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## Preface

This report, Thailand Health Profile 2001-2004, is the fourth one ever published by the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand under the concept of Thai people's health being linked to all dimensions of the individuals, environment, and health services system. Therefore, to improve Thai people's health so that they all are healthy and have a long life, all such dimensions will have to be taken into account. During the time of preparation of this report, Thailand has implemented through half of its National Health Development Plan under the 9th National Economic and Social Development Plan (2002-2006). In order to make this report useful for drawing up policies and strategies for Health Development in the 10th National Economic and Social Development Plan on a timely basis, the data compiled include those for another two years in the following 13 chapters:

- Chapter 1 : Chakri Dynasty and Thai Public Health
- Chapter 2 : Thailand Country Profile
- Chapter 3 : National Health Development Plan under the 9th National Economic and Social Development Plan (2002-2006)
- Chapter 4 : Situations and Trends of Health Determinants
- Chapter 5 : Health Status and Health Problems of Thai People
- Chapter 6 : Health Service Systems in Thailand
- Chapter 7 : Administrative System of the Ministry of Public Health
- Chapter 8 : Major Public Health Programmes and Activities Implemented in Thailand
- Chapter 9 : Economic Dynamics and Health Implications
- Chapter 10: Health Systems and International Trade
- Chapter 11: Health Systems Reform and Decentralization
- Chapter 12: Civil Society and Health Development
- Chapter 13: International Health Development

The Ministry of Public Health hopes that this report would serve as a reference in enhancing the knowledge and understanding of all dimensions related to health, and lead to the promotion of partnerships for sustainable health development in the future.

## Acronyms

AEM	Asian Epidemic Model
AFP	Acute Flaccid Paralysis
AIDs	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ANC	Ante-Natal Care
ARV	Antiretrovinal
BCG	Vaccine against Tuberculosis
BMA	Bangkok Metropolitan Administration
BMN	Basic Minimum Needs
CBR	Community-based Rehabilitation
CEO	Chief Executive Office
CMR	Child Mortality Rate
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CRI	Chulabhorn Research Institute
CSWs	Commercial Sex Workers
CUP	Contracted Unit of Primary Care
DALYs	Disability Adjusted Life Years
DHF	Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever
DoH	Department of Health
DPT	Vaccine against Diptheria, Pertussis and Tetanus
ECT	Election Commission of Thailand
EPI	Expanded Programme on Immunization
EQ	Emotional Quotient
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FY	Fiscal Year
GDP	Gross National Product
GFATM	Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria
GMO	Genetically Modified Organisms
GMS	Greater Mekong Subregion
GPO	Government Pharmaceutical Organization
HB	Hepatitis B
HEC	Office of the Higher Education Commission
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HSRI	Health System Research Institute

## Acronyms

IDu	Ingesting Drug Users
IFCS	Inter Governmental Forum on Chemical Safety
IMR	Infant Mortality Rate
KIB	Kunming Institute of Botany
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
MBDS	Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance
MDT	Multiple Drug Therapeutic(for leprosy)
MoPH	Ministry of Public Health
MTCT	Mother-to-Child HIV Transmission
n.a.	Not Available
NCCC	National Counter-Corruption Commission
NESDB	National Economic and Social Development Board
NHF	National Health Foundation
NHSO	Nation Health Security Office
NSO	National Statistical Office
OPV	Oral Polio Vaccine
ORT	Oral Rehydration Therapy
PCMO	Provincial Chief Medical Officer
PCU	Primary Care Unit
PHC	Primary Health Care
PMC	Primary Medical Care
PPHO	Provincial Public Health Office
SMC	Secondary Medical Care
STIs	Sexually Transmitted Infections
TDRI	Thailand Development Research Institute
TFR	Thai Research Fund
TMC	Tertiary Medical Care
TT	Tetanus Toxoid
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
VHCs	Village Health Communicators
VHVs	Village Health Volunteers
WHA	World Health Assembly
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization

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