

**Special Olympics Thailand
Healthy Community Project
2013 – Present**



Milestone : Development Phase



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- 2012 Selected as HC Pilot
- 2013 Develop HC Screening tools & pilot in 3 special schools
- 2014 implement HC in 6 special schools. UNICEF support start.
- 2015 HC expanded by Mental health Dept. to 20 special schools nationwide


After SO Thailand was selected as one of the 8 international (non-USA) Program to pilot the Healthy Communities project under the 3 years Golisano Grant, the multi-disciplinary medical team spent the 1st year developing the HC Screening tools which was based on the Medfest model. Three special education schools piloted these tools and the full program was launched in all 6 special schools in 2014 which also saw UNICEF Thailand on board with this project. At the end of 2015, the Mental Health Department under the Ministry of Public Health expanded the HC Programme to the remaining 16 special schools covering all parts of the country.

Red dots show 6 schools under the SOI initiative. Blue dots show 14 schools into which the MoPH expanded.

Milestone : Sustainability Phase

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- 2016 Pilot in 8 provinces under the partnership between Ministries of Education – Public Health – Social Development – UNICEF Thailand & SO Thailand.
- Develop HC App Software
- September 2017 : Launch HC to all 77 provinces nationwide
- Mental Health Dept. of MoPH leads project implementation for 2018



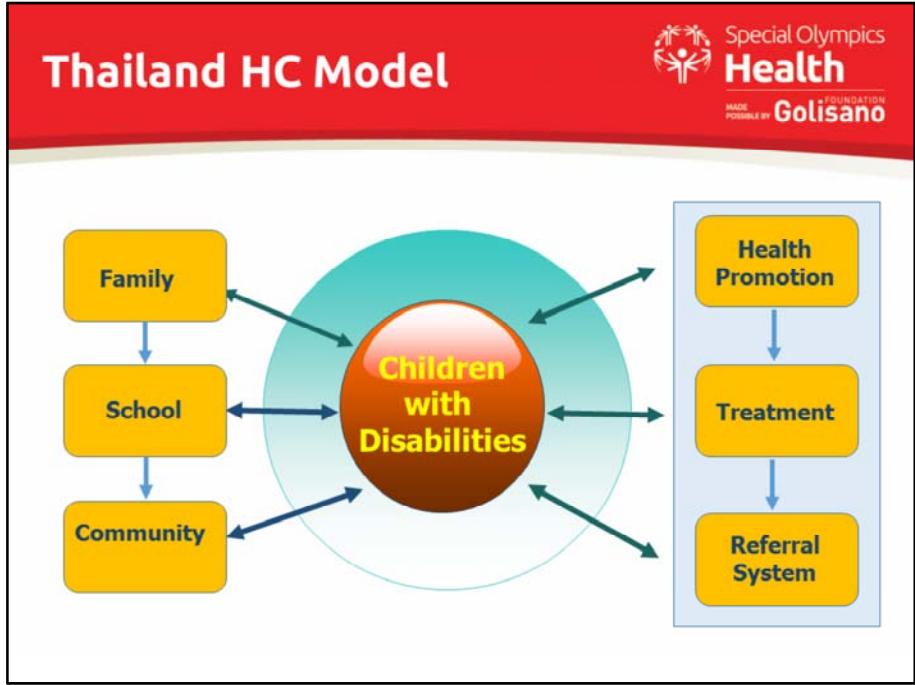
>Following the MOU signed between Ministries of Education – Public health – Social Development, and UNICEF Thailand and SO Thailand, the HC Project was piloted in 8 provinces based at each Provincial Special Education Centre. The AIM for the 2 phase of HC is to engage local partnership in communities for sustainability.

>To facilitate data input and management, an HC App Software was developed in 2016

> The HC Project was introduced to representatives of partner agencies from all 77 provinces in September 2017. The funding from UNICEF ends here. Partner government agencies in each provinces are encouraged to formulate own plan and model of collaboration.

- The Department of Mental Health, as the Lead Agency, included the HC Project Outcome in Public Health KPI and prepared annual budget allocations for 2018 program implementation. UNICEF and SO Thailand will help to monitor and evaluate project progress. \
- The major impact of HC programme in Thailand has been the implementation of "Fast track" procedures in public hospital. The "Fast track" Policy for people with all disabilities has, for many years, been set up within the Thai Public Healthcare system but it is seldom implemented. By partnering the relevant HCA in each province for our HC Programme, the Fast track system is now being offered for, not only our ID children under the HC programme, but also to ALL patients with disabilities. We confirm that it is diffinitely happening in the 8 pilot province and in more than half of the provinces

where the 20 special schools are located.



