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Regional Field Epidemiology
Training Program for Veterinarian

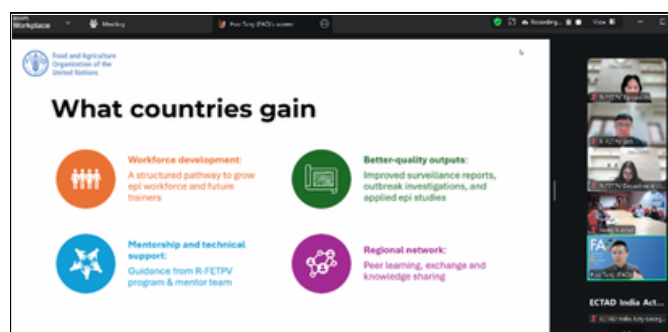
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R-FETPV 2026 Recruitment Announcement Meeting



On 27 January 2026, R-FETPV brought together representatives from network countries across government agencies and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for an online session to officially launch recruitment for the 2026 cohort.

The meeting kicked off with a program overview by Dr. Tippawon Prarakamawongsa, offering new countries a quick introduction to R-FETPV's mission, structure, and opportunities. Dr. Sith Premasithira then shared key updates on the competency and mentorship frameworks, highlighting where the program is heading next.

A session by Tang Hao from FAO outlined what countries can gain and what it takes to get involved, setting clear expectations for participation.

The response was highly encouraging, with strong interest across the network. Countries expressed their readiness to nominate candidates, all aiming toward one shared goal: strengthening veterinary epidemiology capacity and advancing animal health systems.

➤ DLD Data Hub Workshop for Animal Disease Risk Analysis



On 10 February 2026, R-FETPV partnered with the Bureau of Disease Control and Veterinary Services to deliver a hands-on workshop on using the DLD Data Hub for animal disease risk analysis.

Nearly 50 DLD veterinarians joined the session, many of them also R-FETPV mentors, creating a lively space for technical exchange and collaboration. The workshop was opened by Narong Leingcharean, followed by Sith Premashtira, who introduced the vision behind the DLD Data Hub.



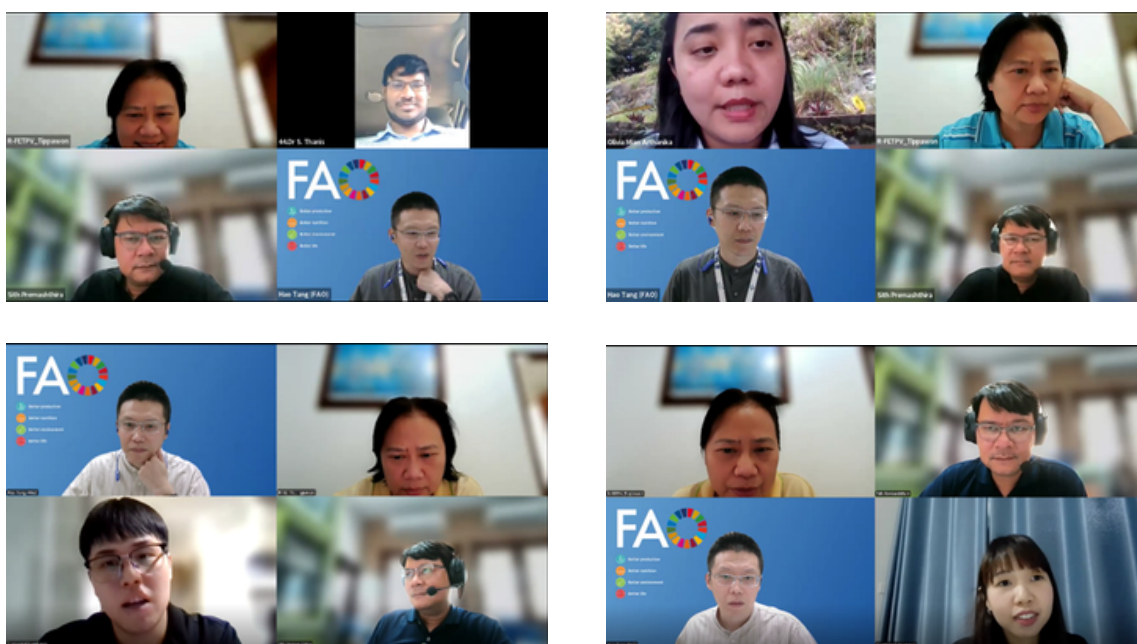
Participants explored the platform through live demos and hands-on practice, gaining practical experience while sharing feedback to improve the system. A focused session by Waroonsiri Charoenlarp also introduced key risk analysis concepts and the Rapid Risk Assessment Tool developed in Microsoft Excel.



The day wrapped up with group work, where participants applied real data to design their own risk analysis plans, turning knowledge into action.

A strong step forward for data-driven animal health and smarter decision-making across the network.

➤ R-FETPV 2026 Interviews: A Competitive Year



From 4–6 March 2026, R-FETPV conducted interviews for the 2026 cohort, and this year was more competitive than ever.

Following a pause in recruitment in 2025, the program received an impressive 27 applications, representing Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Thailand, and more. Of these, 22 qualified candidates were shortlisted for interviews.

With such a strong pool of applicants, the selection panel faced a tough challenge. Only 12 candidates will be selected to join the next cohort.

Who will make the final cut? Stay tuned for the next issue of our newsletter!

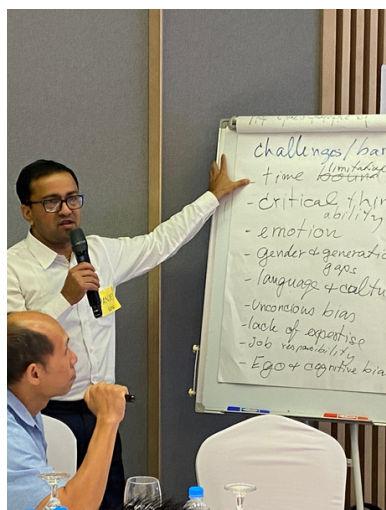
R-FETPV Strengthens Mentorship Capacity Through FELS and Soft Skills Training

9-13 March 2026 | Wyndham Jomtien Pattaya Hotel, Thailand



R-FETPV successfully conducted the Mentors Workshop on Building Mentors' Capacity in Zoonotic Disease Surveillance, Outbreak Investigation, and the Use of the FETPV Learning & Support (FELS) System, bringing together mentors to enhance both technical and interpersonal mentorship skills.

On 9 March, Dr. Tang Hao and Ms. Achila Longchar from FAO introduced the FETPV Learning & Support (FELS) System, developed by the FAO Virtual Learning Center (VLC). The platform is designed to facilitate communication, collaboration, and information sharing between mentors and trainees in a structured and interactive online environment. Participants explored the platform through hands-on activities and provided valuable feedback that will guide future improvements to better support mentors, mentees, and program coordination.



From 10–13 March, the workshop focused on Strengthening Mentorship Competencies: Behavioral and Interpersonal Skills, led by the FETP team. Through interactive sessions, mentors strengthened essential soft skills for effective mentorship, including communication, coaching, constructive feedback, conflict resolution, and problem-solving.

The workshop reinforced R-FETPV's commitment to developing a strong network of mentors equipped to guide the next generation of field epidemiologists and veterinary public health professionals in addressing zoonotic disease threats across the region.