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Abstract

This thesis deals with the issue of accessibility to primary care for households in the urban area of Danang City in Vietnam.

The essay: Primary care is the first contact with the health system where patients can be diagnosed, treated, managed or referred to a higher level of the health system. It has an important position in the construction of the health system. Primary care should be developed into communities to be available and managed to be accessible to people in order to become means to improve the health of people. Assessing accessibility to primary care will help policy makers to improve health system development.

The proposal: The study will be implemented in Danang City in Vietnam to facilitate the city authorities to refer in policy making with the understanding of the situation of accessibility to primary care for households. The study was designed as a cross – sectional descriptive study. The objective is to provide evidence for decision making on the accessibility to primary care. The study applies quantitative and qualitative approaches. The result of the study will be helpful for the city authorities to refer in policy making to improve access to primary care for people. Total budget required is 4,476 USD for the study to be implemented during eight months.

The data exercise: The study was designed as a cross – sectional descriptive pilot study with the purpose to test the designed instrument as well as to improve field skills required for the real study in Vietnam. The objectives are to practice data

collection and data analysis, to test the reliability of the designed instrument and to arrive at recommendations to adjust the instrument. The pilot study was implemented in Cheing Rai province, Thailand with a purposive sampling. The two important lessons gained from the study are (1) the pilot study with quantitative and qualitative approaches should be implemented with a larger sample in the urban area in Danang City in Vietnam, (2) It is necessary to test reliability of the instrument.

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List of Acronyms

ADB	Asian Development Bank
CHC	Community Health Center
DTEC	Department of Technique and Economic Cooperation
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
MPH	Ministry of Public Health
SD	Standard Deviation
USD	United States Dollar
VND	Vietnam Dong
WHO	World Health Organization