

Final report for the
Training Workshop for parliament staff from Asia Pacific countries on
“Population Policy Tracking and Monitoring”
7 – 10 November 2010
Chatrium Suites Bangkok, Thailand

This report provides details of a four-day training organised by the Institute of Population and Social Research (IPSR), Mahidol University for the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD), which took place between 7-10 November 2010 at the Chatrium Suites, Bangkok, Thailand.

The training aimed to provide the participants with a better understanding of how population policies are created as well as providing them with the skills to find and monitor national population policies. Information was provided about what are population policies, how they are created along with information about the various stakeholders involved in the process. Examples were provided from Thailand, showing how the country created its population policies, how it is approaching the issue of migration and the problems it is and will increasingly face with ageing.

The report is divided into 6 different parts:

1. Background details of the training
2. Training programme schedule
3. List of the participants and facilitators
4. Opening remarks
5. Details and evaluation of the various sessions
6. Recommendations

Part 1: Background and Justification

Parliamentarians on Population and Development

The 15th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in 2009 served as a renewal of commitment to the Cairo consensus, and as an important reminder of the five years remaining to fulfil commitments made at Cairo in 1994. In addition, the anniversary reaffirmed the alignment of the Cairo Consensus with the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), acknowledging the groundwork of the consensus for the development and achievement of MDG.

Parliamentarians in developing countries have been actively engaged on the issues of population and development for well over four decades. To make their involvement more effective National Committees of Parliamentarians on Population and Development have been formed in most countries. They have also established networks of Parliamentarians on Population and Development at the international and regional level. The National Committees and the regional networks have been working to inform, educate and motivate members of parliament (and other elected representatives of state/local bodies) on issues of population and development, gender and reproductive health issues and to mobilise them to support related policies and programmes. Since ICPD, these Committees have actively promoted reproductive health and rights, gender equality and the empowerment of women, elimination of gender-based violence and the halt of the spread of HIV/AIDS. They recognize the close linkage between the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the ICPD Goals and actively advocate for the commitment of parliamentarians to support policies and programmes as well as allocate resources to improve reproductive health, promote gender equality and equity and alleviate poverty.

The Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD), established 29 years ago in 1981, is the oldest and most active among the regional parliamentarians' networks and is the coordinating body of 22 National Committees of Parliamentarians on Population and Development in Asia and the Pacific, including Central Asia. AFPPD is a catalyst in establishing the networks of parliamentarians in other regions and has promoted the sharing of experiences among them. These have proved very valuable in promoting south-south exchanges and collaboration among the countries to advance ICPD goals.

In addition, and as a result of the efforts by AFPPD, three Standing Committees, one on women and the other on food security and water and male parliamentarians involvement against women, have been established to provide special focus on these issues. AFPPD also renders support to the International Medical Parliamentarians Organization (IMPO), a platform of parliamentarians with medical or nursing background and has convened a meeting of parliamentarians with backgrounds in education in 2005 in Krabi, Thailand to generate understanding and create interest among them to deal with issues of population, education and sustainable development.

The Asian Forum primarily involves parliamentarians for policy review and development. Since 1994, countries have developed and approved legislation and policies in support of ICPD, and with the support of AFPPD. The critical juncture of post-ICPD +15 is a strategic time to review existing approved legislations, as well and review existing policies for

potential gaps and necessary revisions. In order to do so, AFPPD will create a policy database to track existing policy and legislative support at the national level in Asia and the Pacific. It is anticipated that the database will be compiled with uniform indicators to allow regional information collection and comparison, and strengthen the sharing of best practices in policy-making and legislative support for ICPD. The database will allow interested persons—including civil society, civil servants, parliamentarians, and public health professionals—to obtain much needed information for assessing policy baselines and existing gaps for proposed public health programming, as well as for furthering the aims of ICPD through policy and legislation.

Secondly, a training workshop for staff of National Parliamentary Committees on Population and Development is held annually to enhance parliamentary staff's capacity and knowledge in various issues as they will be involved at national level in tracking policy. By enhancing staff capacity, they will be in better position to do so.

ICPD Programme of Action and the Role of Parliamentarians

The Programme of Action (PoA) adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) held at Cairo (1994) recognizes that:

“To address the challenges of population and development effectively, broad and effective partnership is essential between government and non-governmental organizations (comprising not-for-profit groups and organizations at the local, national and international levels) to assist in the formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of population and development objectives and activities.” (para. 15.1)

The PoA also notes that:

“The members of the national legislatures can have a major role to play, especially for enacting appropriate domestic legislation for implementing the present Programme of Action, allocating appropriate financial resources, ensuring accountability of expenditure and raising public awareness of population issues.” (para. 13.3)

The Key Actions for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development adopted at the twenty-first General Assembly of the United Nations held in New York (1999) includes the following call:

“Parliamentarians and members of the national legislatures are invited to ensure the legislative reform and expand awareness-raising necessary for implementing the Programme of Action. They are encouraged to be advocates for the implementation of the Programme of Action, including through allocation, as appropriate, of financial resources. There should be regular exchanges of experiences among parliamentarians at the sub-regional, regional, interregional and international levels, where appropriate.” (para. 87)

“Since ICPD, an increasing number of countries have recognized the importance of sensitizing parliamentarians to reproductive health issues,” and that “one of the most commonly reported tools for the formulation and adoption of national population policies and laws was the establishment of parliamentary caucuses for lobbying and advocacy efforts.”

UNFPA Strategic Plan 2008-2011 and its inter-country programme have reiterated the importance of continued advocacy with members of parliament to accelerate the achievement of ICPD goals. The inter-country programme has also identified weaknesses in implementation of national programmes which hinder the progress in advancing the ICPD agenda.

Given the above context, this project funded under the Japan Trust Fund and executed and

implemented by AFPPD seeks to strengthen collaboration and exchange of best practices and experiences among Asian parliamentarians, particularly women parliamentarians, who will be engaged to review progress made on the ICPD PoA in its 15th year. The project further aims to consolidate the gains achieved so far in reducing poverty, improving access and quality of reproductive health services, promoting reproductive rights, gender equality and equity and empowering women in Asia and the Pacific.

Relevance of UNFPA Support

The activities proposed under the project relates directly to the recommendations contained in the ICPD PoA, the Report of the Five Year Review of ICPD implementation conducted in 1999, and in the UNFPA Strategic Plan 2008-2013 and its Global and Regional Programme. UNFPA, as the lead agency in implementing the PoA, recognizes the need to further broaden the ownership of the ICPD agenda and strengthen partnerships that can push it forward.

The activities proposed will directly contribute to the building and strengthening of partnerships with parliamentarians and policymakers in the Asia-Pacific region, as information and data are vital for parliamentarians to make informed decisions.

AFPPD will conduct its annual training of parliamentary staff. This year, the parliament staff training will focus on policy tracking of ICPD related policies and legislation, as well as the monitoring of parliamentary participation on ICPD related issues.

With UNFPA support over the years, AFPPD has strengthened its ability to conduct effective advocacy with parliamentary groups in a number of countries in the region.

Coverage and focus of the proposed project

In order to support better regional advocacy for sexual and reproductive health and rights as articulated within ICPD, AFPPD will organize a regional policy tracking and monitoring database on ICPD related national policies, and on parliamentarians support for and participation in bringing forward relevant policies and legislation. Parliamentary staff training will target policy tracking and monitoring of parliamentary participation in support of ICPD's PoA and the MDG to complement and further strengthen the impact of broader programmatic objectives of this agreement. The parliamentary staff training will be open to parliament staff from countries with National Committees while parliament staff from other countries will be encouraged to attend. To ensure that this training will benefit the overall goal of advancing gender equality, parliamentary staff who were previously or are currently involved in gender-related programming will be given priority.

