preparedness in 2008**



Background



- **AHI outbreak in Thailand since early 2000s**
- **Nat'l strategic plan (NSP) aims to have contingency plans & conduct simulation exercises at all levels.**
- **Pandemic preparedness (PP) is a new concept to communities, particularly those outside of health arena.**
- **Need also bottom-up approach.**



Why Migrants?



- **AHI case not yet found in migrants.**
- **But they are vulnerable;**
 - **low level of health knowledge & awareness**
 - **poor personal hygiene & living sanitation**
 - **limited access to health & social services**
 - **tradition in raising backyard livestock**
 - **some work in farms & slaughterhouses**
 - **not yet integrated into the NSP**
- **AHI & pandemic response may not be effective w/o strategy to work with non-health sectors & vulnerable groups, e.g. mobile & migrant populations.**



Why Migrants?



- **>2.5M irregular migrants**
- **~80% unregistered**
- **Migrants can contribute to control/spread of pandemic; human & animal mobility.**



Goal & Objectives



Goal → To support the NSP and ensure that it includes also migrants.

Objectives:

- 1. To raise community awareness on AHI & PP**
- 2. To promote access to PH services among migrants**
- 3. To encourage multi-sectoral collaboration incld. migrants in contributing to personal & PH**
- 4. To advocate for inclusion of migrants to the NSP**



