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Executive Summary

This report presents the nature and the character of SafeMa Research Cluster, as it has developed under our project along with the activities that have been implemented throughout its operation, until the end of the project. The SafeMa research cluster was consisted of a group of researchers, who shared a common field on expertise in midwifery and mother-child care. Its aim was to foster knowledge and research in the countries of Vietnam and Cambodia, operating with SafeMa Hubs as well as with the support of European Universities (National and Kapodistrian of Athena and University College of Northern Denmark).

The Research Cluster was established by the University of Health Science in Cambodia supporting the development of a network form of organizations, institutions and health centres that are working in the field of midwifery and obstetrics, encouraging the development and progress of international, national, and local research. The lead researchers were the Assist Prof. Tann Ngy (UHS), Asst. Prof. Ung Sakhorn (IU), Mai Thi Thanh Thu (NDUN), Dr. Hoang Thi Ngoc Tram (TNU) and Lê Ngọc Anh (HMU).

Although Cluster's activities, initiation and the work performed faced important constraints due to the pandemic, throughout the last year of project's duration the work performed by the Research Cluster reached an important audience in national and local level and attracted significant visibility at national and local level. Additionally, the cluster supported networking with key stakeholders in both countries, representatives of the government, midwifery NGOs, WHO, the EU delegation in Kingdom of Cambodia, UNFPA for the sustainability of the project.

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Research Cluster

Research clusters serve as interdisciplinary and interprofessional networks among researchers from different universities, research centres, and organizations, addressing specific cultural and societal challenges with special focus on research interests. These clusters cooperate to encourage research development by engaging with the academia, the research community, and other stakeholders to detect clusters of research excellence, engage with them with strategic planning, as well as seek funds to support and encourage research activities needed to attract further opportunities for growth.

The research clusters are consisted of a group of researchers, who share a common area, field, or theme of expertise, involved in a collaborative research project or a set of research projects. The academic body of knowledge of research clusters should include quality-assured research publications of their staff, while each research member of the cluster should provide research-informed expert supervision to postgraduate students for their dissertations and essays.

Their main goal is to offer an academic group of researchers, postgraduate students, and postdoctoral fellows with common or related interests, aiming to increase the outputs of the research institutes. Through their presence the clusters aim to attract possible research grants and funds, foster synergies for collaborative research as well as generated awareness on research themes and opportunities to undergraduate, postgraduates and PhD students, as well as other possible cooperations with students, staff, and professionals in other Universities, research institutes.

SafeMa Research Cluster

Besides the challenges that the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic brought to the surface and the restrictions in international and national levels, eventually the SafeMa Research was established by the end of the 2nd year of project's implementation.

The SafeMa Research cluster aimed to operate in parallel with SafeMa Hubs in Asian countries. It was founded by the University of Health Science in Cambodia along with the cooperation of all Asian and European partners in parallel with the establishment of SafeMa Hubs. The goal of the Research Cluster was to encourage the network form of organizations for collaboration and engagement, with focus on international, national, and local research. The objective of the cluster was to provide interdisciplinary research in local, national, and international level in a diverge range of areas relevant to advanced midwifery and mother- child care. According to the proposal the cluster was meant to facilitate the exchange of experience, knowledge and research ideas among early career and more experienced academics, graduate students, and experts. SafeMa Research Cluster was committed to support the development of research excellence in advance midwifery, supporting students of midwifery and professionals especially from rural areas.

Research Cluster Team

The research team of the cluster was comprised of high esteemed academics and professionals with great experience in the health sector and with a specific interest in the midwifery field. Below are presented the lead researchers from each Asian University.

