

Fit for School (2015-2021)



Principle investigator



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Short Description

GIZ and the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) are promoting the Fit for School (FIT) approach to strengthen school health in Southeast Asia. The FIT approach is an integrated school health and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) concept that originated in the Philippines, where it is implemented by the Department of Education. The programme uses public elementary schools as a venue to reach the child population through simple, evidence-based and cost-effective health interventions, including the improvement of WASH infrastructure, sanitation, the daily practice of handwashing and toothbrushing activities and school-based deworming.

For many years, ACTA has been involved in strengthening the evidence on the WASH interventions of the FIT programme, particularly on the effectiveness of school-based tooth brushing as group activities and hygiene behavior change.

Staff involved

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Collaborations/affiliations

- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Dr. Bella Monse, Germany / Philippines
- Department of Epidemiology and Health Promotion, New York University (US), Prof. dr. Habib Benzian, United States
- London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (UK), Dr. Robert Dreibelbis, London
- Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, University College London, United Kingdom.
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- Ministries of Education, Philippines, Lao PDR, Cambodia and Indonesia

Grants

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- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), granted €44.980,- (2020, januari – 2021, augustus).

More information: www.fitforschool.international