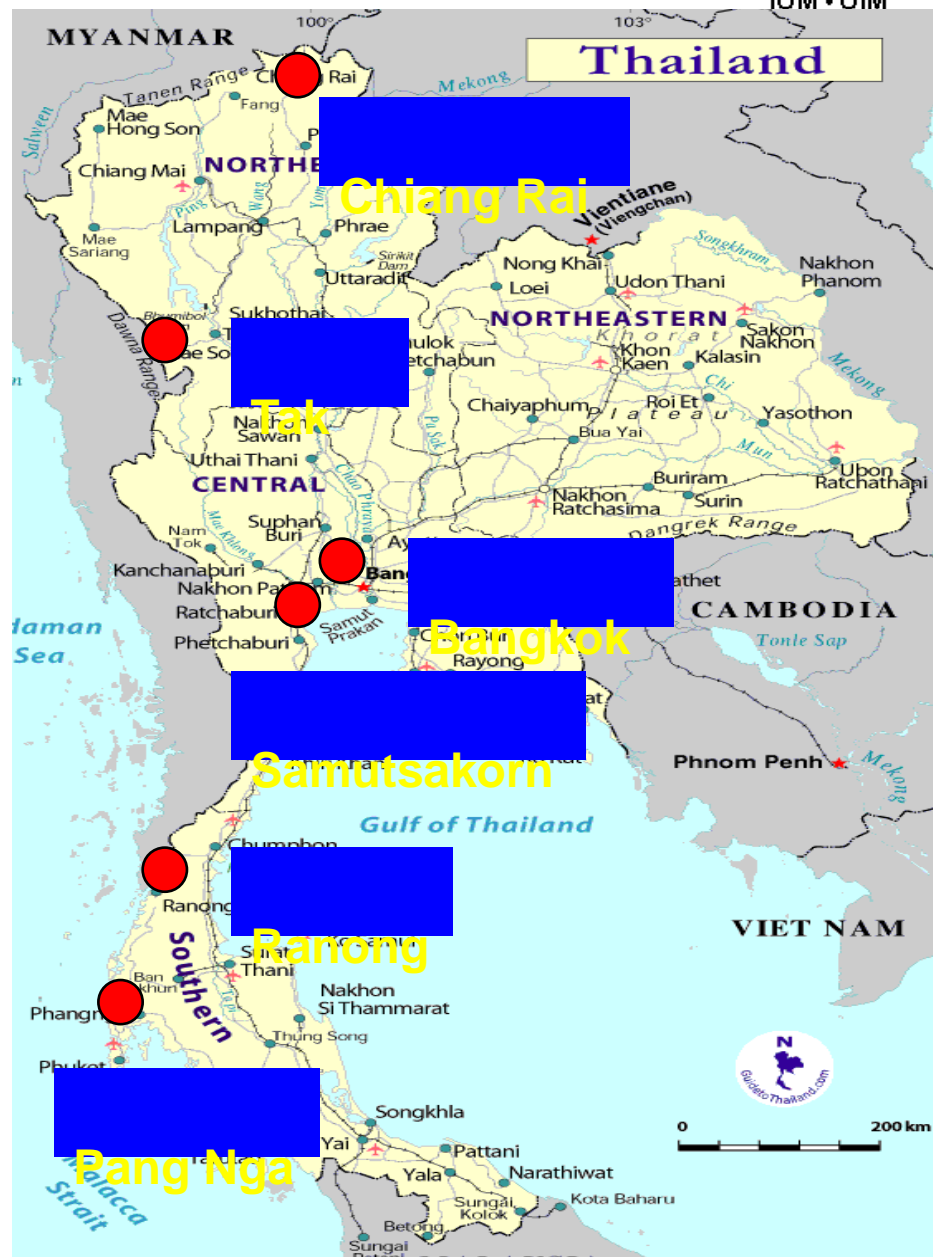
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