<p>UHS Assist Prof. Tann Ngy Director of TSMC/UHS</p>	<p>Dr. Tann Ngy is the Director of the Technical School for Medical Care (TSMC), in Kingdom of Cambodia. He was born on 15 September 1969 in Kampong Chhnang Province, Kingdom of Cambodia. He graduated from Preach Sisowath High School in 1987 and he also had received many academic degrees and certificates from both national and international academic institutions. In 1993, he became the Head of the Kampong Tralach District Referral Hospital, in Kompong Chhnang Province. After transferred to continue his studies and works in Phnom Penh, in 2002, he started his teaching profession at the Technical School for Medical Care or TSMC. In 2005, he was promoted to be the Head of the Department of Radiological Technologist, where he, in cooperation with foreign donors, helped create the curriculum structures, contents, and guideline for the degree of radiological technologist. Later, he became the Deputy Director of TSMC, 2011 continuing to lead the school, until 2018, when he became the Director of TSMC.</p>	
<p>IU Prof. SATH Mutta, Deputy Chief of Health Care Center of Phsar Doeum Thkov, Phnom Penh, Cambodia</p>	<p>Prof. SATH Mutta had been a Deputy Chief of Health Care Center of Phsar Doeum Thkov, Phnom Penh, Cambodia responsible and in charge of: Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Planning and Control, In cooperation with commune-to-district-level authorities, promote and implement people health care program, In cooperation with commune-to-district-level authorities, implement epidemics prevention program (include Immunization and education), Provide maternity advice and promote child vaccinations, Management of Family Planning and Birth Spacing Program, Midwife duty and Women Health Care Consulting. In addition, she has been Clinic Manager RHAC (Reproductive Health Association of Cambodia) in Kampong Cham Province, responsible and in charge of: Manage all RHAC Kampong Cham process, Technical controlling, Communication and coordinate with partner and client, Project and Budget for Clinic, Training all staff. Specially, she has been a lecturer provide a midwife study programs on Anatomy-Physiology, Maternity & Woman Health</p>	

at International University (IU), Royal Cambodian Armed Forces Institute of Health Sciences (RCAF) and Asia Institute of Sciences (AIS)

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She is at the Faculty of the Simulation Center and the vice head of the International Cooperation Department, Nam Dinh University of Nursing, with specialization in Pediatric Nursing. She graduated from Hanoi Medical University, with a bachelor's degree in general nursing in 2006. She has worked as an academic faculty at Nam Dinh University of Nursing, providing care to patients and mentoring nursing students at the ICU in Nam Dinh General Hospital and then the Nam Dinh Children's Hospital. She continued her study and research career in Pediatric Nursing at the Faculty of Nursing, Burapha University, Thailand and graduated with a Master's and PhD in Pediatric Nursing in 2015 and 2021. She is currently pursuing family support studies for children with behavioral, psychiatric and general chronic illnesses.



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HMU

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Research Activities

While the implementation of the project faced several challenges since its very beginning, the research cluster aimed to successfully promote innovate and evidence-based research in the field of midwifery through the submission of research papers for publication and the creation of research posters from SafeMa students. More specifically, under the guidance and the lead of SafeMa Research Cluster **four research papers** have been published, with titles *Existing gaps in midwifery education in Vietnam*, *Research on lecturers' opinion on the benefits of the SafeMa project at Nam Dinh University of Nursing*, *Evaluation of maternal care after vaginal delivery in the obstetrics and gynaecology department - Bach Mai Hospital*, and *Survey on Knowledge and Attitudes of Fathers to Breastfeeding at the Department of Obstetrics in Thai Nguyen National Hospital*. Furthermore, **three students from University of Health Science prepared their research posters** with the forthcoming themes: “Prevalence of Women of Childbearing age who have abortions and factors that motivate women to have abortions at the National Maternal and Child Health Centre”, “The Women Knowledge about Benefit of Breastfeeding and Factors that Motivate Women to Give Up Breastfeeding in Maternity Service at Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital, Cambodia”, “Influencing Local Authority Leaders to Support EmONC Improvement”, and presented them during the International Conference in Cambodia.

