

The Provincial information system in Thailand: the first national area based information system

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ABSTRACT

Thailand is totally committed to the fight against substance abuse. The devastating impact of past and present problems related to the rapidly expanding substance abuse in general population give no alternative but to persistently try to develop more effective interventions. The approach of planning on reliable and comprehensive evidence is without doubt a crucial directive to pursue. However, a pressing wide spread and heterogeneous pattern of substance abuse and their rapid change defy simplistic approach to information system development. In view of the constraints in quality manpower, support facilities and funding the development will have to be carefully planned and implemented with good understanding on the appropriate resources investment and support.

The PSIS at present is in the early stage of the development. The system if finally sustainable and effective will be more than just an area-based information for local planning but the real strength of the country in the fight against the growing substance abuse problem.

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