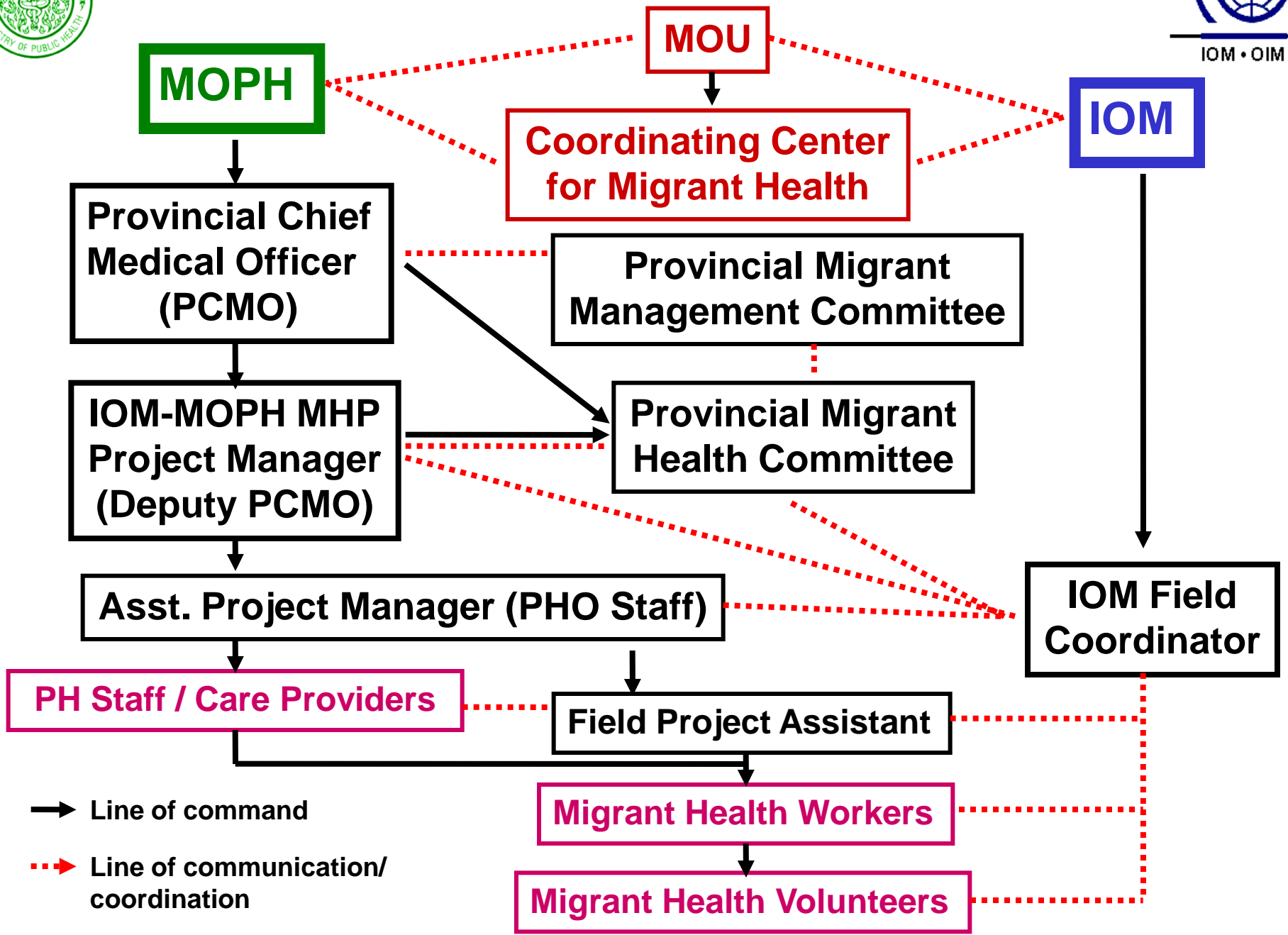
- **Migrant-populated communities in 5 key provinces:**