Publications

Title of the article: Existing gaps in midwifery education in Vietnam

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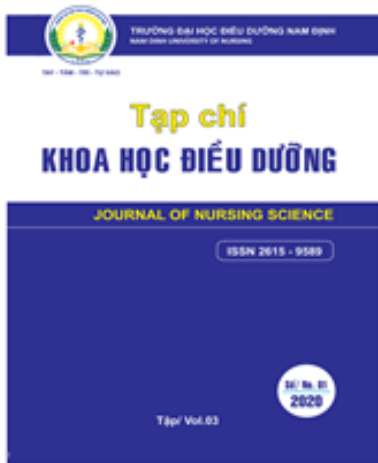
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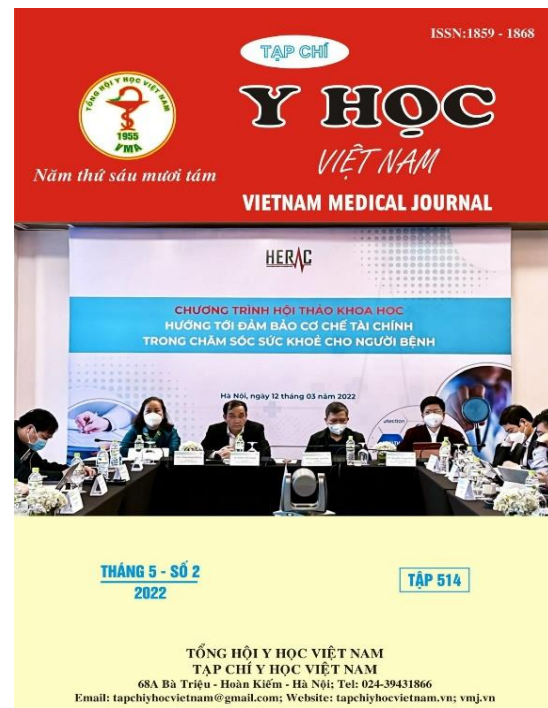
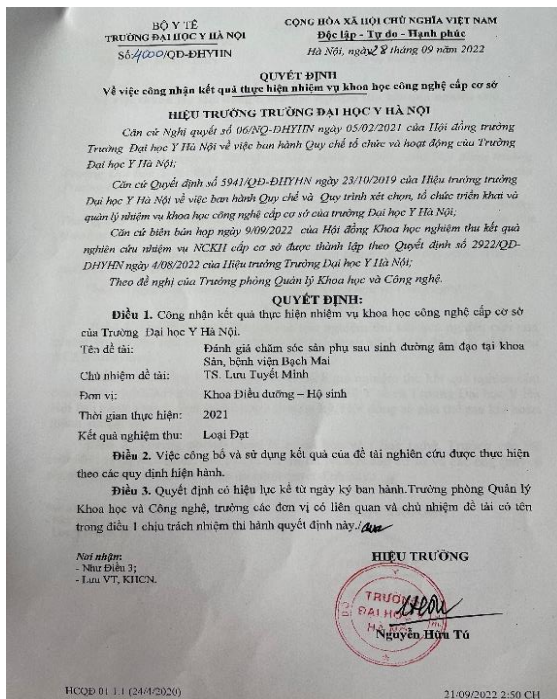
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KHẢO SÁT KIẾN THỨC THÁI ĐỘ CỦA NGƯỜI BỐ VỀ NUÔI CON BẰNG SỮA MẸ TẠI KHOA SẢN BỆNH VIỆN TRUNG ƯƠNG THÁI NGUYÊN

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TÓM TẮT

Mục tiêu: Mô tả kiến thức, thái độ của người bố về nuôi con bằng sữa mẹ tại khoa Sản Bệnh viện Trung ương Thái Nguyên. **Đôi tượng và phương pháp nghiên cứu:** Nghiên cứu mô tả cắt ngang 175 người chồng của sản phụ sinh tại khoa Sản bệnh viện Trung ương Thái Nguyên từ tháng 5 đến tháng 7 năm 2021. **Kết quả và kết luận:** Tuổi trung bình của người cha là 29,82 ± 5,43. Người cha có kiến thức về nuôi con bằng sữa mẹ không tốt chiếm tỷ lệ 70,9%. Người cha có kiến thức về nuôi con bằng sữa mẹ tốt chiếm tỷ lệ 29,1%. Người cha có thái độ tích cực trong nuôi con bằng sữa mẹ chiếm tỷ lệ 54,3%. Người cha có thái độ tích cực trong nuôi con bằng sữa mẹ chiếm tỷ lệ 45,7%. Kiến thức, cấp bằng cấp, quốc gia, quốc ngữ có các kiến thức và lợi ích của việc nuôi con bằng sữa mẹ và khuyến khích họ trở thành người hỗ trợ bên đời của mình trong việc nuôi con bằng sữa mẹ.

Từ khóa: người bố, nuôi con bằng sữa mẹ, kiến thức, thái độ.

SUMMARY

SURVEY ON KNOWLEDGES AND ATTITUDES OF FATHERS TO BREASTFEEDING AT THE

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2.7. Xu hướng sử dụng phần mềm SPSS 22.0

2.8. Báo được trình bày nghiên cứu đã được thông qua Hội đồng y đức của Trường Đại học Y Dược Thái Nguyên.

III. KẾT QUẢ NGHIÊN CỨU

Qua nghiên cứu phỏng vấn 175 người bố kết quả như sau:

3.1. Đặc điểm của đối tượng nghiên cứu.

