

Online Appendix 2:

Interview Guide NCD Managers

Date: _____

Time: _____

Interviewee: _____

Current Affiliation: _____

Since: _____

Previous affiliation(s): _____

Dates: _____

Date of establishment of NCD unit:

NCD unit position in MOH:

No. of people working for NCD unit:

Range of annual budget:

Introduction

We are curious to learn about current experiences and challenges with regards to the prevention, control and treatment of NCDs from a government perspective. As you may know, these interviews will feed into a piece that will be presented at the Prince Mahidol Conference. We are interviewing other NCD managers too. Your input to the project will be anonymized as much as possible, and the interview will last about thirty minutes.

1. How do NCDs rank within the health priorities of your country?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

- a. Are NCDs integrated into these priorities? Are NCDs connected to these priorities? If so, how?
- b. Some infectious diseases have a clear link (TB-COPD/cervical cancer/integration? Disease by disease subtlety).

2. How does the NCD unit engage with stakeholders concerned about NCDs?
 - a. What does a typical interaction with these stakeholders look like?
 - b. Within these discussions, what authority does the NCD unit have?

3. Has prioritization of NCDs changed over time in your country? If yes, do you believe the NCD unit has contributed to this?
 - a. What concrete examples could you provide?
 - b. When was the unit established?

Prioritization defined as:

- MM, QoL, BoD
- Policy/Advocacy
- Clear MoH mandates

Changed over time because of:

- International mandates
- Demo/Epi transitions
- Lobbies
- Advocacy/Patient Education
- Changes in health system
- Cultural changes

4. Could you give me an example of the type of work or programmes the NCD unit does?

- Buying/Selling
- Planning/Stewarding
- Implementation
- Research

5. What type of programmes have been most successful? Why?

a. Which factors contributed to this success? Could you rank these?

6. What type of programmes have not been as successful?
- a. Which factors contributed to this? Could you rank these?
7. How has the NCD unit engaged with/supported the implementation of Best Buy recommendations?
8. Is the NCD unit able to control or manage major influence on NCD risk factors?
- Environmental regulation
 - Behaviour interventions/sanctions
 - Urban planning
 - Drug regulation/distribution