Part 2: Training Programme Schedule

Time	Session
Day 1: Sunday 7 November 2010	
9.00-9.30	Session 1 - Opening and Welcoming by AFPPD and IPSR - Introduction from Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development - Introduction from Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University
9.30-10.00	Session 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions: identify the expectations of the participants • Setting rules for the workshop • Selecting of 3 persons to provide feedback on the progress of the training for each day IPSR (Simon)
10.00-10.15	Tea break
10.15-11.15	Session 3 Population policy: The UNFPA prospective Richard Columbia
11.15-12.30	Session 4 What is a population policy and why is it important? IPSR (Boonlert)
12.30-1.30	Lunch
1.30-2.30	Session 5 Group work: Mapping population policy (follow on from the previous session) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is to be included, laws, decrees, white papers, polices • What topics are to be included: Family planning, health, HIV/AIDS etc. • Presentations to all participants IPSR (Simon/Kerry)
2.30-2.45	Tea break
2.45-4.00	Session 6 Group work: Each individual will explain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How they collected the population policies that they brought with them • The advantages and disadvantages of each method • Presentations to all participants IPSR (Simon/Kerry)

Time	Session
Day 2: Monday 8 November 2010	
9.00-9.15	Session 7 Feedback on the previous day from the selected participant
9.15-10.15	Session 8 Overview of the database <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How it works • What is to be included • What are our roles and functions once we return to our countries AFPPD (Mike) and IPSR (Simon)
10.15-10.30	Tea break
10.30-12.30	Session 9

	How to collect information about population policies: Overview of data collection methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise internet searches (Computers will be used for this session) IPSR (Simon/Kerry)
12.30-1.30	Lunch
1.30-2.30	Session 10 How to collect information about population policies: Overview of data collection methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise internet searches (Computers will be used for this session) IPSR (Simon/Kerry)
2.30-2.45	Tea
2.45-4.00	Session 11 Group work: Critique of population policies: Each group will be given: A population policy Guidelines on how to critique the policy IPSR (Simon/Kerry)

Time	Session
Day 3: Tuesday 9 November 2010	
9.00-9.15	Session 12 Feedback on the previous day from the selected participant
9.15-10.00	Session 13 Trying to create an immigration policy: Experiences from Thailand – who are the stakeholders and their conflicting desires HRDF (Andy)
10.00-10.15	Tea break
10.15-12.30	Session 14 Creating population policy: Experiences from Thailand Dhurakij Pundit University (Jawalaksana)
12.30-1.30	Lunch
1.30-2.30	Session 15 Group work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise presentations within groups • Developing presentations on their population policies • How they will collect information • Who are the key stakeholders • How they plan to influence the process IPSR (Simon/Kerry)
2.30-2.45	Tea
2.45-4.00	Session 16 Individual SHORT presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A critique of their population policies – Country specific • Their future plans for data collection IPSR (Simon/Kerry)

Time	Session
Day 4: Wednesday 10 November 2010	

9.00-9.15	Session 17 Feedback on the previous day from the selected participant
9.15-10.15	Session 18 New population policies for the region: Aging IPSR (Amara)
10.15-10.30	Tea break
10.15-12.30	Session 19 Individual SHORT presentations: (Continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A critique of their population policies – Country specific • Their future plans for data collection IPSR (Simon/Kerry)
12.30-1.30	Lunch
1.30-2.00	Session 20 Group work – situation analysis: the context of population policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where do policies come from? • How do polices get created? • How do polices get endorsed? • How can we influence polices? IPSR (Simon/Kerry)
2.30-2.45	Tea
2.45-4.00	Session 21 Closing - Provide certificates to the participants and thank you speeches AFPPD & IPSR

Par 3: List of participants and resource persons

AFGHANISTAN

1. Mr Nezamudin Adel

Director of Relations with World Parliaments
International Relations Department,
Wolesi Jirga (House of Representatives), National Assembly of Afghanistan
Office Tel: +93 752031872-3-4
Mobile: +93 (0) 700253824
Email: adel_253824@yahoo.com

BANGLADESH

2. Dr Md Rafiqur Rahman

Chief Medical Officer
Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat Medical Center
Parliament Bhaban, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar,
Dhaka 1207
Office Tel: +88-02-8112433
Office Fax: +88-02-8112267
Email: ipa2branch@yahoo.com

3. Mr Md Enamul Hoque

Assistant Director (Reporting)
Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat
Parliament Bhaban, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar,
Dhaka 1207
Office Tel: +88-02-8112433
Email: enamul_hoque82@yahoo.com

CAMBODIA

4. Mr Pen Prakath

Deputy Director of International Relations Department, CAPPD
National Assembly of Cambodia
National Assembly St., Tonle Bassac, Chamcar Morn, Phnom Penh
Office Tel: +855-23215837
Email: prakath2004@yahoo.com

5. Mr Savuth Som

Director of Parliamentary Institute of Cambodia and Staff of CAPPD
Office Tel: +855-23215837
Office Fax: +91 11 41656660
Email: somsavuth@yahoo.com

CHINA

6. Mr Wen Hui Bing

Senior Staff Member
The Education, Science, Culture and Public Health Committee of NPC
No. 23, Xi Jiao Min Xiang, West District of Beijing, China
Office Tel: +8610-63097281
Office Fax: +8610-63097730
Email: wenhuibing@npc.gov.cn
webng826@hotmail.com

INDONESIA

7. Ms Nelita Mulyadi Abdullah

General Officer
Jl. H Saumin, No. 8A, Pejompongan, Jakarta
Office Tel: +62-21-573-7258

Office Fax: +62-21-573-7258
Email: nelita@ifppd.org

8. Ms Miliana Endah

Finance and Administrative Assistant
Jl. H Saumin, No. 8A, Pejompongan, Jakarta
Office Tel: +62-2-5737258
Office Fax: +62-816759121
Email: miliana_endah@ifppd.org

9. Mr Sulhan Syafii

Executive Secretary of IFPPD West Java Province
Jl. Diponegoro 22 Bandung
Office Tel: +62-22-70014088
Office Fax: +62-8122171236
Email: ifppd_jabar@yahoo.co.id

KOREA

10. Ms Young Sun YOON

Program Officer, Korean Parliamentary League on Children, Population and Environment (CPE)
#115 National Assembly Members' Bldg, 1 Yeuido-dong, Youngdeungpo-ku, Seoul
Office Tel: + 82-2-784-5107
Office Fax: +82-2-785-2809
Email: yium0525@gmail.com

LAO PDR

11. Mr Bounsavanh Xayavong

Secretary of chairman of LAPPD, National Assembly of Laos – LAPPD
P.O. Box 662, Vientiane
Office Tel: +856-20-55610636
Office Fax: +856-21-413528
Email: bssayavong@yahoo.com

12. Ms Sivaly Savathdy

Technical staff, LAPPD secretariat
P.O. Box 662, Vientiane, Lao PDR
Office Tel: +60-03-2079-7481
Office Fax: +60-03-2026-0232
Email: ss_nim@yahoo.com

MALDIVES

13. Mr Hassan Shiyam Mohamed

Legal Council, Parliament of Maldives
People's Majilis Secretariat, Medhuziyaaraiy Magu, Male'
Office Tel: +960-3313216
Office Fax; +960-3341856
Email: afppd@majilis.gov.mv
shiyam@majilis.gov.mv

14. Ms Aishath Hamdha Hameed

Research Officer, Parliament of Maldives
People's Majilis Secretariat, Medhuziyaaraiy Magu, Male'
Office Tel: +960-3313216
Office Fax; +960-3341856
Email: afppd@majilis.gov.mv
hamdha@majilis.gov.mv

MONGOLIA

15. Ms Otgon Majaa

Officer of Parliament Secretariat and Mongolian Parliamentarians Committee on Population and Development

Parliament Secretariat of the State Great Hural (Parliament)
The State Great Hural (Parliament), Stat Palace-431, Ulaanbaatar-12
Office Tel: +976-51-263034
Office Fax: +976-11-327016
Email: otgon_soc@yahoo.com