The HC Delivery Model for Thailand centers on Children with Disabilities. The model is initially created with ID children in mind, but also include ALL disabilities. Family , Community and School must work together to provide children with disabilities health promotion, medical care / treatment and follow-up care

Follow-up care Success Story



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Watchara Moondub (Jazz)
age 8



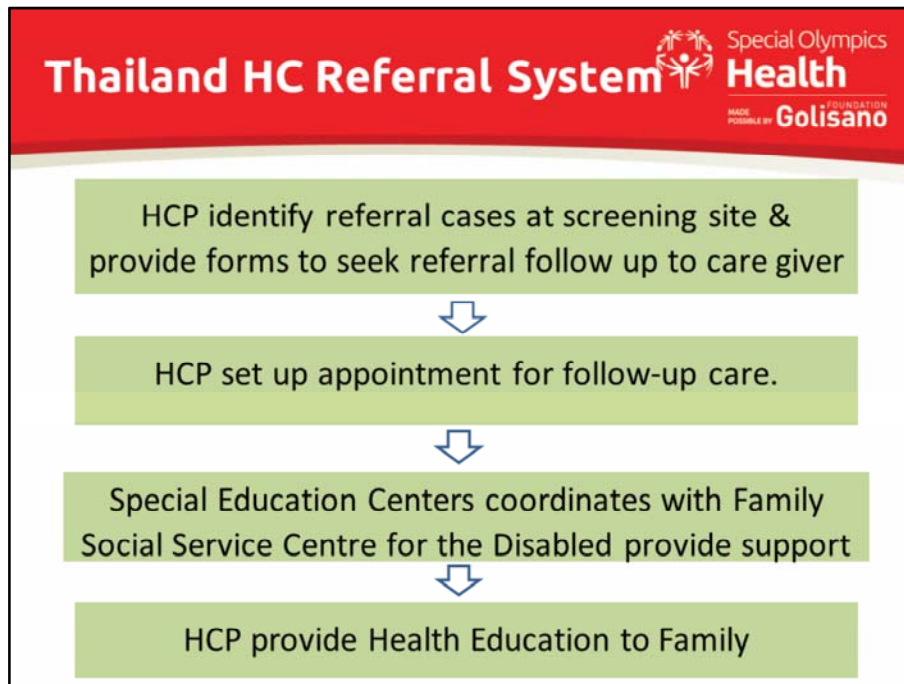
Diagnosis from HC Team

- Down syndrome but never received heart and thyroid check
- Symptoms: lower weight than the norm, low Oxygen Saturation, pulse oximete, erythematous papules on face, suspected right eye inflammation and enlarged Lymph nodes found on the right side of his neck.
- Dental screening discovered that he has 5 milk decayed teeth
- Visual screening indicated he should evaluate his eyes sight.

Result from Follow up Referral with Heart Specialist

- Received Echocardiogram (Cardiac Ultrasound)
- Diagnosis : **Severe heart disease.**
- His heart has only 2 chambers instead of 4 (one chamber on top and one below), one valve and heart valve regurgitation.

This story shows the impact of HC Screening which reflects the situation shared by majority of children with ID in Thailand's rural areas. After the simple screening conducted at an HC site (result as shown in the PPT) , Jazz was referred to the provincial hospital in Ubon – the border province adjacent to Laos. The general hospital then referred Jazz to the Cardiac Hospital for specialist care.



The Thailand HC Referral System starts at the final “Screening station” where a GP or Pediatrician review the screening results and conclude the next procedure : Urgent Referral (within 1 week) / Non- Urgent Referral (within 6 months) / Normal. The Provincial Healthcare Agency helps to facilitate the patient’s appointment in the hospital for the follow-up care. Since the HC site is based at the Provincial Special Education Centre where the ID child is registered, special educators are assigned to facilitate with the Family. If family members have challenges (lack of transportation, illiterate, need helper) in receiving the medical treatment, the Special Education Centre will seek support from the Provincial Social Service Centre for the Disabled.

As part of the HC program, a Family Health Forum is also set up on an annual basis in each HC site, to educate families on health issues related to ID children and general health preventive measures

Engaging Partners



Partnership is defined as “a state of being associated with a partner, involving close cooperation between parties, having joint rights and responsibilities”

To maintain successful Partnership, the collaboration must have **Meaning & Value**

Tips :

- Study your partner’s strategies and policies. Fit your S.O. project into these
- Add value to your partner’s engagement.
- Regular dialogue maintain relationship and find common ‘quick win’

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Here are some tips on successful partnership engagement

1. Know your partner’s goals. Study their strategies and policies. Then try to fit in your project
2. While your partner may provide funding support, S.O. can Add Value to the Partnership by provide personnel empowerment, social opportunities or international recognition to the partner. Partnership is two-way engagement
3. Maintain good relationship and communication. Even when there is lack of interest from the partner, keeping up good ties is recommended

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UNICEF Thailand launched HC Project
In 2014 with the Balloon for UNICEF event



Signing of MOU between 3 Ministries,
UNICEF & SO Thailand in 2015
to implement HC Project
in ALL 77 provinces nationwide

Here are photos of our Thailand HC partners.

UNICEF Thailand provided Funding and Awareness campaign

Ministry of Education, through Provincial Education Centres provided the target group (ID Children and Family), HC venue, Registration and Coordination

Ministry of Public Health, through Mental Health Dept., provide technical knowledge for capacity building, tools, coordination with provincial HCP, local budget and data analysis.

Ministry of Social Development, through the Provincial Social Services Centre for the Disabled, provide local support, assistance on the Rights of the Disabled, coordination with local authorities (local transportation, wheelchair, volunteer helpers etc)

SO Thailand coordinates all partners and monitors progress.