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Qualitative Baseline Data Collection Activity, Chanthaburi Province in November 2023

During November 7 - 19, 2023, the PANDASIA project, supported by the European Union (EU) and the UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), implemented a qualitative baseline data collection in Chanthaburi province of Thailand. This data collection had objectives to determine human and societal factors impacting zoonotic spillover risk that may impact human, animal, and environmental health.



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The activities included key informant interviews (KIIs), focus group discussions (FGDs), and shared walks with relevant stakeholders in the communities. During the data collection activities, the team was able to assess the geographical, environmental, beliefs, and cultural context characteristics of the people and communities at the study locations. We obtained positive cooperation from various government and non-government stakeholders and community members.

The findings of this qualitative baseline data collection are expected to support improving the quantitative data collection questionnaire that will be implemented in Chanthaburi and Chiang Rai provinces in 2024 and provide baseline information to support other PANDASIA WPs.



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