



## VACCINE PROCUREMENT PRACTITIONERS NETWORK – WEBINAR

ASEAN members discuss cross-country collaboration for vaccine procurement



Thursday, March 30, 2023, 8:30am – 9:15am CET

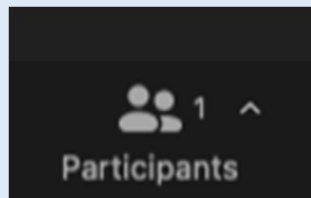
# AGENDA

Time	Topic
8:30am CET	Welcome and brief overview of Zoom functions
8:35am CET	Introduction
8:37am CET	Panel discussion
8:57am CET	Questions & Answers
9:12am CET	Closing remarks
9:15am CET	End & Further <a href="#">E-discussion on the VPPN</a>

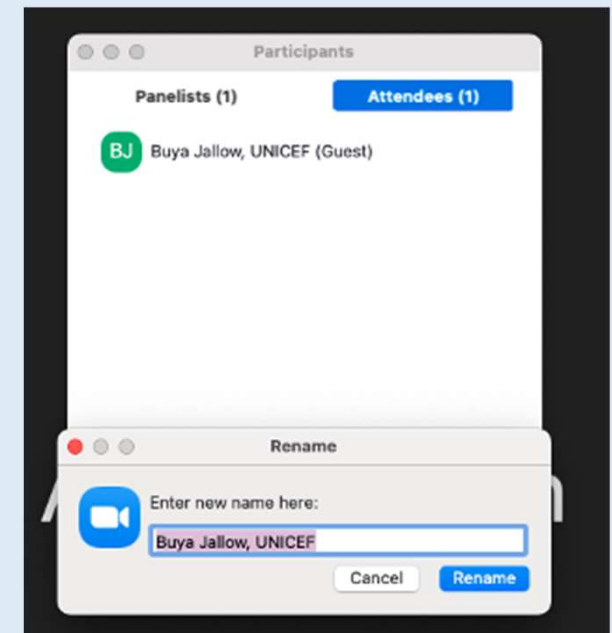
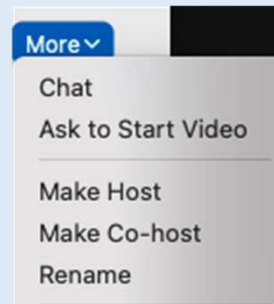
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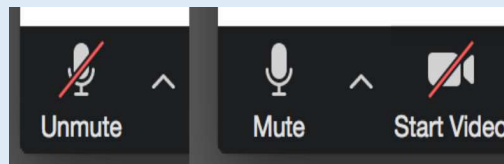
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## Chat

Use the chat feature to:

- **Introduce yourself** (name, organisation, country)
- For **all your questions** (regarding the topic or the event's logistics)

During the Q&A, you can also **raise your hand**  to ask a question. When the moderator calls your name, please open your microphone to talk.



# RECORDING AND SHARING ON THE VPPN

## Recording

**These sessions are recorded** and your attendance is consent to be recorded.

## Knowledge Sharing

The presentations and recording will be **shared on the [Vaccine Procurement Practitioners Network \(VPPN\)](#)**.



# INTRODUCTION

## Key Learning Objectives

- Illustrate how to leverage cross-country collaboration in regard to immunisation and vaccine procurement
- Share the lessons learnt from ASEAN's response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Answer questions on regional collaboration for vaccine procurement

# INTRODUCTION

## Our panellists today

### Malaysia:

- Dr. Abdul Hanif bin Mohamad Yahaya  
*Deputy Director of Pharmaceutical Policy & Strategic Planning Section, Pharmaceutical Services Programme, Ministry of Health*
- Dr. Rohani binti Jahis  
*Sector Head (Zoonosis Control), Disease Control Division*
- Dr. Mohd Hanif bin Zailani  
*Sector Head (VPD and FWBD Control), Disease Control Division*
- Dr. Saidatul Norbaya binti Buang  
*Deputy Director (Family Health), Family Health Development Division*

### Thailand:

- Dr. Sunate Chuenkitmongkol  
*Deputy Director of the National Vaccine Institute*

### UNICEF:

- Jon Blasco  
*Supply Specialist, UNICEF East Asia and the Pacific Regional Office*
- Ann Ottosen  
*Senior Manager, UNICEF Supply Division*

### Moderator:

Khin Devi Aung  
*Immunization Specialist, UNICEF East Asia and the Pacific Regional Office*

# About Us: NVI

- ❑ **NVI is a government agency in Thailand.** It was established as an autonomous authority under the **National Vaccine Security Act of B.E.2561 (2018)** and operates as a non-profit organization under the supervision of the Minister of Public Health.