Tuổi trung bình của người cha: 29,82 ± 5,43 tuổi trẻ nhất 20 tuổi, lớn nhất 47 tuổi.

Kinh tế gia đình thuộc hộ trung bình chiếm tỷ lệ cao nhất 54,66%.

Bảng 3.2. Phân bố nghề nghiệp của đối tượng

Nghề nghiệp	Số lượng (n)	Tỷ lệ (%)
Nông dân	20	11,4
Công nhân	83	47,4
Cán bộ công chức	55	31,4
Nghề khác	17	9,8
Tổng	175	100,0

Nhận xét: Người cha làm công nhân chiếm tỷ lệ cao nhất 47,4%. Người cha làm nghề khác chiếm tỷ lệ thấp nhất 9,8%.

3.2. Thực trạng kiến thức thái độ của người cha trong việc nuôi con bằng sữa mẹ

Bảng 3.3. Kiến thức người cha trong việc nuôi con bằng sữa mẹ

Kiến thức người cha	Số lượng (n)	Tỷ lệ (%)
Không tốt (1-5đ)	124	70,9
Tốt (7-9đ)	51	29,1
Tổng	175	100,0

Nhận xét: Người cha có kiến thức về nuôi con bằng sữa mẹ không tốt chiếm tỷ lệ 70,9%. Người cha có kiến thức về nuôi con bằng sữa mẹ tốt chiếm tỷ lệ 29,1%.

Bảng 3.4. Thái độ của người cha đối với việc cho con bú

Thái độ người cha	Số lượng (n)	Tỷ lệ (%)
Thái độ tiêu cực (<40đ)	95	54,3
Thái độ tích cực (40-60đ)	80	45,7
Tổng	175	100,0

Nhận xét: Người cha có thái độ tiêu cực trong nuôi con bằng sữa mẹ chiếm tỷ lệ 54,3%. Người cha có thái độ tích cực trong nuôi con bằng sữa mẹ chiếm tỷ lệ 45,7%.

IV. BÀN LUẬN

Bàn luận về đôi tượng nghiên cứu. Tai nghiên cứu này chúng tôi nghiên cứu 175 ông bố có vợ đến để tại bệnh viện Trung ương Thái Nguyên để khám sát về kiến thức, thái độ trong việc nuôi con bằng sữa mẹ. Tại Việt Nam hiện tại vẫn chưa có nghiên cứu nào về vấn đề này, tuy nhiên một số nghiên cứu trên thế giới đã chỉ ra rằng người cha đóng vai trò cốt lõi vì quyết định cho con bú. Những bà mẹ nhận được sự hỗ trợ từ chồng của họ thường chọn nuôi con bằng sữa mẹ hoàn toàn và tối ưu cho trẻ, và cơ hội tiếp tục thực hành nuôi con bằng sữa mẹ cao hơn. Nhiều nghiên cứu cũng chỉ ra rằng sự hỗ trợ từ

Biểu đồ 3.1. Phân bố nơi ở của đối tượng nghiên cứu

Nhận xét: Tỷ lệ người cha sống ở thành thị chiếm 46,29%.

Tỷ lệ người cha sống ở nông thôn chiếm 53,71%

Bảng 3.1. Trình độ văn hóa của đối tượng nghiên cứu

Trình độ văn hóa	Số lượng (n)	Tỷ lệ (%)
Tiểu học	1	0,5
Trung học cơ sở	10	5,7
Trung học phổ thông/trung cấp	59	33,7
Cao đẳng /Đại học/Sau đại học	105	60,0
Tổng	175	100,0

Nhận xét: Người cha có trình độ văn hóa là tiểu học chiếm tỷ lệ thấp nhất 0,6%.

Người cha có trình độ văn hóa cao đẳng/Đại học/Sau đại học chiếm tỷ lệ cao nhất 60,0%.

