Development of Community Based Elder Care Programs and Services in Korrum Subdistrict Administrative Organization, Uttaradit, Thailand

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The number of older persons aged 60 or over in Thailand has grown rapidly and will continue to increase continuously (from 16% in 2019 to almost a third of the total population) in future next two decades; according to the latest UN estimates, the number of older persons is expected to more than double by 2050 and to more than triple by 2100, rising from 962 million globally in 2017 to 2.1 billion in 2050 and 3.1 billion in 2100. Globally, the world's population is ageing and people aged 60 or over is growing faster than all younger age groups and virtually every country in the world is experiencing growth in the number and proportion of older persons. In the coming decades many countries are likely to face fiscal and political pressures in relation to public systems of health care, pensions and social protections for a growing older population.

Dealing with such situations, the development of elder care services are receiving increasing Thailand government attention and are prominent issues in the 12th National Health Development Plan (2017-2020) and Thailand's government policy seeks to develop the country towards Thailand 4.0 model, which the Healthcare Service System for the Elderly is one of the Thailand 4.0 model's goals to be conducted during 2017-2036. This is the chance for healthcare providers especially nurses in the community to develop the effectiveness of health service system for older people to optimize their health and well-being. A variety of government initiatives are underway to deal with the ageing population particularly ones that emphasize community based programs.

Rapid Ethnographic Community Assessment Process (RECAP) will be used to study development of elder care system by Korrum Subdistrict Administrative Organization, Uttaradit, Thailand which their administrative area consist of two healthcare centers including Korrum and Bungthayuan Health-Promoting Hospital (HPH).

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