

South-South Cooperation for Safe Motherhood



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Thailand-UNFPA-Bhutan Trilateral Partnership: Model for Sustainability

Key challenges and lessons learned from this initiative

- Changing the mindset from training for individuals to institutions
- Collecting diversified thoughts and ideas
- Getting commitments from partners
- Contribution of resources
- Management of partnership
- Negotiation and discussion
- Need to measure effectiveness and efficiency

Comparative Advantage of Trilateral Partnership

- Ownership through active participation
- Relevancy to needs, demand and context
- Learning process for all
- Leverage relationship among partners

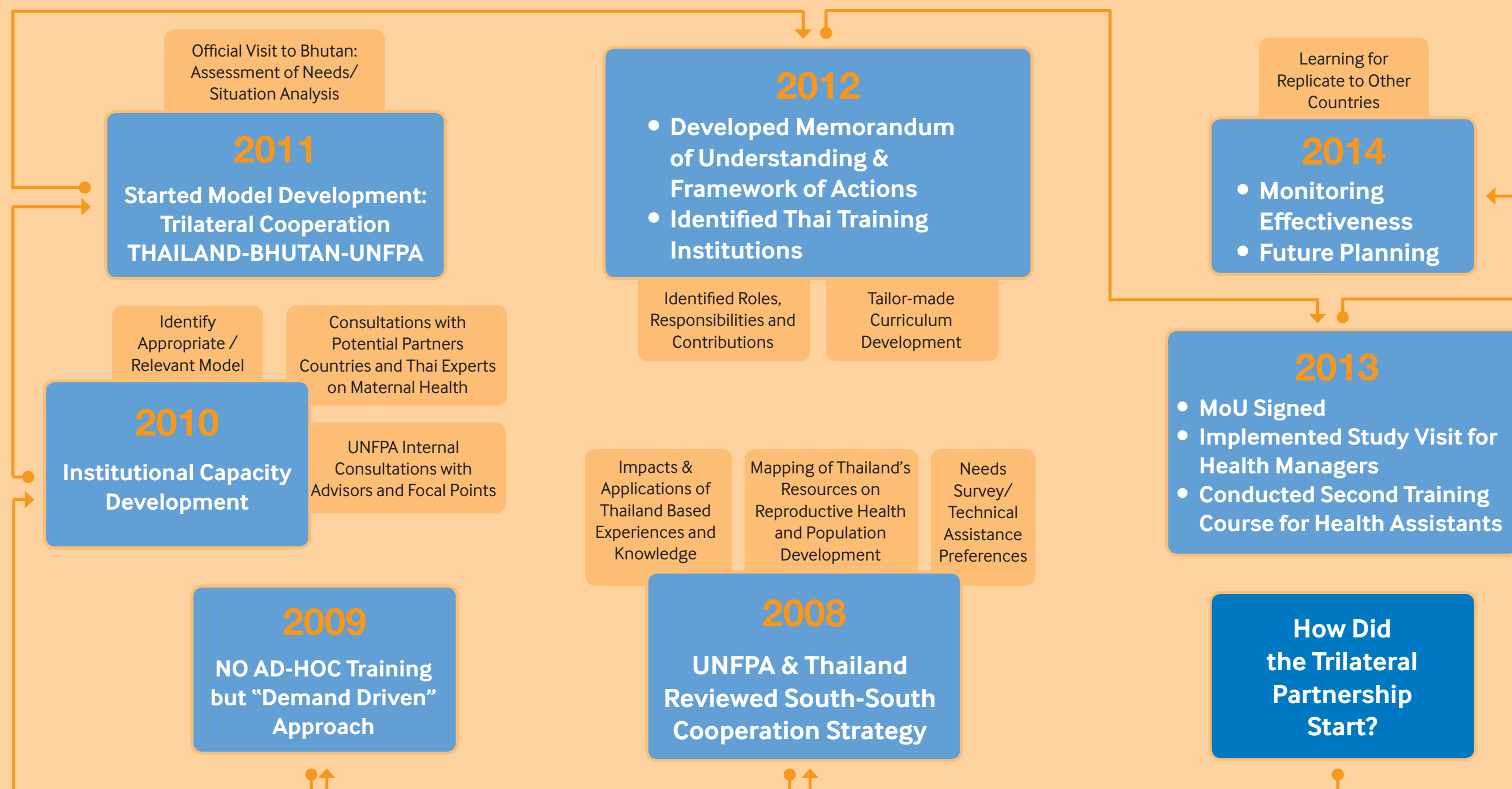
- Institutional capacity development, ensuring impact of the knowledge
- Participation of all concerned
- Distribution of roles and contributions

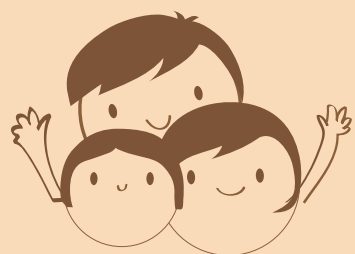
Why should Thailand-UNFPA-Bhutan Trilateral Cooperation be duplicated?