Biểu đồ 3.2. Trình trạng kinh tế gia đình

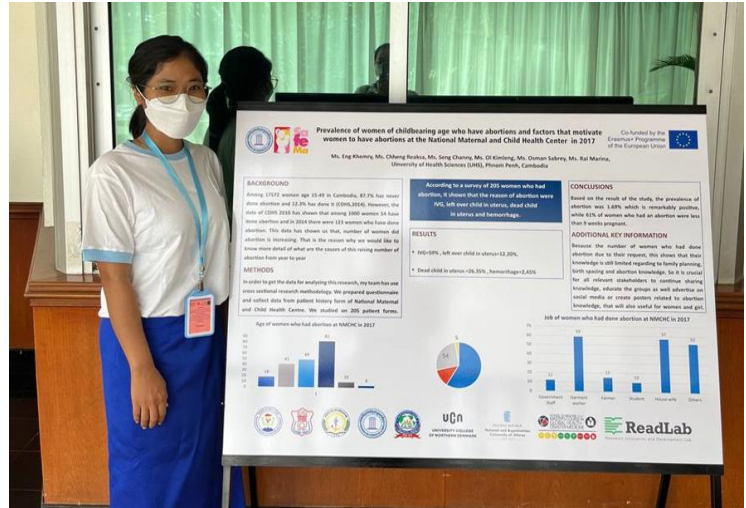
Nhận xét: Kinh tế gia đình thuộc hộ nghèo chiếm tỷ lệ thấp nhất 0,57%.

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Presentation of students Poster at International Conference

Below is provided a short description of the research posters prepared by SafeMa students and presented at the International Conference in Cambodia. For the description of the posters have been used the words of the students themselves.

“My name is RAI MARINA, I am a former midwifery student at University of Health Sciences (Bachelor Degree of Midwifery). Currently, I am working as an MCH staff at Preath Neth Preath Operational District. The topic of my poster that have been presented on International Conference Day was “Prevalence of Women of Childbearing age who have abortions and factors that motivate women to have abortions at the National Maternal and Child Health Centre”. The reason why I chose this topic because it is related to midwifery skills and connected to SafeMa project which we want to seek for improvement and better clinical skill in midwives. More important than that, once we have skilled midwives, lives of newborns will be saved as well as the safe abortion for women who need those services.”



Prevalence of women of childbearing age who have abortions and factors that motivate women to have abortions at the National Maternal and Child Health Center in 2017



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BACKGROUND

Among 17572 women age 15-49 in Cambodia, 87.7% has never done abortion and 12.3% has done it (CDHS,2014). However, the data of CDHS 2010 has shown that among 1000 women 54 have done abortion and in 2014 there were 123 women who have done abortion. This data has shown us that, number of women did abortion is increasing. That is the reason why we would like to know more detail of what are the causes of this raising number of abortion from year to year

METHODS

In order to get the data for analyzing this research, my team has use cross sectional research methodology. We prepared questionnaire and collect data from patient history form of National Maternal and Child Health Centre. We studied on 205 patient forms.

According to a survey of 205 women who had abortion, it shown that the reason of abortion were IVG, left over child in uterus, dead child in uterus and hemorrhage.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the result of the study, the prevalence of abortion was 1.69% which is remarkably positive, while 61% of women who had an abortion were less than 9 weeks pregnant.

ADDITIONAL KEY INFORMATION

Because the number of women who had done abortion due to their request, this shows that their knowledge is still limited regarding to family planning, birth spacing and abortion knowledge. So it is crucial for all relevant stakeholders to continue sharing knowledge, educate the groups as well advertise on social media or create posters related to abortion knowledge, that will also useful for women and girl.

RESULTS

- IVG=59% , left over child in uterus=12.20%.
- Dead child in uterus =26.35% , hemorrhage=2,45%

Age of women who had abortion at NMCHC in 2017

Age Group	Number of Women
15-19	18
20-24	41
25-29	49
30-34	82
35-39	10
40-44	4

Job of women who had done abortion at NMCHC in 2017

Job	Number of Women
Government Staff	12
Garment worker	59
Farmer	15
Student	10
House wife	57
Others	52

“My name is Vuthy Sreylin. I was a bachelor’s degree of Midwifery student at University of Health Science. Now a day, I’m a midwife who working at Calmette Hospital. The topic of my poster is “The Women Knowledge about Benefit of Breastfeeding and Factors that Motivate Women to Give Up Breastfeeding in Maternity Service at Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital, Cambodia”. I chose this topic because breastfeeding is the best choice for both mother and babies to have a good health. It is essential that mother should know clearly about that benefit in order to increase the prevalence of breastfeeding. In addition, knowing and reducing the factors that motivate mothers to give up breastfeeding are also contributed with that. It is all related with midwifery skilled especially SafeMa project that always aim to develop stronger capacity in midwife clinical skilled and research.”