16. Ms Bolormaa Ryenchindorj

Senior Officer of the Standing Committee on Social Policy, Education, Culture and Science, Parliament Secretariat of the State Great Hural (Parliament)
The State Great Hural (Parliament), Stat Palace-431, Ulaanbaatar-12, Mongolia
Office Tel: +976-51-263802
Office Fax: +976-11-327016
Email: anarbolor2000@yahoo.com

NEPAL

17. Mr. Jagadish Neupane

Assistant to the Chairman of Population Committee, Parliament Secretariat
Parliament House, Singha Durbar, Kathmandu
Office Tel: +977-1-4200021
Mobile: +977-9841-415328
Office Fax: +977-1-4222923
Email: jneup@hotmail.com

18. Mr Ananta Prasad Koirala

Assistant to the Chairman of Population Committee, Parliament Secretariat
Parliament House, Singha Durbar, Kathmandu
Office Tel: +977-1-4200021
Mobile: +977-9841-502790
Office Fax: +977-1-4222923
Email: anantakoiral@gmail.com

NEW ZEALAND

19. Ms Branwen Millar

Project Assistant
Family Planning International
Level 7, 203-209 Willis Street, PO Box 11515, Wellington 6142
Office Tel: +64-4802-1334
Office Fax: +64-4382-8356
Email: branwen.millar@familyplanning.org.nz

PHILIPPINES

20. Mr Ernesto Merioles Almocera

Director, Center for Advocacy and Policy Development, Philippine Legislators' Committee on Population and Development (PLCPD)
2/F AVECCS bldg, 90 Kamias Road cor. K-J St., East Kamias, Quezon City, Philippines
Office Tel: +63-2-9251800
Office Fax: +63-2-9266619
Email: ealmocerajr@gmail.com

21. Ms Ma. Aurora Quilala

National Advocacy Officer, Philippine Legislators' Committee on Population and Development
2/F AVECCS bldg, 90 Kamias Road cor. K-J St., East Kamias, Quezon City, Philippines
Office Tel: +63-2-9818500
Office Fax: +63-2-9818500
Email: moquilala@gmail.com

TAJKISTAN

22. Mr Farrukh Usmonov

Research Student
Tsukubo University, Japan

Email: farrukhusmonov@yahoo.co.uk

VIETNAM

23. Dr Nguyen Duc Thu

Vice Director of Department for Social Affairs of Vietnam's National Assembly

Office Tel: +84-80-46331

Office Fax: +84-80-46328

Email: thuypqh@gmail.com

24. Dr Nguyen Trong Tai

Officer, VAPPD

35 Ngo Quyen Street, Hanoi

Mobile: +0091-9768259733

Office Tel: +84-80-46331

Office Fax: +84-80-46328

Email: nguyentrongtai2002@yahoo.com

25. Mr Dinh Ngoc Quy

Deputy Director

Department for Social Affairs, The National Assembly Office of Vietnam

35 Ngo Quyen Street, Hanoi

Office Tel: +84-80-48138

Office Fax: +84-80-46328

Email: dinhngocquy2002@yahoo.com

Resource Persons

26. Mr Richard H. Columbia

Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor

UNFPA-APRO, Bangkok

12th Floor, United Nations Building,

Rajdamdern Nok Avenue,

Bangkok 10200 Thailand

Office Tel: +662-687-0157

Office Fax: +662-288-2715

Email: c/o rcolumbia@unfpa.org

27. Dr Simon Baker

Foreign Expert

Institute for Population and Social Research - IPSR

Mahidol University, Salaya,

Nakhon Pathom 73170 Thailand

Office Tel: +66(0) 2441 0201 Ext: 274

Office Fax: +66(0) 2441 9333

Email: simonb_bkk@blumail.org

28. Dr Kerry Richter

Foreign Expert

Institute for Population and Social Research - IPSR

Mahidol University, Salaya,

Nakhon Pathom 73170 Thailand

Office Tel: +66(0) 2441 0201 Ext: 238

Office Fax: +66(0) 2441 9333

Email: krichter99@gmail.com

29. Dr Boonlert Leoprapai

Emeritus Professor and Senior Consultant

Institute for Population and Social Research - IPSR

Mahidol University, Salaya,

Nakhon Pathom 73170 Thailand

Office Tel: +66(0) 2441 0201 Ext: 200

Office Fax: +66(0) 2441 9333

Email: prblp@mahidol.ac.th

30. Dr Amara Soonthorndhada

Associate Professor and Deputy Director
Institute for Population and Social Research - IPSR
Mahidol University, Salaya,
Nakhon Pathom 73170 Thailand
Office Tel: +66(0) 2441 0201 Ext: 240
Office Fax: +66(0) 2441 9333
Email: prast@mahidol.ac.th

31. Dr. Jawalaksana Rachapaetayakom

Senior Lecturer and Researcher
Research Institute for Higher Education Policy and Planning (RIHEPP)
Dhurakij Pundit University
Prachacheun Rd., Laksi, Bangkok 10210
Office Tel: +66(0) 2954 7300 Ext: 393

32. Mr. Andy Hall

Consultant
Human Rights and Development Foundation (HRDF)
Office Tel: +66(08) 4611 9209
Email: andy@hrdfoundation.org

Secretariat AFPPD

33. Mr Shiv Khare,

Executive Director

34. Dr Nyo Min Ko (Mike)

Programme Associate

35. Ms Rudeechanok Chongsathien

Administrative Associate

Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development,
Suite 9-C, Phyathai Plaza Bldg.,
Phyathai Road, Ratchathewi, Bangkok 10400, Thailand
Office Tel: +66 2-219-2903/4
Office Fax: +66 2-219-2905
Email: afppd@afppd.org

Part 4: Opening Remarks: by Emeritus Professor Boonlert Leoprapai

Mr. Shiv Khare, Dr. Simon Baker, Ladies and Gentlemen

First of all I would like to thank you for your participation. On behalf of the Institute of Population and Social Research - IPSR of the Mahidol University, a co-organizer of the workshop, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the workshop on behalf of IPSR Director Dr. Punpuing who has to be away on an important mission in the province.

This training workshop on “Population Policy Tracking and Monitoring” is a mutual activity of AFPPD and IPSR. We are pleased to have altogether 33 participants and facilitators from 21 countries participate in the workshop. Although we are from different countries with different background, but we all share same interest in the improvement of population policy at the country and regional levels. I am sure that all can share knowledge, experiences and learn from our speakers and resource persons and from participants themselves during this four-day workshop.

As you know, this workshop plans to improve its participants to better understand of how population policies are created as well as providing the skills to find and monitor national population policies, in order to efficiently initiate the process in their countries. The program combines presentation and the thematic group work. We hope you will find the programme stimulating.

We hope that the results from this four days training would be able to make suggestions on population policies in your respective countries and in the region, where AFPPD can bring added value to develop a regional database on population policy and in addressing some of the identified challenges, thus contributing to better population policy in the region. Thank you in advance for all of your comments, involvement, and expertise provided to the workshop.

On behalf of the co-organizer, let me express our sincere appreciation to the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development on their concern and commitments to develop the database of regional population policy. I would like to thank Mr. Shiv Khare, the Executive Director of AFPPD for initiating and facilitating this essential workshop.

I also would like to express my special thanks to Dr. Simon Baker and his team of speakers, resource persons and facilitators as well as both working teams from AFPPD and IPSR for devoting their time and efforts to coordinate this training to be successful.

Looking forward to a productive training and the accomplished database. And at the same time I hope this workshop is a good opportunity to strengthen our network to perpetuate work in the future.

Now, I would like to take this opportunity to declare the workshop open and wish you all success and a pleasant stay in Bangkok, the city of smiles, with enjoyable learning experiences and have a nice stay in Bangkok.