- Chiang Rai
- Tak
- Samutsakorn
- Ranong
- Phang Nga





IOM-MOPH MHP Structure





What we have done?



Training for Migrant Health Workers & Migrant Health Volunteers



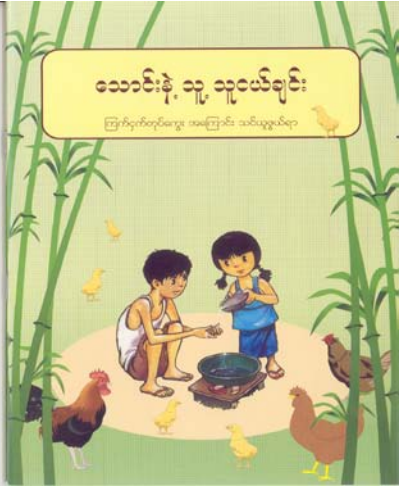


Livestock & KAP Survey





Awareness Raising



Multi-sectoral Collaboration for PP: A pilot in Chiang Rai Province

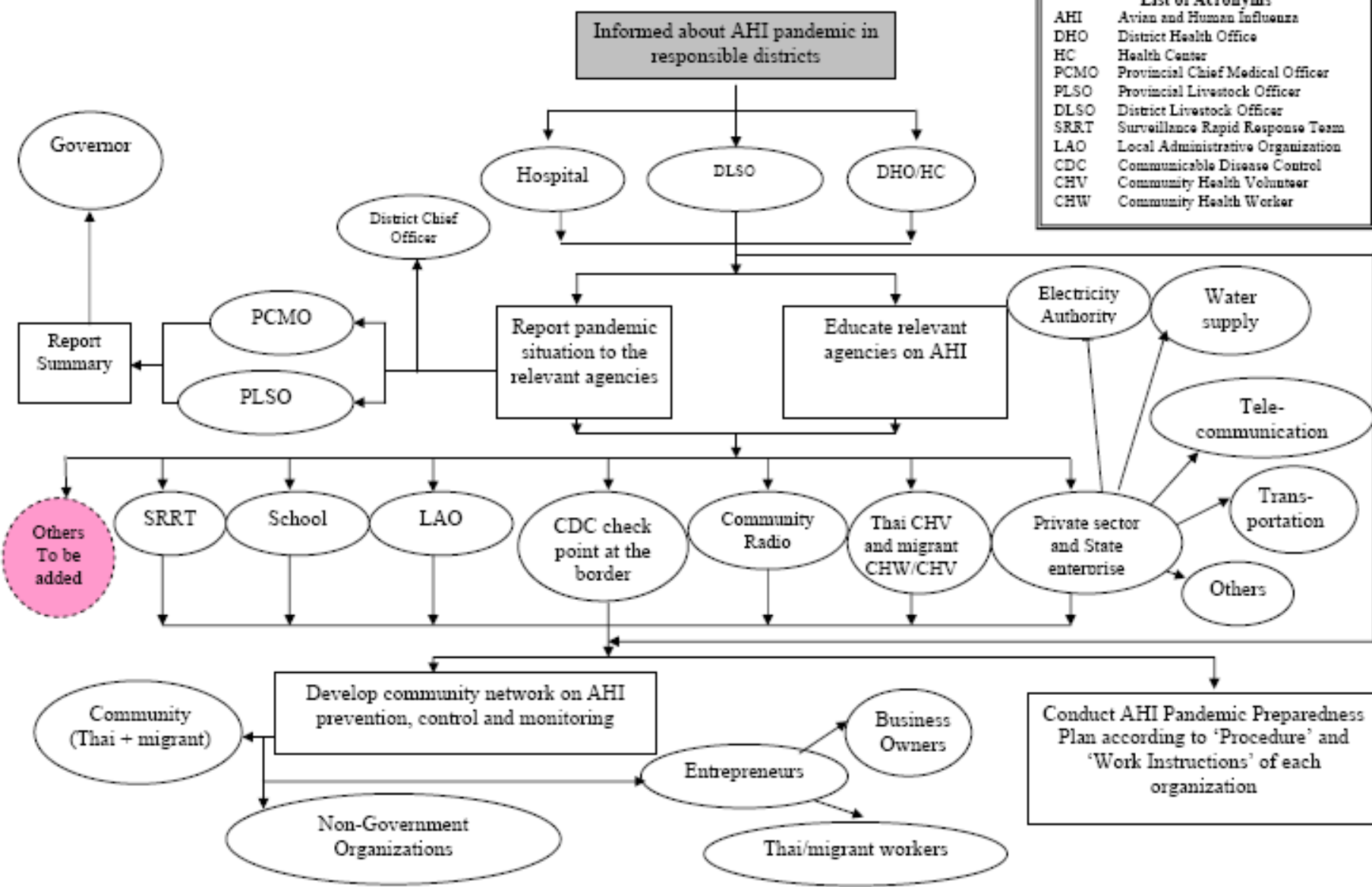
- > 100 participants
- Representing >50 government/private and health/non-health sectors, and migrants



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Networks of AHI Pandemic Preparedness Plan