The Women Knowledge about Benefit of Breastfeeding and Factors that Motivate Women to Give Up Breastfeeding in Maternity Service at Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital, Cambodia

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BACKGROUND

Breastfeeding is a great choice after giving birth for all mothers in the world. It is provided many benefits for both mother and baby. There are some studies were conducted to know more about women knowledge on benefit of breastfeeding and factors that motivate women to give up breastfeeding. In Malaysia 2011, the women knowledge about breastfeeding for baby is high with 86,4% while for mother 82%. They also found that mother's health problem is the main reason of giving up breastfeeding. By the way, The prevalence rate of exclusive breastfeeding in Cambodia is 11% in 2000, 74% in 2013 and declined to 65% in 2014. Furthermore, the knowledge about benefit of breastfeeding is very important with decision to choose breastfeeding or not. That is the reason that make we want to know more about women knowledge on breastfeeding and factors that motivate women to give up breastfeeding after delivery.

METHODS

It is a cross-sectional study. Data collection was conducted by face to face interviewed 70 women after delivery by using structure questionnaire from 18 July to 02 august 2017.

This study found that the women knowledge about benefit of breastfeeding is still not commonly understood while the knowledge about the benefit of breastfeeding for babies is higher than for herself. In addition, Low milk supply during breastfeeding is the main reason of giving up breastfeeding with 39,42%.

RESULTS

- Among 70 women who gave birth at Khmer-Soviet Friendship hospital, there were 37(52,86%) who breastfeeding their babies while formula milk feeding 33(47,14%).
- The percentage of mothers who knew about the benefit of breastfeeding in helping babies growing well is high with 92,86% while preventing mothers from ovarian cancer is only 20%.
- Low milk supply during breastfeeding is the main reason of giving up breastfeeding with 39,42%.

CONCLUSIONS

The women knowledge about benefit of breastfeeding for baby is high and low milk supply during breastfeeding is the main reason of giving up breastfeeding.

ADDITIONAL KEY INFORMATION

Education women about benefit of breastfeeding and provide supporting in breastfeeding after delivery from healthcare workers or women partner are essential to increase percentage of breastfeeding.






“My name is MOL SOPHEAKVATTEY, I am a former midwifery student at University of Health Sciences (bachelor’s degree of Midwifery). Currently, I am working as a mother and Child Health staff at SIEM REAP Health Department. The topic of my poster that has been presented on International Conference Day was “Influencing Local Authority Leaders to Support EmONC Improvement “. It is not research but it is a project that i think that relate to the SafeMa because it is to connect to the local authority leaders to be accountable in the implementation of relevant key community activities of midwifery. Raise the awareness target group about the need to improve EmONC and strengthen the capacity and willingness of commune councilors and other local administration officials to discuss, plan and monitor access to EmONC service which priority activities of EmONC improvement to support the midwifery to implementation as their role. EmONC trained midwives; they are all highly skilled, full of ability to provide services. Such as safe deliveries with Oxytocin, Assisted vaginal delivery as need. Basic neonatal resuscitation, Removal of retained products, Manual removal of placenta, Anticonvulsants.



(Injectable) and Antibiotics (Injectable). So, midwifery skills in BemONC are on the way forward to the SafeMa project which we want to seek for improvement and better clinic skill of midwifery. SafeMa such as a project to empower the midwife to build their capacity with quality of clinical skill and knowledge. More than this SafeMa also encourages the midwife to research new thing in midwifery and sharing to other midwives.”



Influencing Local Authority Leaders to Support EmONC Improvement

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BACKGROUND
The 2011 - 21 Cambodia Demographic and Health Survey (CDHS) report confirmed that maternal and childhood mortality rates are steadily decreasing. Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) has declined from 306 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2013 to 154 in 2021-22. The chart shows the decrease in childhood mortality. However, Cambodia still has higher than half the recommended number of EmONC facilities and they are largely concentrated in urban hospitals. In response, the MoH developed the EmONC Improvement Plan 2022-2025 as an important contributor to further reducing maternal and newborn mortality.

METHODS
Collect by secondary data from (CDHS)
MSH Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (EmONC) Improvement Plan 2021-2025 January 2022.

The MHI change project is to connect local authority leaders to be accountable in implementation of relevant key community activities of EmONC improvement Plan.

