EcoHealth/OneHealth Resource Centre (EHRC)

Institutionalizing the One Health Approach at Chiang Mai University (CMU)

Description

Chiang Mai University's (CMU) EcoHealth/OneHealth Resource Centre (EHRC) is in development. The center's initial priority activities include synthesizing the state of knowledge on EcoHealth (EH), conducting workshops on research methods for EH, investigating funding, producing a newsletter on EH, launching new research, developing training material on EH to encourage students to put an EH perspective on their work, developing case studies on EH in Thailand, developing a constitution for the EHRC, and developing curricula and other training materials on EH for extension workers.

Purpose

Institutionalize the EcoHealth approach within CMU's EHRC to bring together health, social, economic, and ecological expertise to support efforts aiming to achieve sustainable improvements in health, wellbeing, and social equity through research, capacity building, and communication. Develop links with other holistic health initiatives and approaches.

Scope

Regional – Southeast Asia

Primary Funders

The International Livestock Research Institute's (ILRI) Ecohealth Approach to the Prevention and Control of Zoonotic Emerging Infectious Diseases in Southeast Asia (EcoZD) project, which is currently supported by the International Development Research Center (IDRC).

Participants & Key Collaborators

Chiang Mai University faculty members in veterinary medicine, medical sciences, social sciences, economics, and mass communication, ILRI, IDRC.

Definition of One Health

None

Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy

No formal monitoring or evaluation strategy in place, but Outcome Mapping will be applied as a monitoring and evaluation tool for this and other components of the ILRI-EcoZD project. Participants hope to develop a 5-year plan for the program in 2012.

Sources of Information

Interview with Dr. Lertrak Srikitjakarn

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