## Objectives :

- (1) To research, analyze, and draft a strategic policy and plan** for national vaccine security, which will be introduced to the NVC;
- (2) To promote, support, and operate activities related to the R&D, manufacture, and distribution** of high-quality vaccines in sufficient quantities for use in **both normal and emergency situations**;
- (3) To manage the operation's integration and drive it forward** in accomplishing the strategic policy and plan for national vaccine security;
- (4) To establish a network of vaccine experts and collaborate on vaccine-related activities** with relevant government agencies, educational institutions, international organizations, and private organizations;
- (5) To function as an information and integrated knowledge management center** to support decision-makers (Minister/NVC) in terms of policy, economy, and vaccine-related academic matters by providing educational services, data development, and the creation of areas of knowledge, technology, and innovation in the vaccine domain;
- (6) To promote, support, and deliver services training** for the **development of the vaccine personnel** in the country.



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**National Vaccine Security Act**

**B.E. 2561 (2018)**

His Majesty the King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun

Enacted on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November B.E. 2561 (2018);

Being the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year of the Present Reign.

His Majesty the King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun is graciously pleased to proclaim that

It is expedient to have National Vaccine Security Act.

This Act includes certain provisions having implications on restriction of a person's rights and liberties. Section 26 and Section 40 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand authorize such restriction by virtue of the provisions of specific laws.

The rationale and necessity of the restriction of the person's rights and liberties under this Act are to develop and have vaccine security whereas vaccine is standard in adequate quantity for usefulness of the public health of the country. This Act is promulgated in accord with the condition legislated in Section 26 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand.

His Majesty, therefore, granted his royal assent for the promulgation of the Act in accord with the recommendation and consent of the National Legislative Assembly, acting as the National Assembly as follows:

Section 1 This Act shall be called "National Vaccine Security Act B.E. 2561 (2018)".

- ❑ **NVI is under the supervision of the Minister of Public Health governed by National Vaccine Security Act of B.E.2561 (2018). NVI collaborates with the Ministry of Public Health' departments, as well as academic institutions and vaccine manufacturers to support national vaccine security.**
- ❑ **The National Vaccine Committee (NVC), which is chaired by the Prime Minister of Thailand also has NVI as its national secretariat.**

### NVC mission:

- ❑ **Encourage and support the implementation of proactive policies**
- ❑ **Supervises national vaccine policy and strategy toward vaccine security and self-reliance**
- ❑ **Giving guidance to the cabinet on capital/policy allocation to relevant partners across vaccine areas**

## PANEL DISCUSSION

Please describe the ASEAN collaboration in terms of immunization programming, with a focus on leveraging the COVID-19 response.

What are the benefits of being part of such a regional body?

What are the challenges?

Any lessons learned to share with other countries/regions around regional collaboration?



# ASEAN Vaccine Security and Self-Reliance (AVSSR)

# AVSSR Timeline:

**National Vaccine Institute (NVI) collaborates with ASEAN member states** to assist the region become more secure in terms of healthcare by providing affordable, equitable, high-quality, and timely vaccination to the entire community.

According to the 2019 Leaders' Declaration on AVSSR, "ASEAN should be consolidated on vaccines in making preparations to avoid a negative impact caused by emerging diseases through formulating the AVSSR strategic and action plan for 2021-2025"

Following a final decision on the Declaration, **NVI drafted the aforementioned regional plan and submitted it to the ASEAN Health Minister Meeting**, where it was fully approved in May 2021. Throughout a pandemic, the AVSSR plan is then integrated into the regional top priority plan among health sectors.

The Plan consists of **five essential elements** that must be operationalized (next slide)

# AVSSR Strategic and Action Plan 2021-2025

## ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Vaccine Security and Self-Reliance

**Vision:** Towards Realizing Vaccine Security and Self Reliance for All: Ensure healthy ASEAN through timely, equitable access to affordable and quality-assured vaccines

### Strategy I

Integrating an AVSSR into global policy level

### Strategy II

Establishment of vaccine strategic procurement and regional stockpiling mechanism for increase vaccine accessibility either normal or emergency scenarios

### Strategy III

Establish a regional platform for information sharing and knowledge exchange among AMSs and global stakeholders

### Strategy IV

Create vaccine workforce/stakeholder training program (HRD course)

### Strategy V

Formation of an appropriate monitoring and evaluation platform or ASEAN Vaccine Network to overseeing an implementation of AVSSR Strategic and Action Plan

## AVSSR Ultimate Goal

### Build Security

Continuous supply for normal and emergency situations while preserving equity, safety, and accessibility. Reduce the impact of a pandemic on the community as promptly as possible.