RESULTS

- Raise the awareness of commune councilors about the need to improve EmONC services and the specific issues in their areas
- Strengthen the capacity and willingness of commune councilors and other local administration officials to discuss, plan and monitor access to EmONC services
- Ensure that priority activities EmONC improvement are taken into account in the development of (CDP)and(CIP)
- Share the lessons learned with the MM (group and nationally within Cambodia

CONCLUSIONS
The MHI Change Project team, will emphasize engagement and involvement with the commune leaders, representatives of the citizen which include all relevant stakeholders to mobilize their existing resources to accelerating the EmONC plans to achieve the intended reduction of maternal and newborn deaths to meet the Cambodian Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of Preventable Maternal Death 2030 (less than 70 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births by 2030). The awareness raising on relevant EmONC activities plans for these commune leaders will be necessary to encourage them to jointly take action.

ADDITIONAL KEY INFORMATION
The outputs are those in which active commune council participation will have the greatest effect:
• Output 5 - Referral systems in place and operational throughout the country.
• Output 7 - Community participation strengthened to increase utilization.

Trends in Childhood Mortality



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Awareness Raising Activities

Throughout its operation the SafeMa research cluster had also encouraged part of the dissemination activities designed and implemented by Asian partners. More specifically, the cluster has supported the implementation of the National Conferences (one in Vietnam and one for Cambodia) by designing their agenda and supporting their dissemination and exploitation. Furthermore, the cluster took the liberty to organise two events to promote the activities of SafeMa under the framework of the Erasmus Days as well as lead the design of the International Conference that implemented in Cambodia. Additionally the SafeMa research cluster supported and raised awareness about all the Covid response activities (ie webinars) implemented during the lifecycle of the project.

Public events

National Conference HMU - 1/11/2021



National Conference IU - 01/10/2022



International Conference UHS - 27/10/2022



Media coverage

Below are some links from the local media coverage of the SafeMa research cluster activities included digital media and TV coverages (indicative):

<https://m.freshnewsasia.com/index.php/en/localnews/263462-2022-10-27-08-37-15.html?fbclid=IwAR3A9h4SARNVzKRb5P3KX7uYceJjGdclKIN2UCBGpE14jaSAZGhTnt0J2RE>

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Raksmey Hang Meas TV <https://fb.watch/jPQXlcFaU8/>

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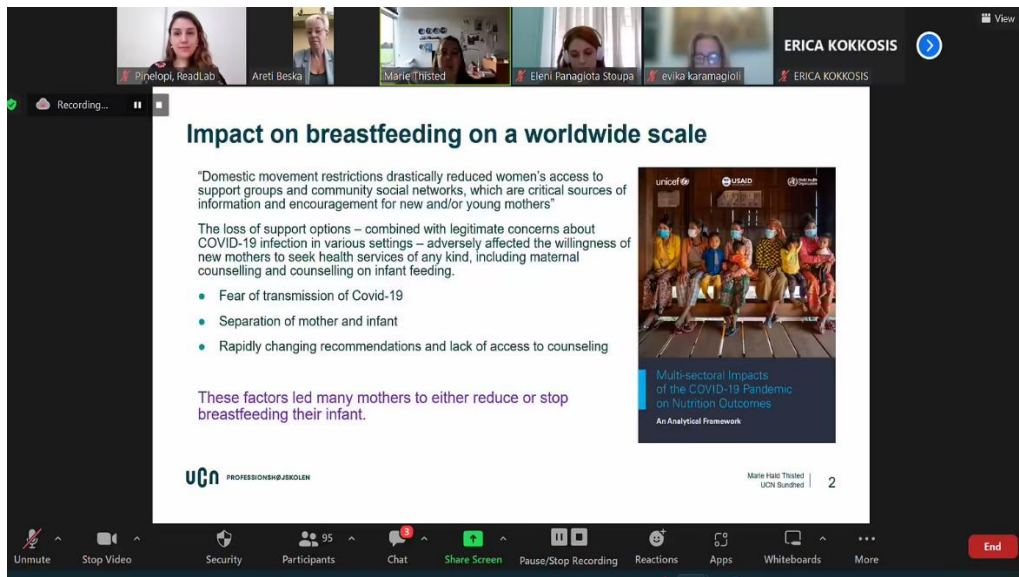
“Midwifery as a game changer of maternal births” – 17/10/2020

2020 was the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife. According to WHO, midwives are uniquely able to provide essential services to women and new-borns in even the most difficult humanitarian, fragile and conflict-affected settings. Educating midwives to international standards is therefore a cost-effective investment, to save lives and improve community health and resilience. Having as main goal to enhance women’s access to midwifery services SafeMa Research Cluster organized a webinar under #ErasmusDays. This webinar discussed the trends and the challenges in advancing the role of midwifery workforce, the importance of education, the need for new policies that will support midwifery, emphasizing also on the new settings created by Covid19.



