

MIGRANT HEALTH CARE IN [MYANMAR]

Session 4

CURRENT MIGRATION SITUATION TO AND FROM COUNTRY

- 5 millions cross-border migrants in the *GMS*
- At least 3 million migrants live overseas
- 58% of migrants delay care-seeking (2016 study)
- Reasons for delay:
 - Socioeconomic & legal barriers to accessing health care
 - Transportation difficulties & out of pocket expenses
 - Lack of health literacy

CURRENTLY FACING CHALLENGES BY MIGRANTS

- Migrants in the GMS are a key high-risk group facing serious difficulties in accessing health care and with significantly poorer health outcomes
- The degree of difficulty in accessing care is related to the documentation status of the migrant
- Migrants, especially the undocumented, fear that attending clinics, or simply traveling to a health facility, may bring them to the attention of the authorities creating a risk of being deported.
- Opening hours may not match with their long working hours.
- Language barriers, stigma, prejudice, poverty and lack of health insurance.

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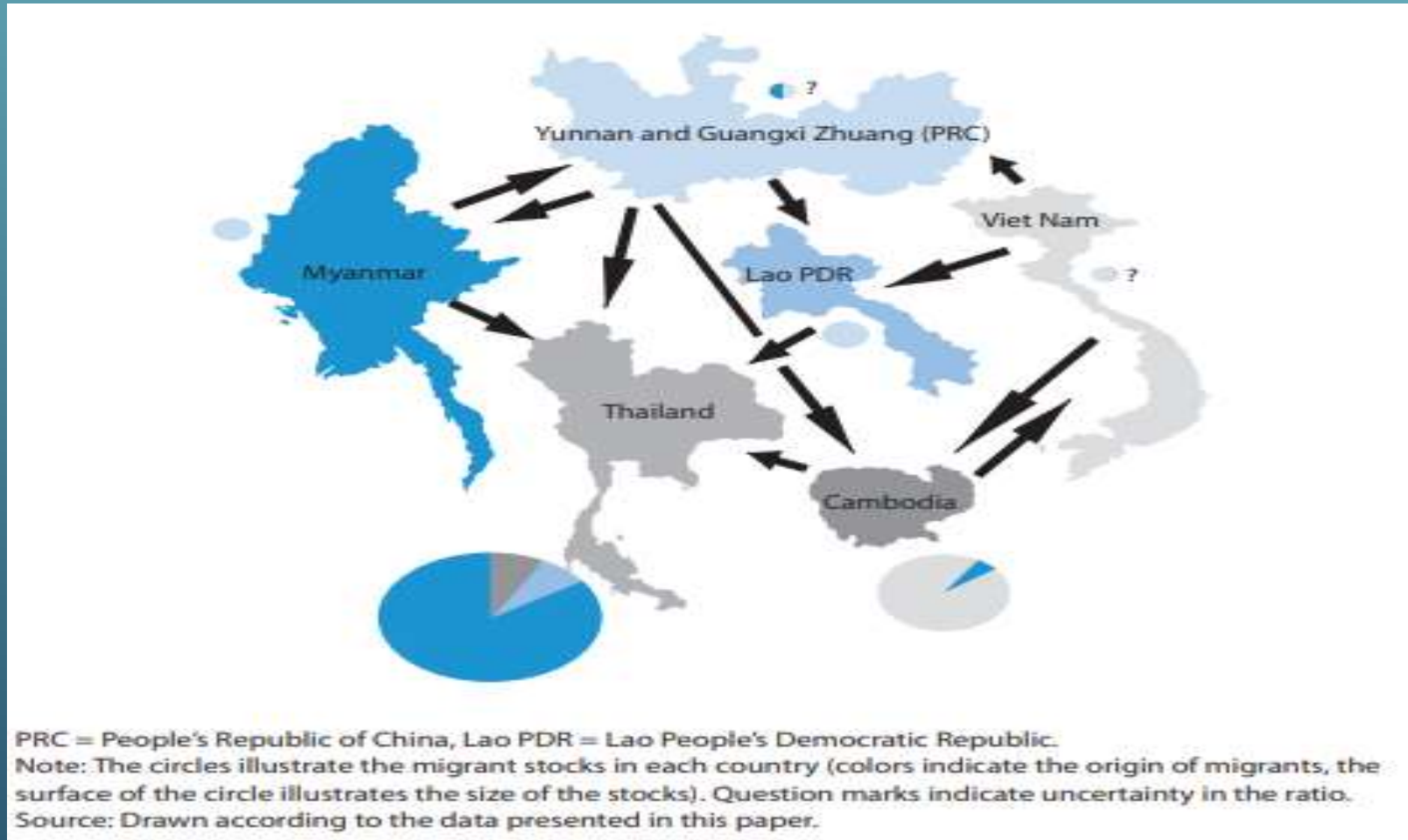
	International migrants residing in country (immigrants)	Nationals living abroad (emigrants)	Estimated total of international immigrants in country (unofficial)	Notes
Cambodia	76,329	1,064,840	150,000	
Lao PDR	45,466	1,313,365	250,000	*An additional estimated 20,000 Chinese workers will be working on a new railway construction project. These have not been included here
Thailand	<u>3,826,327</u>	902,928	5 million	
Myanmar	74,660	<u>4,250,000</u>	125,000 (estimate from IOM, 2010)	*Does not include 688,000 persons from Rakhine state who have crossed into Bangladesh since August 2017.
Viet Nam	76,104	2,727,398	88,000 (estimate from discussion with Vietnamese officials, March 2018)	
TOTAL	4,098,886	10,258,531	5,488,000	

