

Teleconference on Evaluation of Milk Fluoridation Programme in Thailand on 20 December 2018 at 16.00-17.00 hrs. at WHO Thailand

Participants:

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Key issues discussed:

- The systematic national evaluation by external evaluators is recommended to assess the effectiveness and safety of the milk fluoridation programme in Thailand.
- Research advisory group should be established. This group comprise of WHO Geneva, WHO Collaborating Center in Thailand, experts from WHO suggestion (from foreign universities)
- Experts from key stakeholders of milk fluoridation in Thailand, from dental health and non-dental health areas, including academics and WHO as neutral and technical parties should be engaged throughout the evaluation process, from finalization of evaluation methodology through endorsement of results.
- The Department of Health will be administrator and facilitate the evaluation of milk fluoridation programme in Thailand
- The Borrow Foundation will support funds for the national evaluation of milk fluoridation programme in Thailand with no technical influence.

Research advisory group

1. WHO Geneva (Dr.Benoit Varenne)
2. WHO Collaborating Center for Oral Health Education and Research :Mahidol University, Thailand (Professor Waranun Buajeeb)
3. Dr.Viroj Tangcharoensathien
: Senior advisor, International Health Policy Program, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand

Working group

1. Professor Lorna Macpherson
: Professor of Dental Public Health (Dental school) and Director of Dental Research, University of Glasgow.
: Expertise on methodology of the evaluation on dental public health programme
2. Dr. Alex McMahan
: University of Glasgow
: Expertise on statistical analysis
3. Professor Vida Zohoori
: Nutritionist, School of Health and Social Care, Teesside University
: Expertise on fluoride monitoring
4. Associate Professor Dr.Chaniphun Butryee
: Institute of Nutrition, Mahidol University
5. Representative expert from Food and Drug Administration
6. Representative expert from Mahidol University
7. Representative expert from Department of Health