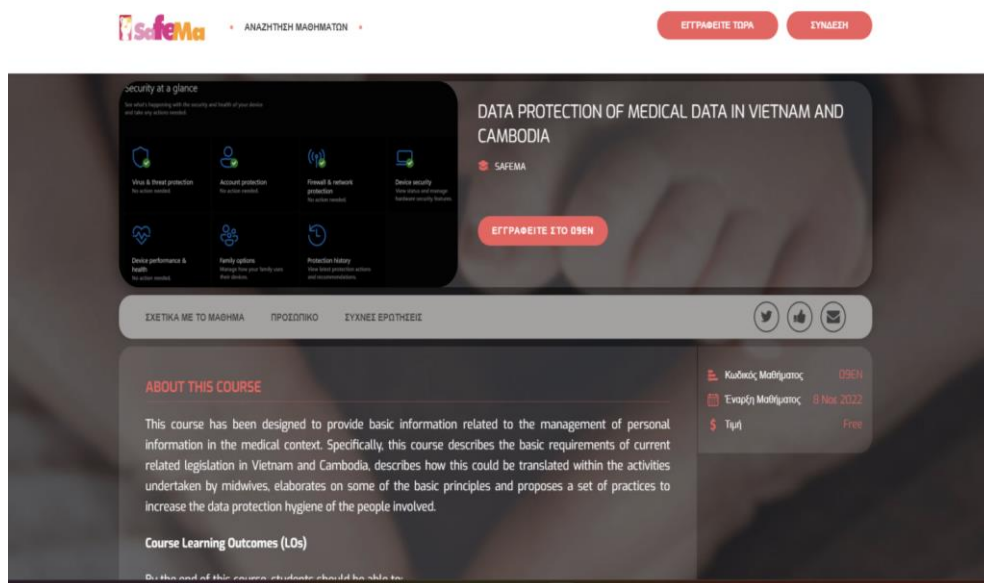
“Covid-19 and Midwifery” – 14/10/2022

Under the framework of SafeMa Research Cluster, Readlab organized the webinar “Covid-19 and Midwifery” aiming to brought together high esteemed academics and professionals with a great experience, presenting the European reality in midwifery field during Covid-19 and exchange knowledge with the Asian academics and professionals in midwifery. During this workshop the participants had the chance to discuss the forthcoming issues: *midwifery during Covid-19_Giving birth at home, how Covid-19 has enhanced breastfeeding, digital primary midwifery services during Covid-19, mother-care, and Covid-19: Mental Health issues.*



Data Protection of Medical Data in Vietnam and Cambodia (new course)

This course has been designed by ReadLab to provide basic information related to the management of personal information in the medical context. Specifically, this course describes the basic requirements of current related legislation in Vietnam and Cambodia, describes how this could be translated within the activities undertaken by midwives, elaborates on some of the basic principles and proposes a set of practices to increase the data protection hygiene of the people involved. This course was available to SafeMa VLE platform.



Sustainability

After the end of the International Conference, the SafeMa Research Cluster had the opportunity to discuss with His Excellency Professor Mam Bunheng, Minister of Health and Chairman of the Board of the University of Health Sciences (UHS), Ms. Flora Bertizzolo, in charge of Education and Skills of the European Union in Kingdom of Cambodia and the representative of UNFPA Mr. Ngoun Pros, opportunities and possible synergies to sustain the educational material of the project – after its completion- in order to encourage the transformation of midwifery education in Cambodia.



At the same time, before the official closure of the project, the consortium received invitations to present its work and sustain its outcomes. More specifically, the project had received an invitation from the European Commission to present its outcomes during the event “Celebrating EU-ASEAN People to People Cooperation on Higher Education”. This event aims to review the last 7 years of work and demonstrate the role of higher education and research as a channel for cooperation on a wider scale. It aims examine the impact on the higher education sector itself – improved frameworks and systems; better policies; and developments in teaching and learning. It will also consider the impact of higher education and research work on wider strategic priorities of ASEAN countries – employability; green transition; digital connectivity and other Global Gateway themes.



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