



# MEKONG-U.S. PARTNERSHIP AT WORK

October - December 2023



## KEY EVENTS

### October:

- Mekong One Health Innovation Program (MOHIP) Webinar on *Soil Health, Animal Health, and Human Health Nexus*
- MOHIP funds three research projects - one each in Lao PDR, Thailand, and Vietnam
- MOHIP Virtual Data Science Course
- *WE Inspire* Business Skills Training in Thailand
- *WE Inspire* Third Awareness Session in Cambodia

### November:

- MOHIP Webinar #10: *Antimicrobial Use and Resistance in Humans and Animals: A Case of Lao PDR*
- Preparation for Regional One Health Symposium in Lao PDR begins
- *WE Inspire* Technical Skills Training in Thailand

### December:

- Application period opens for MOHIP short course on *“Health Security, One Health and Zoonoses”*
- MOHIP One Health Promotion Program
- *WE Inspire* Women’s Rights and Confidence Building Workshop in Thailand

## MEKONG ONE HEALTH INNOVATION PROGRAM

This fall, Michigan State University (MSU) organized a MOHIP webinar on *Soil Health, Animal Health, and Human Health Nexus* to discuss the quality of healthy soils and linkages between soil mineral content and plants, animals, and human health. MOHIP funded three research projects - one each in Lao PDR, Thailand, and Vietnam.

## MOHIP FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS



One Health approach to surveillance and control of relationships between animal brucellosis and human health and environmental factors in Lao PDR.



Examining potential health risks among the hill tribe and stateless people living in border areas of Thailand-Myanmar-Lao PDR from animal and environmental exposures.



Surveillance of antibiotic contamination and resistance, and coliform bacteria in the Mekong River Basin environment of Thailand and Vietnam from the One Health perspective.

## MUSP ALUMNI LEADERS ATTEND REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM



Arizona State University (ASU) and Michigan State University (MSU) alumni at ASEAN Health Futures Alumni Symposium in Bangkok October 2023.

Alumni from the Young Scientist Program, implemented by Arizona State University (ASU) from 2018 to 2022, participated in the *ASEAN Health Futures Alumni Symposium*, in Bangkok October 23 – 27, 2023. Arizona State spoke about upcoming grant funding opportunities from USG experts to maximize potential continuity in program participation. Michigan State University (MSU) - the current implementer of the MUSP One Health Program - led a session on grant writing, tailored for those in the health field. ASU and MSU participation provided cross-cutting networking opportunities in the ASEAN region and Mekong sub-region, creating opportunities for synergies between health programming, water security, and food security.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### January

18 | MOHIP Webinar #11: *Innovations and Low-Cost Technologies for One Health Monitoring and Surveillance*

19 | *WE Inspire* Country Program Kick-Off Meeting in Vietnam

20 | *WE Inspire* Business Incubator Program in Thailand

22-26 | Mekong-Mississippi Sister Rivers Exchange in Thailand and Vietnam

22-26 | JUMPP Study Tour on *Enhancement of Control Center Best Practices, Technical Standards, and Operational Procedures for Variable Renewable Energy*

23-26 | JUMPP System Operator Training in Hanoi

25 | Stimson Center *Where’s the Water: Mekong Dry Season 2024*

### February

13 | Stimson Center *Mekong Water Data Hour*

26 | MOHIP Short Course on *“Health Security, One Health and Zoonoses”*

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