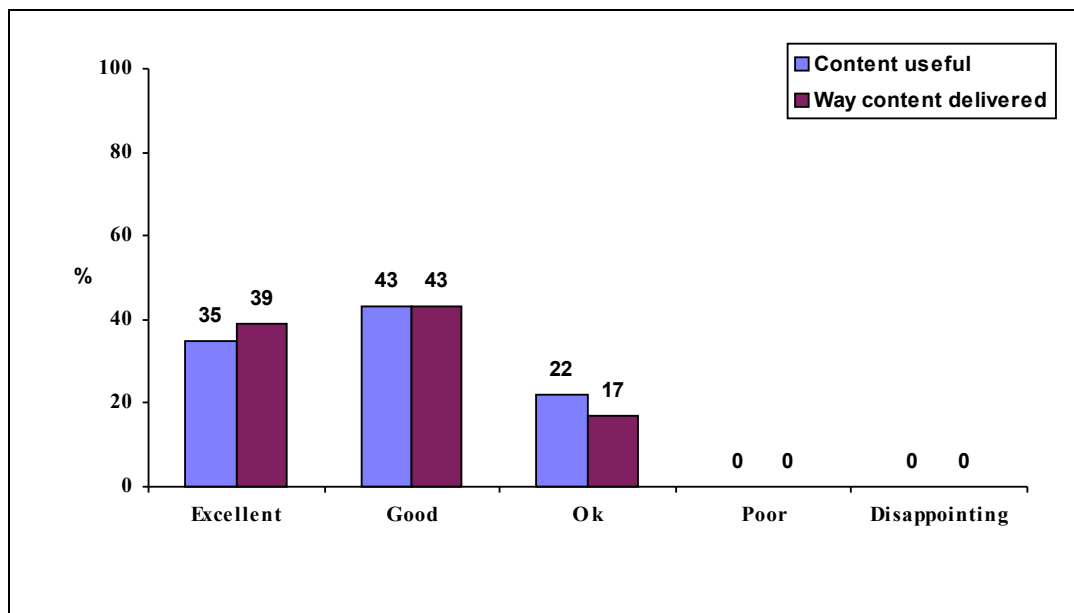
Thank you

Part 5: Session details with evaluations

Day 1

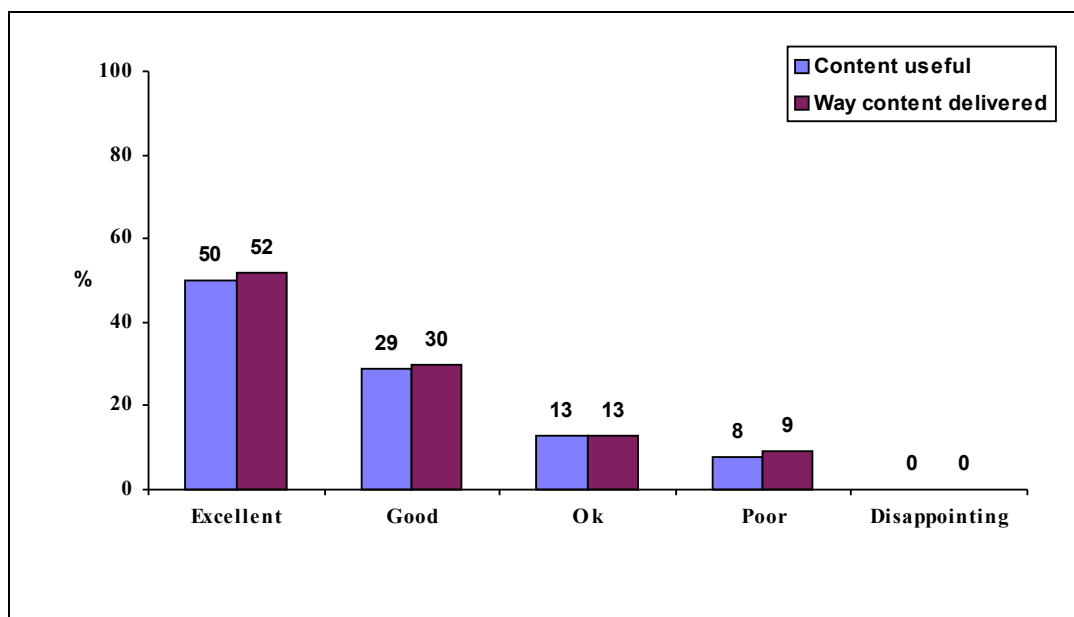
Session 1: Included welcome speeches from IPSR and AFPPD. The evaluation for this session is shown below.

Session 1 Evaluation



Session 2: The objectives of this session was to enable participants to make introductions, to learn the participants expectations and fears of the workshop, to set rules for the workshop and to select volunteers to provide feedback from the participants to the organiser of the training. The evaluation for this session is shown below.

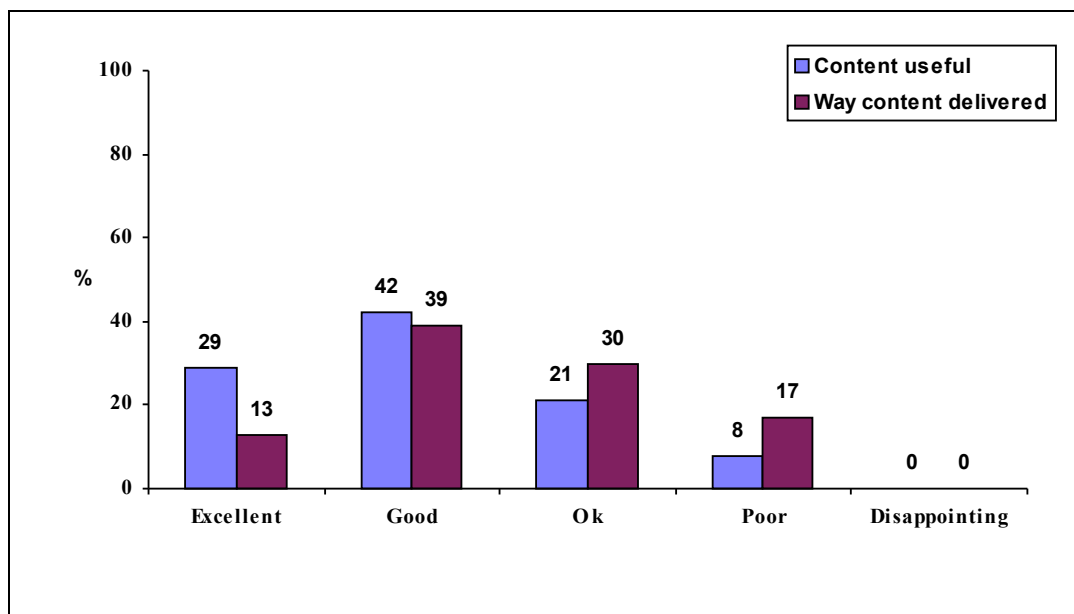
Session 2 Evaluation



Session 3: Richard Columbia from the UNFPA gave a presentation in which he gave the

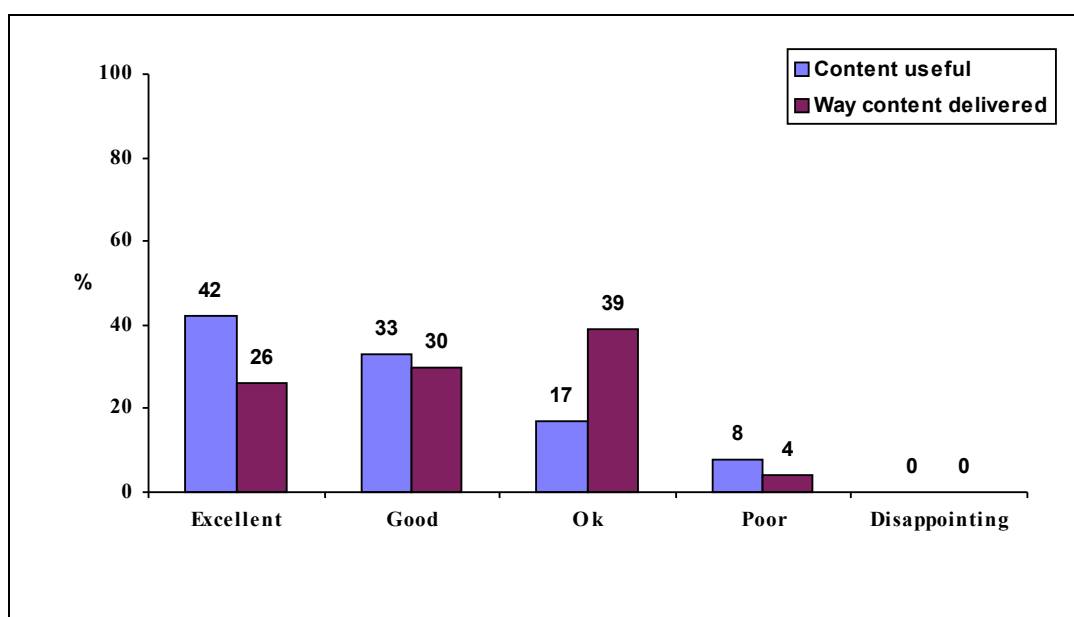
perspective of UNFPA on 1) What elements contribute to effective population policy tracking and 2) Ideas to consider when developing a tracking system. The evaluation for this session is shown below.

