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Community Story

Miss Kornika, DA, 25

Malaria Post (MP) worker

Baan Huy Pla Kong, Mae Ra Mard District, TAK province



Da's house / Malaria post



Da, 25 years old, is a Malaria Post (MP) worker at Baan Huy Pla Kong community, close to the Thai-Myanmar border. Her inspiration is from her parents when they got sick, she would like to assist her parents. She thought that if she had basic public health knowledge, she could support them better. This motivated her to be MP for more than 2 years.

Her malaria post unit is well-known to locals and the MMPs who live or work nearby. She separated the space of her house as a malaria post unit in the community. Every day, she communicates with community members through the community radio board cast to have a malaria test if they have a fever or malaria symptoms. People who know her go to get a malaria test at the MP. If some patients could not go to see her at the unit, she will go to see them at their house.



Da doing fever screening with children



Malaria patients data

Da's MP post is the only one providing malaria services in her communities and people nearby. If patients or risk groups lived in remote or isolated areas, she must go out to see them and do testing. When she needs to report a malaria case or refer to the hospital, she has to go to the mountain where she can get a telephone signal, which is 6 KM far from the community to communicate with the local authority.

Not only malaria disease, but people also frequently go to her for other diseases, such as stomachache, fever, dengue, and diarrhea, and request her medicines, such as paracetamol. These forced her to learn more about the disease to support other disease prevention than malaria.

Every month, she plans community engagement and awareness-raising activities with the head of the village, Frontline social network under the World Vision Foundation, health workers, and other units at the district level.

From dream to reality

At present, she is studying at Tak community college in the community public health faculty. She plans to continue her bachelor's degree in the public health faculty at Northern University Tak campus and continue serving her communities in the future.

"I feel proud when the community follows my suggestion. I met them for tests, treatment, and case investigations, supervised them to complete medication, and followed up on treatment until they recovered. They came back to thank me..."

"Some people don't know about malaria at all. Even how to protect themselves from mosquito bites or what kind of malaria carrier mosquito... especially, migrants. Community attention is my motivation"