What make this initiative a good sample of trilateral cooperation model?

- Learning process for all partners, everyone learns
- Demand driven
- Ensuring applications of knowledge

- Demand-based
- Clear for all partners
- Thailand can do a lot more
- If it works for Bhutan, it might work for Mozambique
- If it works for Maternal Health, it might work for other sections
- Build capacity for all partners





Since 1975 UNFPA and Thailand started their collaboration under South-South Cooperation.

Approximately one thousand courses on Maternal Health and Population & Development delivered to more than twenty partner countries.

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Ad-hoc training courses and study visits to programmes in Thailand seemed to be the main knowledge delivery methods.

- What about the impacts?
- Measurement on applications of knowledge?
- Relevancy?
- Sustainability?

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Meeting and consulting with partner countries, Thai experts, Three UNFPA Country Offices, regional advisors, etc to identify good models

Countries & Issues Identified

Myanmar/Laos/ Bhutan

"Emergency Obstetrics Care and Services"

"Advanced Midwifery for Health Assistants"

"Community participation in Maternal Health Service"



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2009, Assessment of Needs and Technical Cooperation Preference

Review of South to South Cooperation Strategy and Approaches:

- Institutional Capacity Development
- Needs-based
- Demand driven inline with policies and plans
- Practicality & Applicability



2011, Exploratory Visit to Bhutan: Capacity and Needs Assessment and Review

Thai Team: TICA, MoPH, and UNFPA

Visited Health Centers, Hospitals, Health Workforce Institution, met with health policy makers (DG and Directors), doctors, health assistants, health managers, civil servants offices, UNFPA Office.

Areas of Need Identified:

- Comprehensive Emergency Obstetrics Care
- Curricular development for health/nurse assistants
- Neonatal Care
- Advanced Midwifery
- Community Participation in Maternal Care & Services

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Participatory Development of Framework of Action

Agreement on:

- Bhutan's needs for technical cooperation and Thailand's capacity to provide technical supports
- Commitments and sharing of responsibilities
- Draft of MoU and Framework for Action

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Preparation for Technical Cooperation (continued)

Development of Learning Courses/Curricular:

- Institute of Health Workforce and Development selected two nursing colleges under their purview to develop and manage learning programmes for Bhutan nurses/health assistants.
- Bangkok and Udonthani Nursing Colleges together with UNFPA, TICA and Institute of Health Workforce and Development developed curriculum on advanced midwifery and neonatal care. Contents and exercises developed based on Standards of UNFPA and WHO, and Bhutan's requirements.

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Preparation for Technical Cooperation

Review of Thailand's Capacities:

- Post visit meeting to review needs of technical cooperation with key partners including Department of Health, Institute of Health Workforce and Development, TICA and UNFPA
- Selection of host institutions; DoH to arrange study visit for Health Managers, and Institute of Health Workforce and Development to arrange four training courses for health/nurse assistants

Preparation for Coordination and Management

Share of Responsibilities:

- UNFPA Country Offices (Thailand and Bhutan) agreed on financial contributions and channel of communication
- TICA and UNFPA agreed on financial contributions
- Thailand-UNFPA-Bhutan agreed on contribution in kind and in cash
- Agreed to have TICA and Ministry of Health-Bhutan as official coordinators

Framework of Action:

- Agreed on 4 year trilateral partnership: Capacity development programme includes a series of training courses and practicum sessions, detail assignment to Bhutan, Training of Trainers, study visit of Health Managers, and monitoring of effectiveness of the programme. MoU officially signed in April 2013

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What Do We Learn from This Initiative?

Implementation:

- Two batches of forty health and nurse assistants attended hands-on courses
- Arranged a study visit of health managers on community participation in maternal health care programme
- Adjusted curriculum according to needs
- Co-funding from Thai MoPH
- Initiated on-line consultation platform
- Developed draft for Training of Trainer
- Monitor the effectiveness, relevancy, and sustainability
- Capitalization of lessons and experiences learned from the Trilateral Partnership Model

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