Session 3 Evaluation



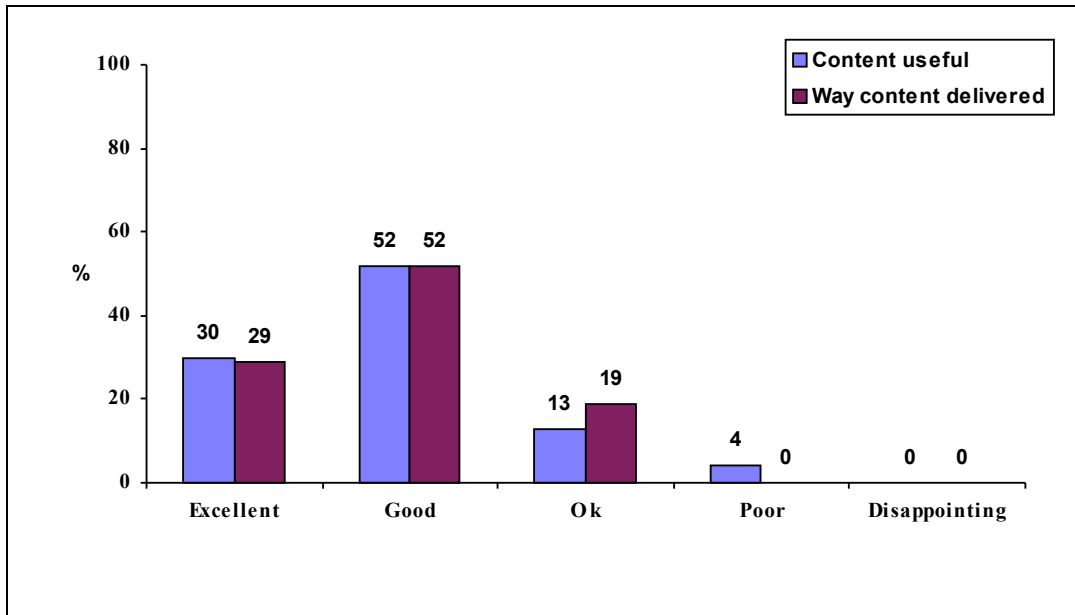
Session 4: Emeritus Professor of Demography Boonlert Leoprapai gave a talk on what is population policy and why it is important. In his talk he provided information about the different definitions and types of population policy, the objectives, goals and targets of these policies and how to measure how effective these polices are. The evaluation for this session is shown below.

Session 4 Evaluation



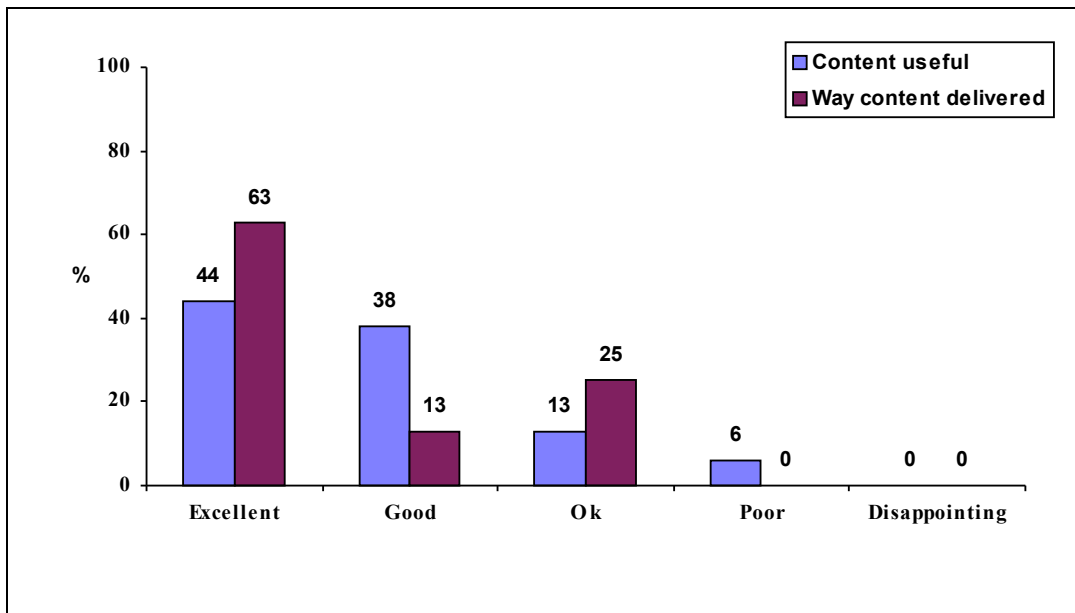
Session 5: This was an interactive session in which participants had to map what population policies should be included in the AFPPD database. The evaluation for this session is shown below.

Session 5 Evaluation



Session 6: An interactive session in which the participants had to explain how they collected population policies, and the advantages and disadvantages of each method. The evaluation for this session is shown below.