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Country	Nationals living abroad (emigrants)	International Migrant residing in Myanmar
Thailand	3,313,702	12249 (form 2014-2017)
Malaysia	208,015	
Korea	39,056	
Singapore	14,338	
Japan	10,220	
UAE	1,313	
Kata	575	
Jordan	289	
HongKong	174	
Libya	111	
Lao PDR	62	
Kuwait	38	
USA	18	
Macao	17	
Brunei	12	
Cambodia	10	
France	8	
Germany	2	
Switzerland	1	
Total	3,587,961	

Source from Department of Labour (MOLIP)

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EXISTING MIGRANT HEALTH COVERAGE PROGRAMS

- Disease surveillance & ACD activities by Disease Control Mobile Teams in big twin cities at Myanmar-Thailand/China Cross-border (Muse-Shweli, Tachileik-Maesai, Myawaddy-Maesot, Dawei-Kanchanaburi, Kawthaung-Ranaung)
- Malaria- RAI, RAI2E (Regional Grants from GF)
- TB – Regional TB Grant from GF
- HIV – Regional Grant is upcoming
- CEU – ADB Health Security Loan Project in 12 townships (6 border townships & 6 capital townships)


EXISTING STRATEGIES TO COVER MIGRANT HEALTH,

- NHP (2017-2021), Existing National Strategic Plans (TB/HIV/Malaria), ADB Health Security Loan Project implementation
- Existing Strategies to cover migrant health
 1. Increase migrant sensitivity of health service provision
 2. Improve monitoring and evaluation of communicable diseases surveillance among migrants
 3. Develop policies aimed at improved communicable disease control in migrants within policy and legal frameworks
 4. Develop, set up, and maintain partnerships, networks and multi-country frameworks


INTERVENTIONS & ACTIVITIES TO COVER MIGRANT HEALTH,

- Collaborate with neighboring countries & partners (IOM, SMRU, ARC, CPI, EHO) to provide health services for migrant populations
- Capacity building for communicable disease screening, referral & treatment support by partners & their volunteers
- Establish a network of Basic Health Staff (BHS) & Voluntary Health Workers (VHW) for sample collection & referral for diagnostic and treatment services in migrant communities
- Expand the sites for regularly scheduled ACD using mobile clinics to migrant hot-spot areas
- Implement health literacy promotion providing standardized health key messages to migrant communities
- Develop mobile application/tool for supporting the transfer of migrant patients between care sites
- Strengthen recording and reporting system to capture migrant status
- Conduct IR/OR related to accessibility to health services & care seeking among cross-border migrant populations to understand the complexities and needs for services.
- Bilateral activities – with Thailand & China counterparts for cross-border health collaboration and coordination meetings, annually & biannually


LIST KEY DOCUMENTS AND POLICIES/STRATEGIES RELATED TO MIGRANT HEALTH

- NHP (2017-2021) & TB/HIV/Malaria NSP (2016-2020)
 - Migrant Health Policy-related documents of MOHS in the areas of planning, implementation, M & E
 - Migrant Health-related documents of IOM
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PLANS TO IMPROVE MIGRANT HEALTH ACCESS AND FINANCING

- Continue regional grants/loan project implementation, collaborating among GMS countries
 - Vision for migrants
 - strong policies to protect the health of migrants
 - more accessible to health care services with significantly better health outcomes
 - improve migrant health insurance
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WHICH AGENCIES SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN IMPROVEMENT OF MIGRANT HEALTH INSURANCE

- Parliamentarians
 - MOHS & Health-related Ministries (MOPF, MOHA, MOFA, Ministry of Labor & Immigration, Ministry of Social Welfare)
 - Donors (GF, 3MDG, GAVI)
 - Development Partners (USAID, World Bank, ADB)
 - WHO & UN Agencies
 - Discussed in MHSCC & working effectively together especially when implementing projects
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WHICH DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS CURRENTLY SUPPORT A) UHC B) MIGRANT HEALTH AND FINANCING

- GF supporting for regional grants (Malaria/TB)
 - GF, 3MDG, USAID, World Bank, ADB & Implementing Partners supporting UHC implementing EPHS
 - GF & ADB supporting migrant health & financing
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THANK YOU