### Develop Self-reliance

Being capable of producing vaccines without depending on imports, while also having a solid infrastructure and readiness.

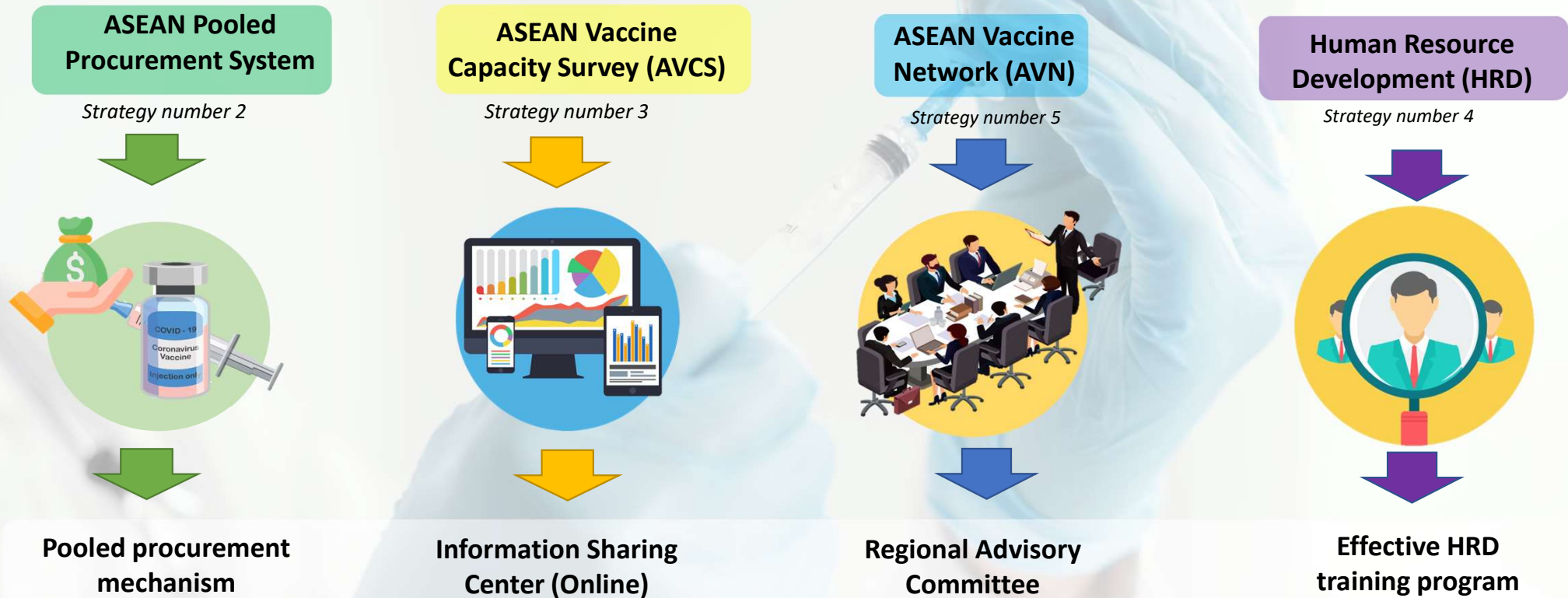


### Create Sustainability

Have a high level of self-reliance over a lengthy period of time. Possessing the ability to maintain manufacturing and operations ensures the vaccine's long market life.



# AVSSR: Plan for Actions





## PANEL DISCUSSION

Specifically on vaccine procurement, what initiatives helped to promote the cross collaboration with other ASEAN Member States?

- Challenges?
- Lessons learned?
- Best practices?

## DRAFT Vaccine pool procurement mechanism: Principal concept

### Challenges

- A strong political commitment is required
- Common legal is necessary
- Harmonization of Regulatory Authorities
- Different financial mechanisms
- Different National Immunization Programs
- Vaccine Tier Pricing