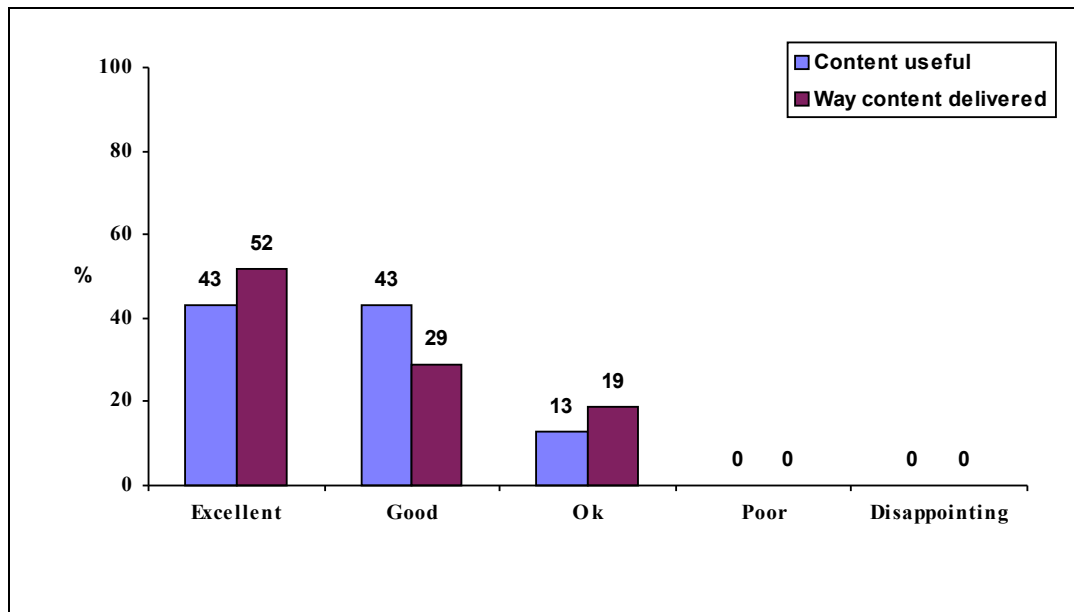
Session 6 Evaluation



Day 2

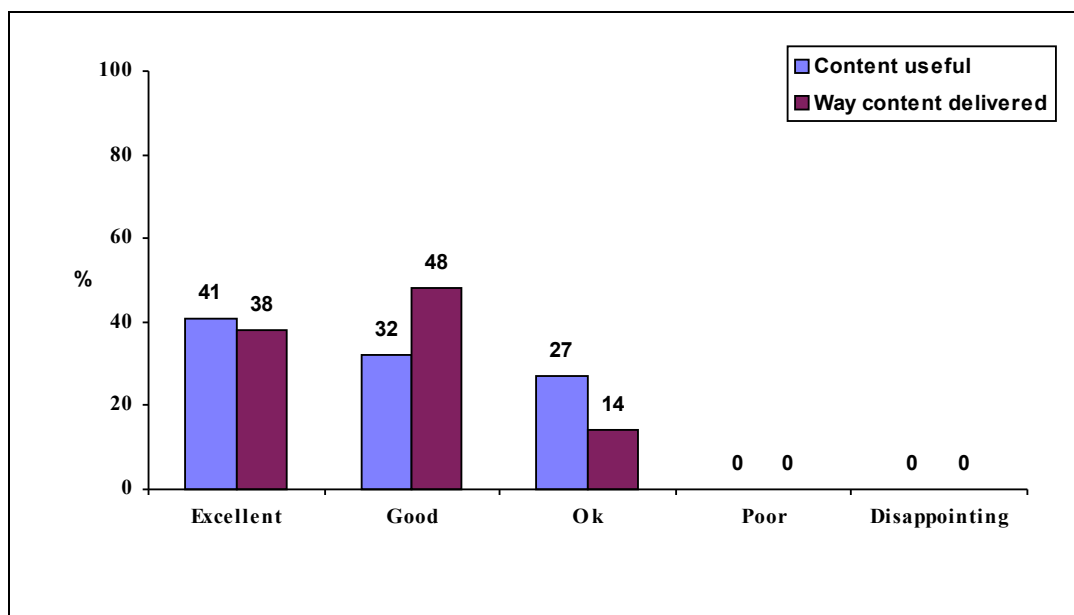
Session 7: One participant gave feedback from the previous day's sessions. The evaluation for this session is shown below.

Session 7 Evaluation



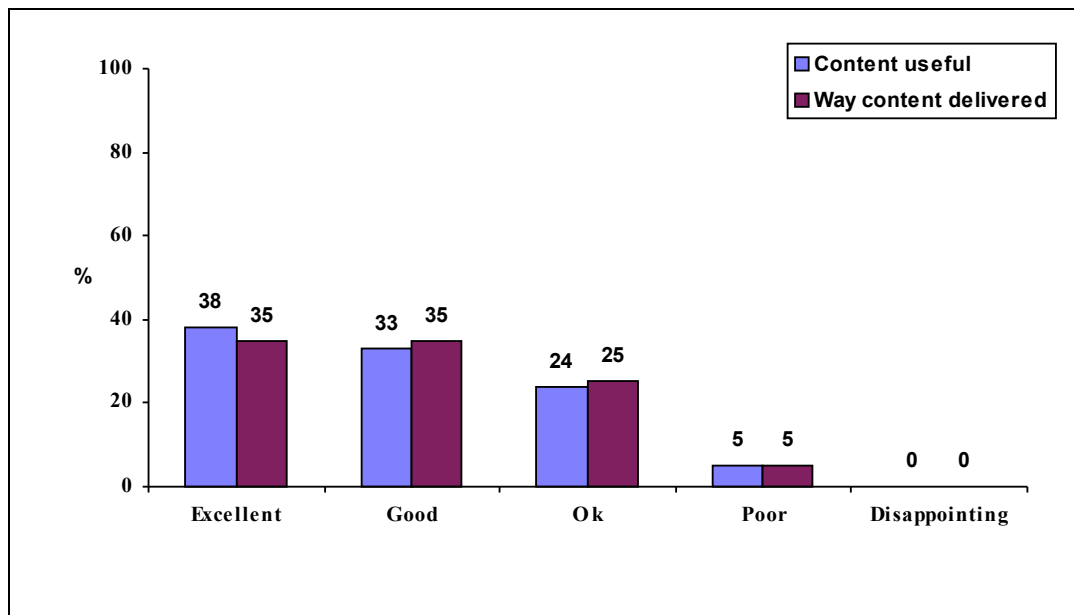
Session 8: Details of the AFPPD database were provided to the participants. A short history of the database was provided, plus details of the activities AFPPD is currently undertaking to build the database and finally what country population polices presently exist within the database. The evaluation for this session is shown below.

Session 8 Evaluation



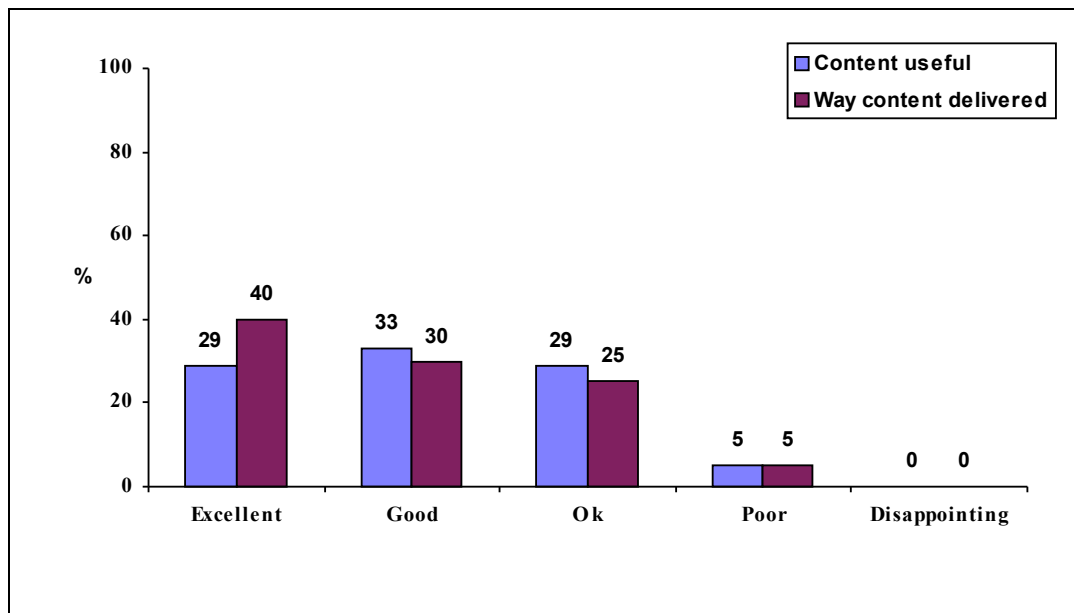
Session 9: Participants practised how to use the internet to collect population policies. The evaluation for this session is shown below.

