**Health Expenditure of ASEAN Countries**

Based on the report of the World Health Organization (WHO), the share of total health expenditure to GDP in the Philippines reached 3.4 percent in 2004, an increase of 0.2 percentage point from the previous year's 3.2 percent.   Among the other ASEAN countries, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and Myanmar had lower percentage share of total health expenditure to GDP than the Philippines.

Those countries in the ASEAN Region in which their governments contributed more than half of their respective total health expenditure include Brunei Darrusalam at 79.7 percent, Thailand at 64.7 percent, and Malaysia at 58.8 percent.

Private expenditure on health in the Philippines decreased slightly but still maintaining a share of more than 50 percent.  More than half of the countries showed higher private health expenditure shares than the Philippines, with Myanmar posting the highest at 87.1 percent, followed by Lao People's Democratic Republic and Cambodia with 79.5 and 74.2 percent, respectively.

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| **Member State** | **Total expenditure on health as % of GDP** | | **General government expenditure on health as % of  total expenditure on health** | | **Private expenditure on health as % of total expenditure on health** | | **External resources for health as % of total expenditure on health** | |
| **2003** | **2004** | **2003** | **2004** | **2003** | **2004** | **2003** | **2004** |
| Brunei Darussalam | 3.5 | 3.2 | 80.0 | 79.7 | 20.0 | 20.3 | n/a | n/a |
| Cambodia | 10.9 | 6.7 | 19.3 | 25.8 | 80.7 | 74.2 | 18.5 | 28.5 |
| Indonesia | 3.1 | 2.8 | 35.9 | 34.2 | 64.1 | 65.8 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| Lao People's Democratic Rep. | 3.2 | 3.9 | 38.5 | 20.5 | 61.5 | 79.5 | 30.0 | 10.2 |
| Malaysia | 3.8 | 3.8 | 58.2 | 58.8 | 41.8 | 41.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Myanmar | 2.8 | 2.2 | 19.4 | 12.9 | 80.6 | 87.1 | 2.2 | 13.1 |
| **Philippines - WHO** | **3.2** | **3.4** | **43.7** | **39.8** | **56.3** | **60.2** | **3.8** | **3.6** |
| **Philippines 2/** | **3.4** | **3.4** | **31.1** | **30.7** | **58.6** | **58.5** | **3.3** | **3.8** |
| Singapore | 4.5 | 3.7 | 36.1 | 34.0 | 63.9 | 66.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Thailand | 3.3 | 3.5 | 61.6 | 64.7 | 38.4 | 35.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Viet Nam | 5.4 | 5.5 | 27.8 | 27.1 | 72.2 | 72.9 | 2.6 | 2.0 |

1/ The World Health Report 2005, WHO website (Date: Oct 22, 2007).

2/ 2005 PNHA, NSCB.

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