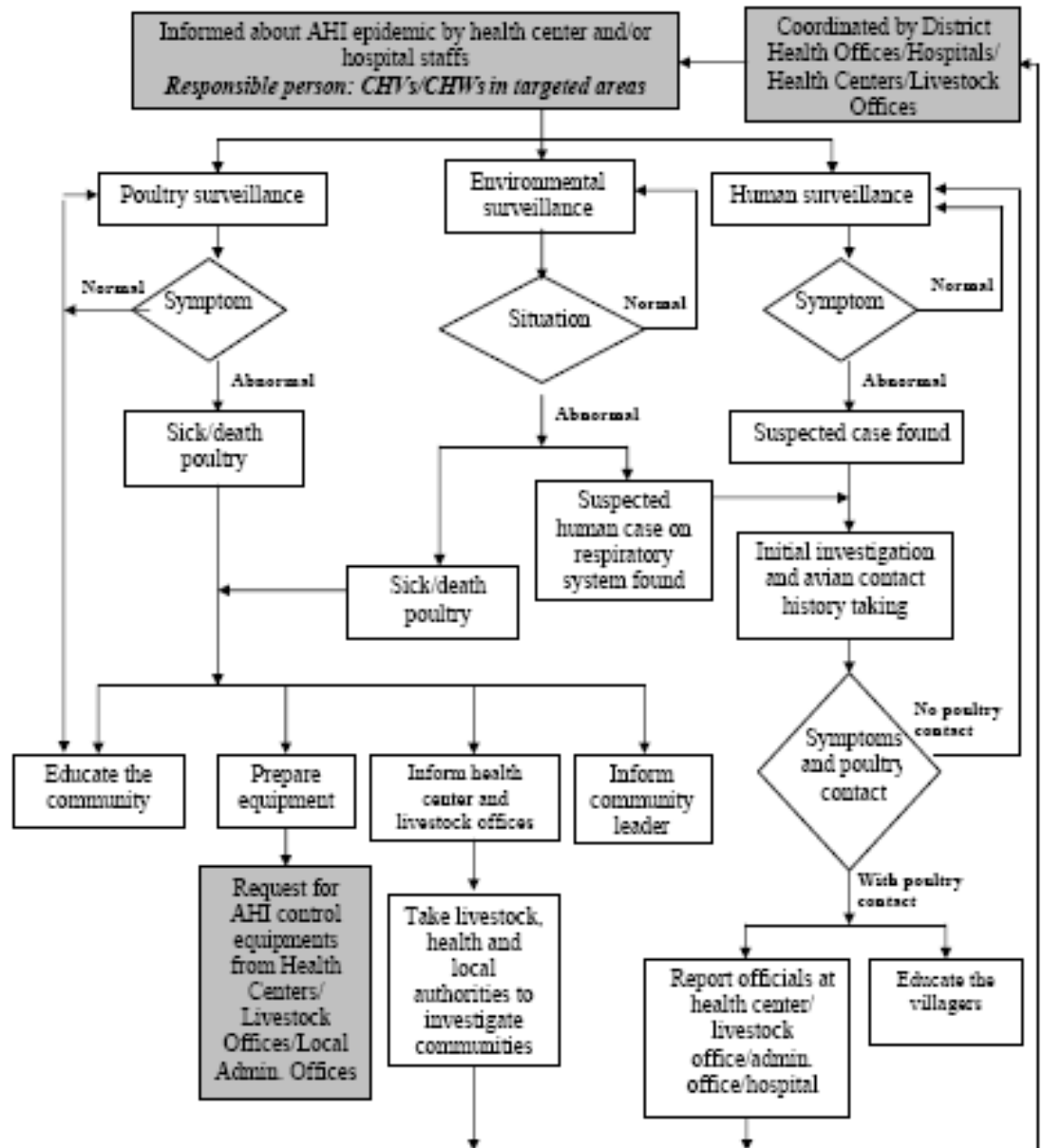
List of Acronyms	
AHI	Avian and Human Influenza
DHO	District Health Office
HC	Health Center
PCMO	Provincial Chief Medical Officer
PLSO	Provincial Livestock Officer
DLSO	District Livestock Officer
SRRT	Surveillance Rapid Response Team
LAO	Local Administrative Organization
CDC	Communicable Disease Control
CHV	Community Health Volunteer
CHW	Community Health Worker



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Preparedness Plan for AHI Pandemic

