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ESR/FETP, 2013 first quarter
MFETP 3rd cohort: Graduation

5 trainees of the MFETP 3rd cohort successfully completed their field projects and graduated in January 2013. Trainees presented their field study results on the defense meeting on 10 January 2013 in MOH meeting room. All relevant organizations representatives, steering committee members, teachers, supervisors and graduates were invited. After each graduate's presentation and question/answers session’s, participants provided comments and suggestions for further improvement.
Following the graduation of MFETP 3rd cohort, the steering committee meeting chaired by State Secretary for Health was convened on 28 February 2013 in MOH meeting room. Members of the committee discussed and finalized selection of 6 trainees for fourth cohort started on 11 March 2013. Throughout training year newly established steering committee will work on policy development related to the MFETP, provide monitoring and evaluation especially on quality of the training.
Prior initiation of the introductory course, the MFETP supervisor gave orientation to trainees selected for 4th cohort. The orientation mainly focused on overview of field epidemiology vs epidemiology, requirements for field work and graduation, and the MFETP unit internal regulations to follow.
Every year the MFETP unit provide trainees with basic epidemiology and biostatistics books (basic training material) and laptop computer to be used for field work. Director of the MFETP, Dr. Surenkhand handed computers and books to 4th cohort trainees on 13 March 2013
The MFETP 4th cohort: Classes on epidemiology principles and epidemiological studies

The MFETP 4th cohort introductory course with 1.5 months in duration commenced on 11 March 2013 in MFETP classroom. MFETP supervisor, graduates and speakers invited from School of Public Health gave a series of lectures on introduction of epidemiology, concept of disease occurrence, case definition, descriptive and analytic epidemiology studies, disease frequency measures, error, bias and confounding.
The MFETP 4\textsuperscript{th} cohort: Biostatistics classes

Instructor from Biostatistics department of School of Public Health conducted lectures on biostatistics, its principles and methods.
The MFETP 4th cohort: Classes on epidemics and outbreak investigation

MFETP graduate taught trainees 10 steps and methods of outbreak investigation as one of priority MFETP field activities
The MFETP 4th cohort: Classes on Public health surveillance

Head of surveillance department of National Center for Communicable Diseases (NCCD) discussed with trainees purpose and characteristics of surveillance. Also, surveillance systems currently functioning (existing) at NCCD were described. She taught trainees how to do surveillance data collection, analysis and interpretation. She warned trainees on biases that occur in analyzing surveillance data and limitations in surveillance data that may impact interpretation.
The MFETP 4\textsuperscript{th} cohort: Classes on laboratory and clinical diagnosis

Head of Virology laboratory of NCCD demonstrated trainees different diagnostic tests for viral and bacterial diseases used in the Center and their advantages and disadvantages
The MFETP 4th cohort: The use of Epi Info

During the introductory course 4th cohort trainees practiced the use of Epi Info application. Dr Barbara Wieland from Swiss agency for development and cooperation, Mongolia coordinated the exercise of Epi Info.
Most lectures were conducted in the morning followed by case study (simulated exercise) in the afternoon. Case studies were facilitated by previous cohort graduates who continue “learn by teaching”. Trainees exercised totally 15 case studies adopted from EIS. The 1.5 months introductory course was completed in the morning of 12 April followed by assessment of the trainees knowledge in the afternoon. 10 months field work commenced on 28 April 2013 with field placement of trainees at sites respective to surveillance and operational research studies topics.
MFETP and Japan FETP have long time collaboration since establishment of FETP in Mongolia in 2009. Japan FETP played important role in the development and sustainability of the MFETP. Japan FETP coordinator, Dr Ohyama comes to the MFETP periodically to provide technical support. At this time, he visited the MFETP from 15 to 26 April 2013 prior commence of 10 months field work since 28 April 2013. During his visit, Japan FETP coordinator provided technical support to the 4th cohort trainees in their epidemiological projects protocol development including methodology to be employed. Also, Dr Ohyama provided short lectures on theoretical parts that the trainees need in strengthening.
The MFETP: management and operation

Dr Soe Nyunt-U, WHO Representative in Mongolia visited the MFETP in January 2013. The MFETP Director and Supervisor introduced him the programme management, operation and its achievements. During the visit, the programme challenges and future plan were discussed between the MFETP Director and faculty and WHO staff.
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The World Bank delegation and veterinary institute’s professionals visited the MFETP unit on 4 May 2013 in conjunction with establishing next year “One Health Center” at NCCD/MFETP. They met with MFETP staff and trainees and studied the content of the programme curriculum and achievements of the MFETP to date.