



## **COOPERATION PROGRAMME: Lao PDR**

### **TRAINING COURSE ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**

#### **Responsible institutions**

**Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research, WHO, UNFPA, Lao PDR Ministry of Health (Decree 256), University of Health Sciences, Vientiane**, in collaboration with four teaching hospitals (Mahosot, Sethathirath, Mother and Child, Mitaphab) and **National Institute of Public Health (NIOPH), National Center for Mother and Child Health (NCMCH), IFMT and WHO, UNFPA Vientiane.**

#### **International collaboration**

Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research and WHO, Switzerland.

#### **Aims and purpose**

- To strengthen to research skills of lecturers in OBGYN, public health officers who are working in the field of reproductive health including mother and child health.
- To increase the number of research for local and international publications.

#### **Objectives**

After completion of this course, the participants should be able to

- Disseminate the new knowledge in their institutions.
- Conduct research in reproductive health (prepare research proposal, data collection, data analysis, report writing).
- Write a project proposal in order to submit for a grant.

#### **Eligibility criteria for participants**

- Medical officer involved in research (Lecturer in OBGYN, Public health officers, Teaching midwives).
- Having English skills (at least intermediate level).
- Having basic computer skills.
- Working in the area of Reproductive Health including Mother and Child Health.

**Number of students per class:** 15-20 participants

**Date of the first pilot course:** September 2009

**Duration of course:** 7 weeks (4 weeks theoretical course and 3 weeks research proposal development supervised by Lao facilitators and GFMER advisors).

#### **Teaching facilities and resources**

- The theoretical course will be taught in the University of Health Sciences, Vientiane, Lao PDR.
- Practical session of biostatistics will be taught in the computer laboratory of the University of Health Sciences.
- Educational resources including references materials will be available in the main library of University of Health Sciences and library of Department of Postgraduate and Research.
- Lecturers: local lecturers and lecturers from Switzerland.