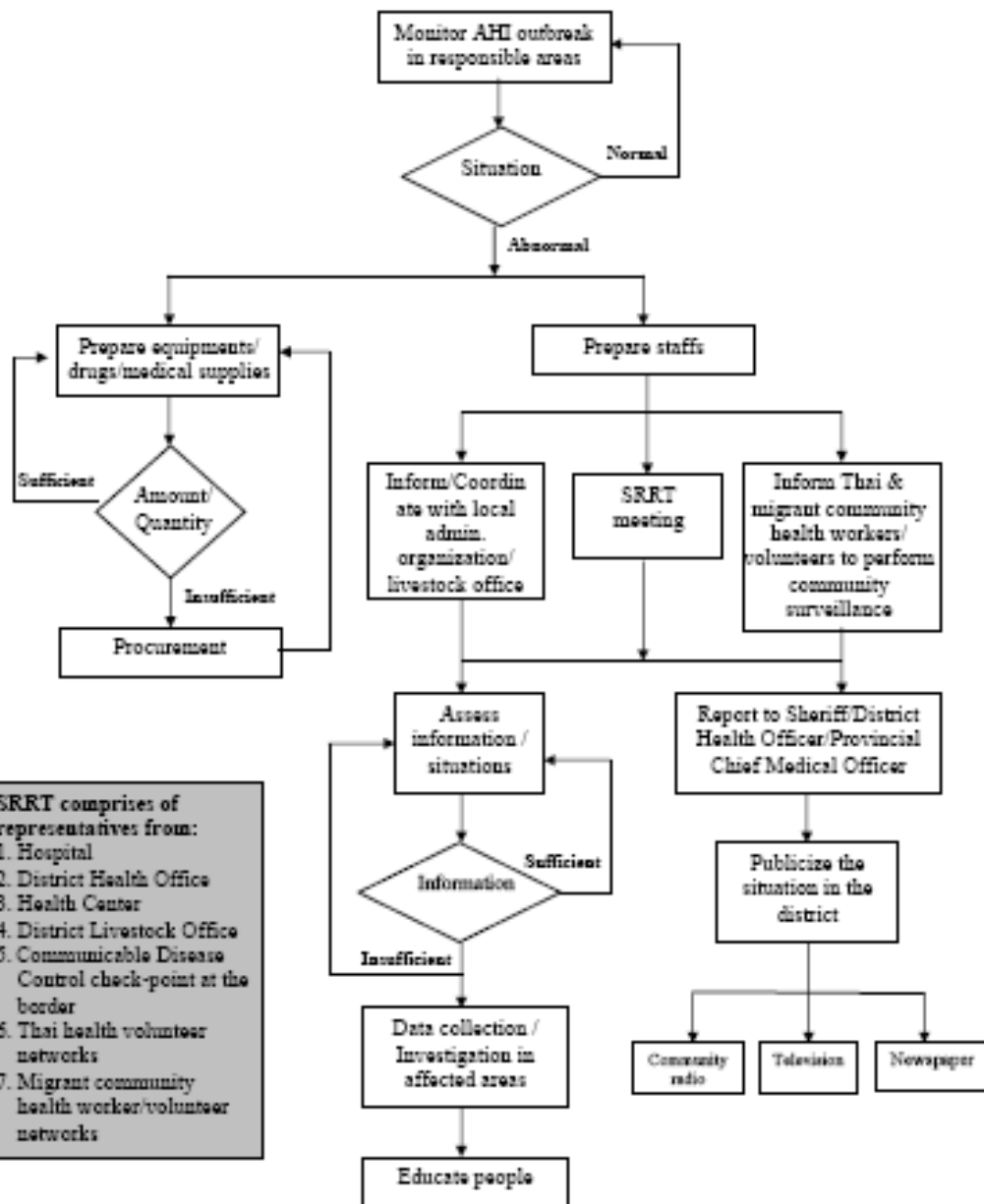
Agency : Migrant Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) and Community Health Workers (CHWs) in
Muang, Chiang San, Mae Sai and Mae Fah Luang Districts of Chiang Rai Province
Date : February 15, 2008

**Migrant's
roles in
community
AHI
monitoring**



Agency : Surveillance and Rapid Response Team (SRRT) of Muang, Mae Sai, Chiang San and Mae Fah Luang District Health Office (DHO) of Chiang Rai province
 Date : February 15, 2008

Migrant's roles in AHI outbreak investigation and control



SRRT comprises of representatives from:

1. Hospital
2. District Health Office
3. Health Center
4. District Livestock Office
5. Communicable Disease Control check-point at the border
6. Thai health volunteer networks
7. Migrant community health worker/volunteer networks



Key Achievements



- **Some 120,000 reached through one-one/group discussions, community campaign**
- **Local networks developed & strengthened.**
- **Awareness on PP and involvement of migrants raised among authorities.**
- **“Chiang Rai Model” developed through workshops & simulation exercises**
- **Workshops for BCP development conducted.**



Key Lessons



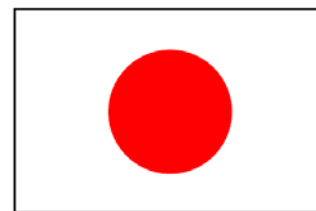
- **Leadership from relevant authorities is a must.**
- **Need to improve understanding on the pandemic & BCP in all sectors.**
- **Simulation is an effective advocacy tool.**
- **Migrants are very capable → when appropriate supports are provided.**



Next Steps

- **Continue awareness raising activities.**
- **Further develop the “Chiang Rai Model”**
 - **Technical support for BCP development**
- **Replication of “Chiang Rai Model” to other provinces.**
- **Advocate for inclusion of migrants to the next NSP.**

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