



CHAPTER V

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Policy Recommendations

The implementation area for establishing reproductive health clinics should be extended to health centers that are ready and staffed with professional nurses. There are currently 2 pilot sites, the 2 health centers of Nai Muang Sub-district and Muang Kao Pattana Sub-district, while there are 6 health centers that are staffed with professional nurses. This is recommended so that services may be provided to a greater geographic area and personnel trained to have the knowledge and skills required to screen abnormal conditions of the reproductive system and to provide counseling on reproductive health.

2. General Recommendations

- 2.1 Teaching material for STDs must be the illustrated because is can be used to communicate meanings more clearly, but should be used wisely and carefully as they may cause resistance and misunderstanding.
- 2.2 Group participatory learning about special cleaning of the male and female genital organs Males must have special learning for cleaning the penis.

- 2.3 There should be larger scale public education about STDs because, apart from HIV/AIDS, most community people have hardly heard about other STDs. Such education can focus on target groups, for example, school children, adolescents, housewives, pregnant women and waiters/waitresses in restaurants or karaoke shops.

3. Recommendations for further studies

- 3.1 The participatory learning group process can be used with adolescents, waiters/waitresses in restaurants or karaoke shops, and with housewives, so that they can understand their own issues, sex education, STDs and prevention.
- 3.2 Additional training should be provided for other staff involved in skills essential for discussing sexual intercourse, skills to conduct *informal* small group discussions (which happen quite often) and *formal* small group discussions (with pre-appointment and pre-defined agendas), or upgrading life skills, so that staff can become more confident.
- 3.3 There should be qualitative studies to obtain in-depth data.