Session 9 Evaluation



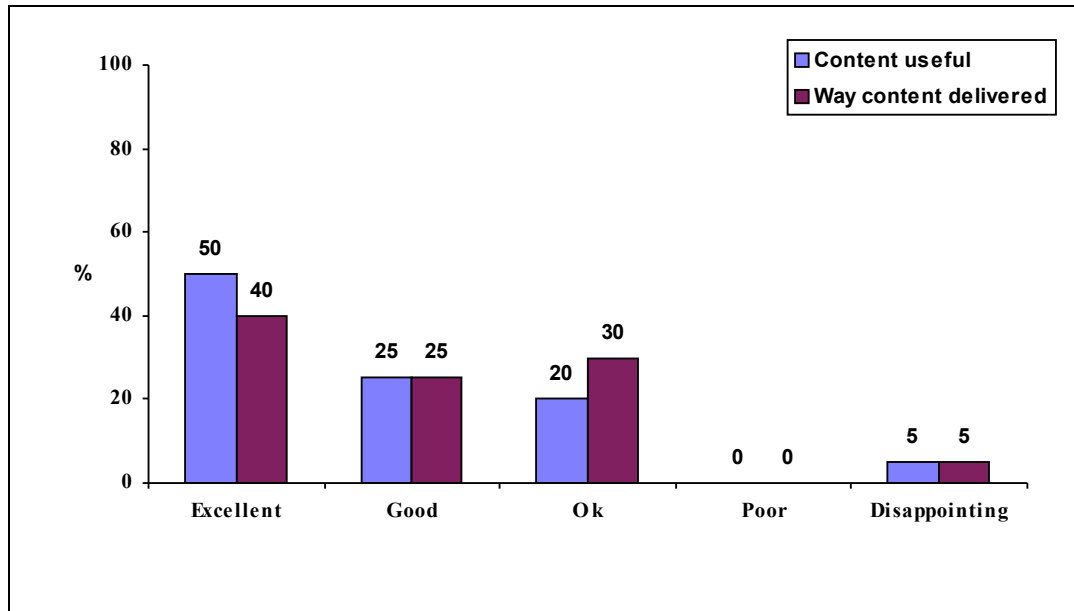
Session 10: Participants continued to practise how to use the internet to collect population policies. The evaluation for this session is shown below.

Session 10 Evaluation



Session 11: This session was different from that indicated in the workshop programme – and instead of critiquing population policies the session provided the participants an opportunity to review their country population policies that exist in the AFPPD database so to determine what is missing. One participant in his/her evaluation wrote they were disappointed in this change. The evaluation for this session is shown below.

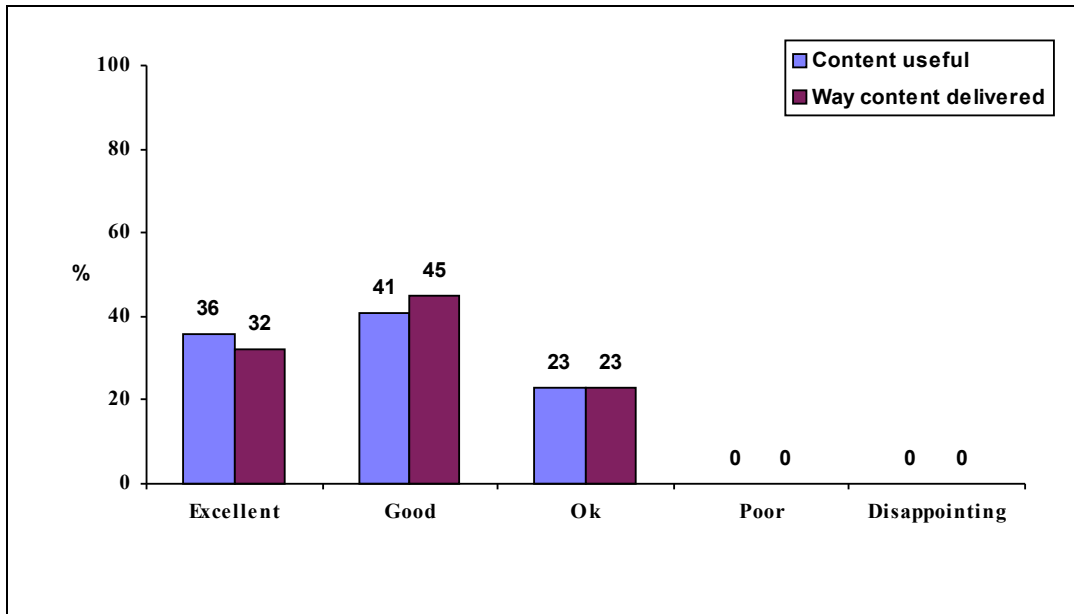
Session 11 Evaluation



Day 3

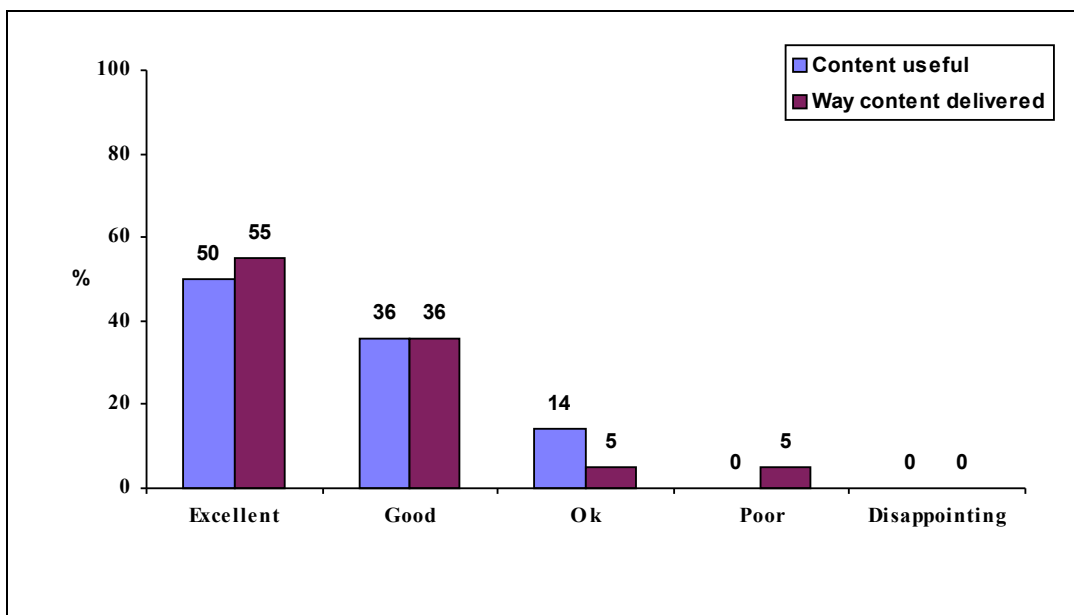
Session 12: One participant gave feedback from the previous day's sessions. The evaluation for this session is shown below.

Session 12 Evaluation



Session 13: Andy Hall from The Human Rights and Development Foundation made a presentation on 'Trying to create an immigration policy: Experiences from Thailand – who are the stakeholders and their conflicting desires'. Andy presented the history of Thai migration, the human right benefits that would result from a well managed migration policy, problems in the present management policy and the actors involved in influencing Thai migration policy. The evaluation for this session is shown below.

