



## CONCERNED MINISTRIES STRIVE FOR LAB AND AMR STRENGTHENING DETECT 1 [NATIONAL LABORATORY SYSTEM] 2<sup>nd</sup> WORKSHOP 8-10 FEBRUARY 2017, NONTHABURI, THAILAND

The Ministry of Public Health's Department of Medical Sciences, and the Ministry of Agriculture's Department of Livestock Development, in collaboration with USAID and FAO, jointly hosted a three-day regional workshop entitled GHSA Detect 1 [National Laboratory System] on 8-10 February 2017 at Richmond Hotel, Nonthaburi, Thailand. Taking **"Enhancing Joint Collaborative Efforts for Lab Preparedness"** as its theme the workshop was attended by delegations representing over 100 animal health laboratories and human health laboratories from the USA, Thailand and South Africa, the leading countries of GHSA Detect 1. Other representations included ASEAN Member States, the South East Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, Timor Leste, and various experts and key development partners.

Key take-away from the event included:

- encouraging countries to utilise the Strategic Roadmap on Laboratory System Strengthening [2012-2020];
- requesting continued support to harmonise lab assessment tools, capacity building of selected zoonotic diseases, and leveraging a platform to enhance GHSA AP linkages with a One Health Approach;
- enhancing lab networking;
- requesting countries' commitments/contributions to achieve common GHSA goals; and
- identifying possible collaborative regional activities of animal health and human health lab.

GHSA aims to enhance and complement implementation of International Health Regulations 2005 through 11 Action Packages.

Thailand was selected to take the leadership role in two Actions Packages: **"Detect 1: National Laboratory System"** and **"Detect 5: Workforce Development"**.

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