

BMA HEALTH OFFICERS AS FOOD INSPECTORS:
EVALUATION OF A TRAINING PROGRAM



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The purpose of this study was to evaluate training program in the project to appoint Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) Health Officers as food inspectors. In the past decade, there were low quality food in the market. The results of food analysis showed levels were quite high and stable. Although the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has the responsibility, it is deprived of manpower. So the FDA planned to use an alternative manpower strategy in which BMA Health Officers who worked in Ministry of Interior were selected to take responsibility of the FDA in Bangkok. They already have duty on hygienic control of material, man and place of food shops. So the FDA appointed BMA Health Officers as food inspectors. Therefore, a training program on food inspection for BMA Health Officers was implemented. This study aimed at evaluation of that training program for BMA Health Officers. I used one-group pretest-posttest design to evaluate changes in knowledge, attitude, skill of the trainees, and activities

carried out during training program for those Officers, to check activities of support, supervision, distributing information by FDA Officers and performance of BMA Health Officers. Perception of the shop owners are also carried out in respected areas in Bangkok. The questionnaires will be administered to BMA Health Officers who work in district offices in Bangkok before and after training program on food inspection for BMA Health Officers. Performance of food inspectors will be evaluated by interviewing them and food shop owners in their districts in future detailed study. Perception of the shop owners will also be look for.



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