UGHW drives the WHO Regional Healthy Cities Network in South-East Asia supporting cities to strengthen governance and achieve Healthy City recognition.





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Who We Are

WHO South-East Asia Regional Office has partnered with the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Faculty of Architecture, Chulalongkorn University to establish the Regional Laboratory on Urban Governance for Health and Well-being (UGHW).

Our work serves as a regional hub to **support and drive the WHO Regional Healthy Cities Network in South-East Asia**, enabling cities to learn from one another and advance health and well-being through good governance.

Mission

We empower cities to develop structures and systems that address the social, economic, and environmental determinants of health, promoting health equity and well-being through good governance.

What We Do

UGHW works to strengthen city systems and promote good governance for healthier, more equitable urban futures. We:



Strengthen healthy cities and good governance for health and well-being through research, technical support, and regional collaboration.



Promote and facilitate the creation of networks to scale up urban governance for health and well-being across cities in the South-East Asia Region.



Promote joint learning among mayors and local leaders, supporting city-level initiatives that enhance community engagement and local stakeholder involvement.



Build city capacities to generate and use evidence on population health and its determinants—through the development of urban health and health equity profiles.

Our Focus



Healthy Cities for All

Promote responsive, inclusive, health-conscious societies

Health Equity in All Urban Policies

Ensure public policies contribute to better health outcomes

Synergetic Cities for Well-being

Foster multisectoral collaboration across urban systems