### How to/What's next?

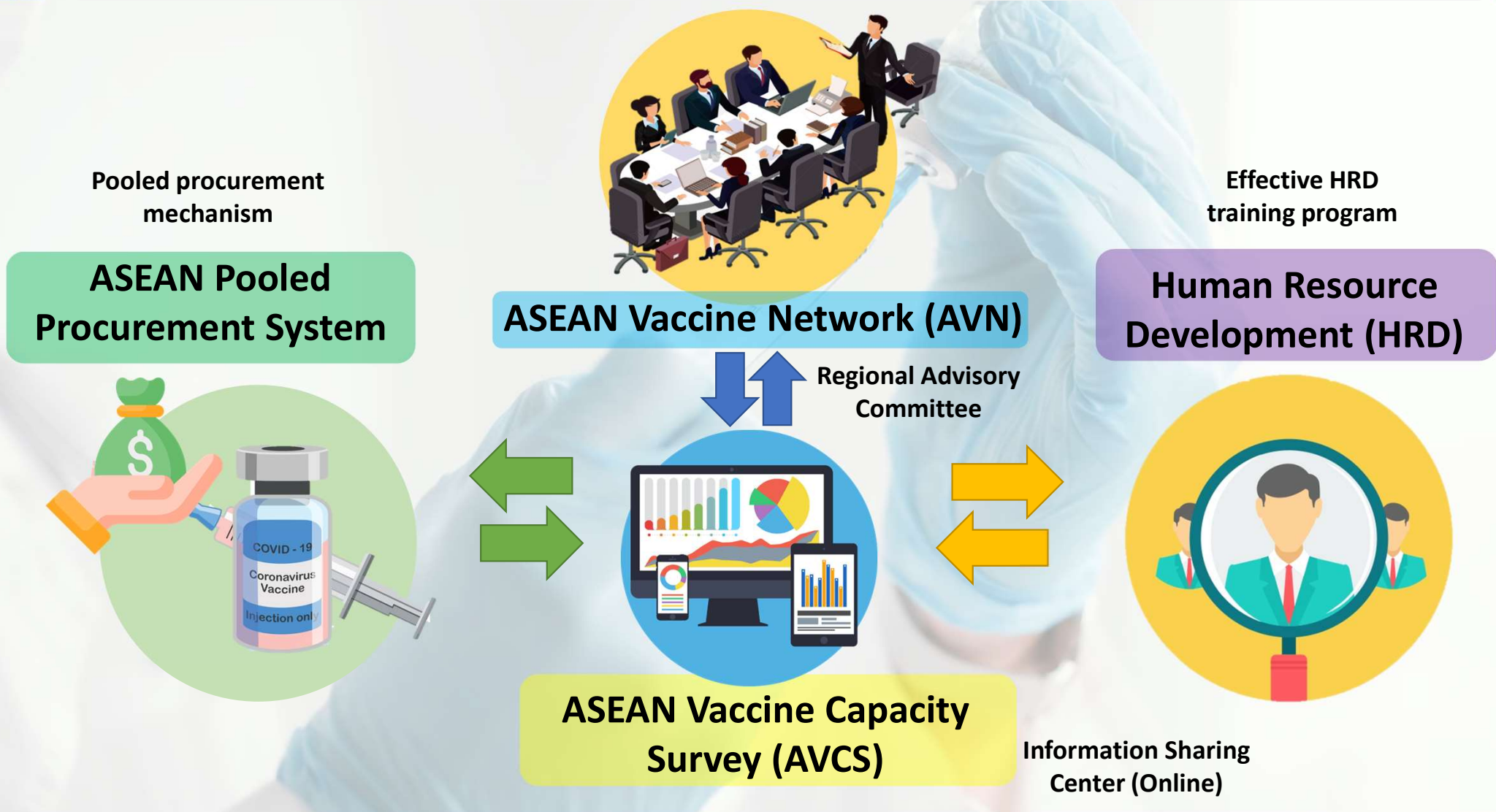
- A concept note for a pool procurement system will be drafted in close consultation with ASEAN Member States, ASEAN Secretariat, UNICEF, and WHO subsequently shared it to all concerned parties for feedback and endorsement.
- The key premise could be to begin with "regional pooled demand" and "regional negotiations" with global suppliers on behalf of ASEAN.



## PANEL DISCUSSION

How do you see the future of cross-country collaboration in immunization activities moving forward, with an emphasis on future pandemic response in the ASEAN region?

# AVSSR: Linkage between these strategies



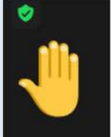
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What is the role of UNICEF in supporting regional collaboration in Asia Pacific?

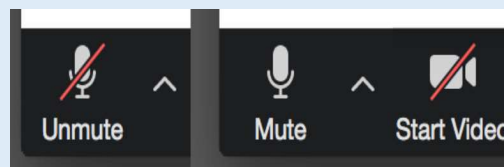
How do you see this collaboration evolving moving forward?

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

The floor is open for your questions...

...Raise your hand  to ask a question or write it in the chat.

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## CLOSING REMARKS

Join us on the Vaccine Procurement Practitioners Network's platform to continue the discussion and to share any other question you might have:

<https://www.technet-21.org/en/vaccine-procurement-practitioners-network/30-discussions/item/1069-asean-members-discuss-cross-country-collaboration-for-vaccine-procurement-share-your-questions-or-comments-here>

