

BETTER HEALTH PROGRAMME VIET NAM

BETTER HEALTH PROGRAMME BRIEF OVERVIEW

The Global Better Health Programme (BHP), part of the wider Prosperity Fund led by the UK government's Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO), collaborates on health systems strengthening (HSS) with eight partner countries: Vietnam, Thailand, Myanmar, the Philippines, Malaysia, Brazil, Mexico, and South Africa. The BHP funds and mobilises technical collaboration from world-leading experts from the UK (including the National Health Service, NHS) and other international organisations, aimed at improving health and related inclusive economic growth outcomes by increasing equitable access to safe and quality care, and tackling the burden of non-communicable disease.

The primary objective of the BHP in Vietnam is to support HSS, including:

- Tackling the growing burden of non-communicable diseases through improving workforce capacity
- Supporting institutional development that can drive long-term and sustainable improvements in quality and safety of care, by systemic strengthening of processes, governance and regulation
- Harnessing the potential of digital innovation to strengthen equitable access to safe and quality care
- Fostering a global of community of practice to share learning and strengthen institutional links with other international partners.

In Vietnam, BHP is delivered by FHI 360 with support from PwC (the Delivery Partner).

Workstream		Activities	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
NCD Strategies	Cause of Death	Improve Commune Health Station capacity for cause of death certification	[Bar chart: Year 1]		
		Improve death registration collaboration across ministries	[Bar chart: Year 2]		
	Surveillance	Improve surveillance capacity of preventive Medicine Institute system	[Bar chart: Year 1]		
		Improve NCD data collection and use at primary health care level	[Bar chart: Year 2]		
Education & Training	Specialty Education	Develop standardized procedure of specialty curriculum development	[Bar chart: Year 1]		
		Pilot the standard process by applying it to develop two specialty training curricula	[Bar chart: Year 2]		
	Specialty Management	Build a database on specialty education	[Bar chart: Year 1]		
		Develop software requirement specification for commune health	[Bar chart: Year 2]		
Digital Health	Support Smart Health	Review for Smart Health	[Bar chart: Year 1]		
	Improve Digital Health ecosystem	Introduce Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine	[Bar chart: Year 1]		
		Test Application of HL7 FHIR for data system interoperability	[Bar chart: Year 1]		

BHP VIET NAM OBJECTIVES

NCD Strategies

Improve Cause of Death (CoD) reporting and accuracy with a focus on non-communicable diseases (NCDs)

Provide technical assistance to improve the classification and reporting of causes of death at the community level - including disaggregation by relevant identity factors to understand differences based on gender, ethnicity, location etc. - to provide more understanding of NCD morbidity and mortality changes over time. This source of data will supplement other NCD data sources to be integrated into national NCD data as part of the national health information system.

Strengthen the capacity of primary health care and preventive medicine system for NCD management

Support the General Department for Preventive Medicine (GDPM) to strengthen NCD surveillance capacity at the preventive medicine institute level and primary health care level so that they are able to analyse the NCD situation at different locations; identify and monitor NCD risk factors (including the different gendered nature of NCD risk factors) and ensure the quality of data collection and use (including the disaggregation of collected data).

Education & Training

Improve specialty medical education standardisation

Provide technical assistance to the Administration of Science, Technology and Training (ASTT), the Ministry of Health (MoH) and medical universities to standardise medical specialty education. Focusing on family medicine and internal medicine, BHP consultants will support the MoH to standardise processes; develop professional core competencies required for specialists; and support piloting the standardised processes in practice. BHP also aims to improve the capacity of the MoH to continue standardising and managing specialty education in the future.

Strengthen the capacity of ASTT in specialty medical education management

Provide technical assistance to build and consolidate the digital information system on medical specialty education supply and demand to ensure better planning and management of specialty education in Viet Nam. Provide training to strengthen the capacity of relevant training and management entities for specialty education management.

Digital Health

Support Smart Health development

To align with the Government's strategic priority of Smart Health development, BHP will support the Electronic Health Administration (EHA) to conduct a scoping study to apply advanced technologies in Smart Health and to inform and support the development the master plan for Smart Health Strategies in Viet Nam.

Improve the digital health ecosystem

BHP will also support the EHA to build the digital health ecosystem by providing technical assistance to facilitate the application of international standards for healthcare data exchange - Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (HL7 FHIR), and the integration of the Systematised Nomenclature of Medicine - Clinical Terms (SNOMED CT) for better digitalised clinical information and interoperability.



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