

PROJECT DESCRIPTION



Background

Developing full scope midwifery and continuum of midwifery care during pre-pregnancy, pregnancy, childbirth, postpartum and newborn care decreases maternal and infant mortality, morbidity and disabilities in Vietnam and Cambodia.

Goals

Strengthen midwifery education by developing curricula that supports midwives' autonomy. Implement evidence-based theory, practices. Upgrade academic and pedagogic skills of midwife educators for more interactive and student centered teaching. Update midwifery skills and know-how of professionals. Create modern socioculturally sensitive training material for professionals and families. Promote dignified and respectful high quality midwifery care that takes into the consideration needs of asian culture.

Partners and co-operators

Finland (Tampere University of Applied Sciences), Slovenia (Univerza v Ljubljani and Univerza Na Primorskem Universita Del Litorale), Vietnam (University of Medicine and Pharmacy at Ho Chi Minh City and Truong Dai Hoc Dieu Duong Nam Dinh) and Cambodia (University of Health Sciences and Health Science Institute of Royal Cambodian Armed Forces, Phnom Penh).

Theory and methodology of the project

We use expansive learning and participatory research methodology in all work packages in our project. Learning by expanding and participatory methodology is a creative type of learning in which learners join their forces to create something new. The metaphor of expansion depicts the multidirectional movement of learners reconceptualizing and transforming their activities. Beneficiaries are learners, however we all learn from each other. Learning is always in active motion. We use active learning methods like different variations of problem-based learning, case-based learning, flipped learning, a lot of simulations, groupwork etc. Target is to develop academic skills and evidence-based midwifery of participating (midwife) teachers, and students become secondary beneficiary group. We invite also stakeholders, working midwives to Evidence-based midwifery skills training.

Webpage: <https://projects.tuni.fi/4steps/midwifery/>

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