

# **Influenza Pandemic Preparedness in Thailand: Cooperation between Public and Private Sectors**

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# Overview

- Rationale
- What have been done?
- What is future plan?

# Potential impacts of influenza pandemic

- Large number of absenteeism (Illness/ deaths/ care/ anxiety both employee/ their family members and others )
- Disruption of infrastructure (water-supply, electricity, transportation, medical services)
- Disruption of network

# Potential concerns on a business

- How will a business run with many staffs away?
- How will school closures affect the staffs?
- What if the demand has changed?
- How to communicate with staffs, suppliers and others?
- How to work with employees, other business, and government during a pandemic?

# How to minimise these challenges?

## Business Continuity Plan

- Prepare for staffs working at home
- Advance contract with suppliers
- Alternative outsourcing
- Designate more than one supply chain
- Alternative channels to communicate with staffs during pandemic
- Allocate resources to protect staffs and etc .

# The first step (I)

## Guideline on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness for private sectors

- Preparedness among public health sectors
- Preparedness among private sectors: plan for
  - Impact on business
  - Impact on employees and customers
  - SOP during the pandemic
  - Resource allocation for employees and customers
  - Communication with employee
  - Collaborations with other sectors and contributing to community
- Preparedness plan checklist for large and small/medium enterprises
  - Disease prevention and control checklist
  - Business continuity Checklist



# The first step (II)

- Training for the facilitators:
  - Banks, food industries
  - Infrastructure: electricity, water-supply, fuel
  - Education sectors
  - International organisation
- 2 workshops in April and June 2007

# The national strategic plan for prevention and control of AI and Influenza Pandemic Preparedness (2008-2010)

4 strategies are:

1. Systematisation of poultry husbandry
2. Disease surveillance, prevention and control in animals and humans
3. Preparedness for influenza pandemic
4. Collaboration among public, private and international sectors





# Collaboration among public, private and international sectors

- To develop collaboration with private sectors:
  - Information sharing
  - Resource mobilisation
  - Business continuity plan

# Lessons learned

- Need more information to initiate the development of BCP among private sectors
- Need more participation from private sectors
- Need to raise concern on pandemic preparedness among private sectors

# Future plan

- Organize workshops for private sectors to develop their BCP
- Develop self-driven mechanism for cooperation, training and information sharing between public and private sectors
- Improve guideline, SOP and policy development

**Thank you**



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