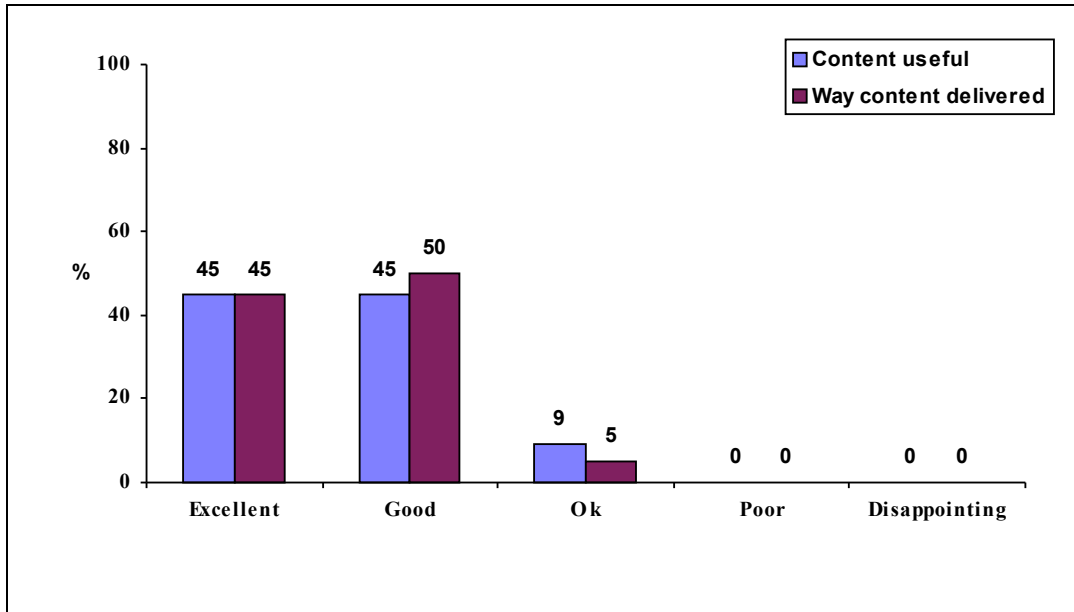
Session 13 Evaluation



Session 14: Dr. Jawalaksana Rachapaetayakom gave a presentation titled 'Creating

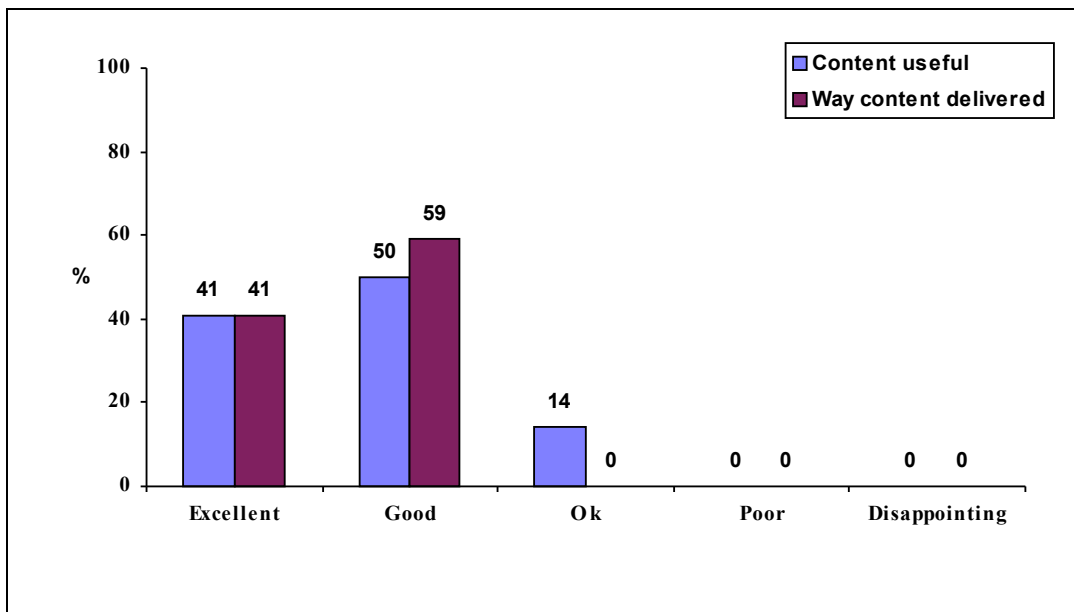
Population Policy: Experiences from Thailand'. Jawalaksana provided population indicators of Asia Pacific countries, how the Thai population has been changing over time as well as information about Thailand's, changing population policies. The evaluation for this session is shown below.

Session 14 Evaluation



Session 15: The participants were given time to practise their presentations. They were divided into groups and had to make their presentations to others in the groups so to gain feedback. Each presentation was limited to 5 slides. The evaluation for this session is shown below.

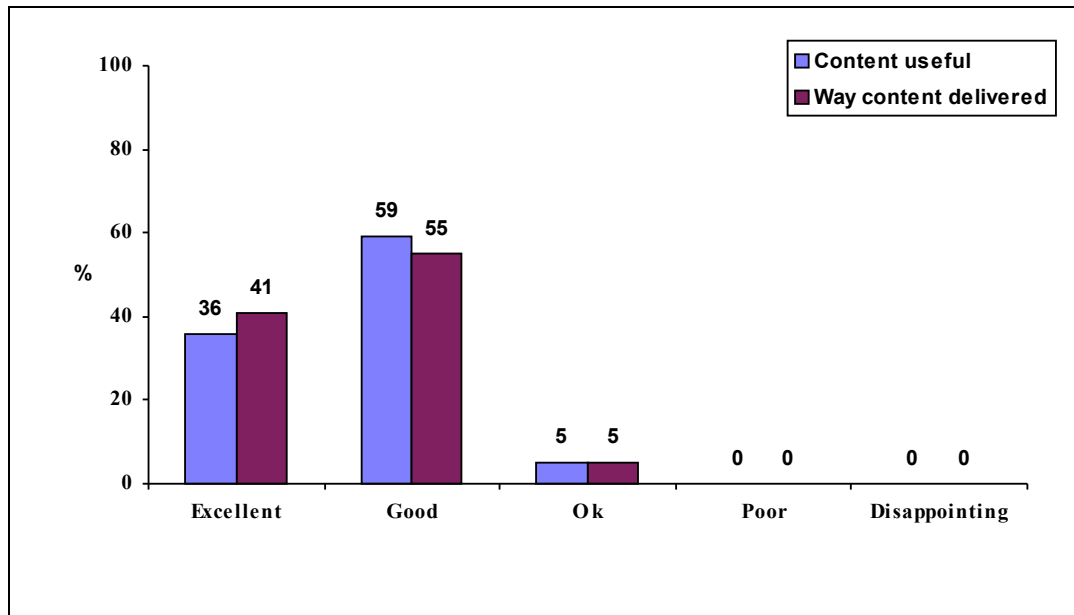
Session 15 Evaluation



Session 16: Half of the participants made their country presentations on their country population policies and their plans how to collect further information for the AFPPD

database. The evaluation for this session is shown below.

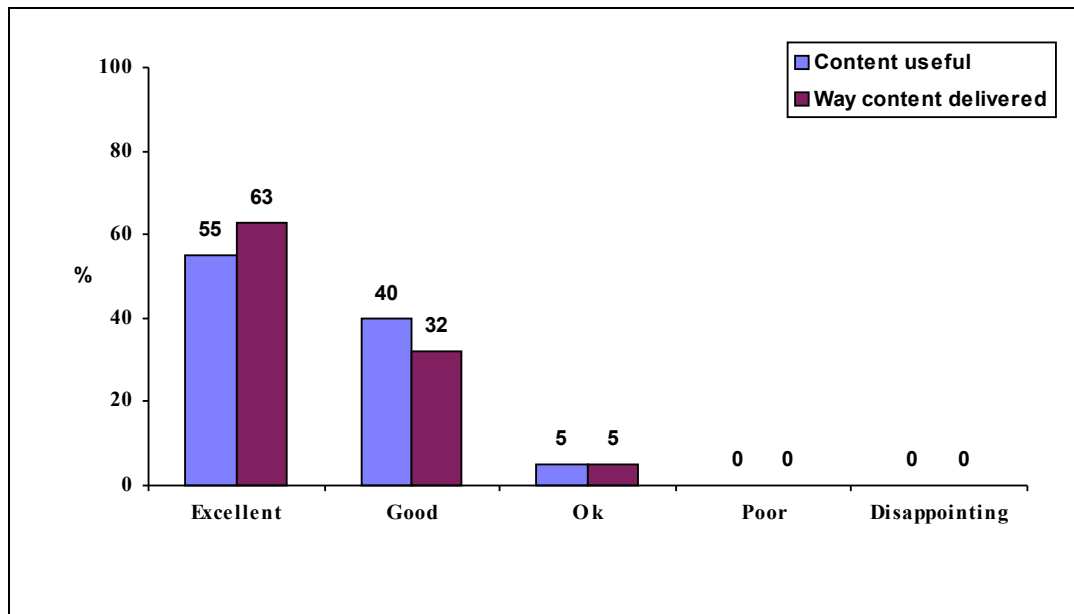
Session 16 Evaluation



Day 4

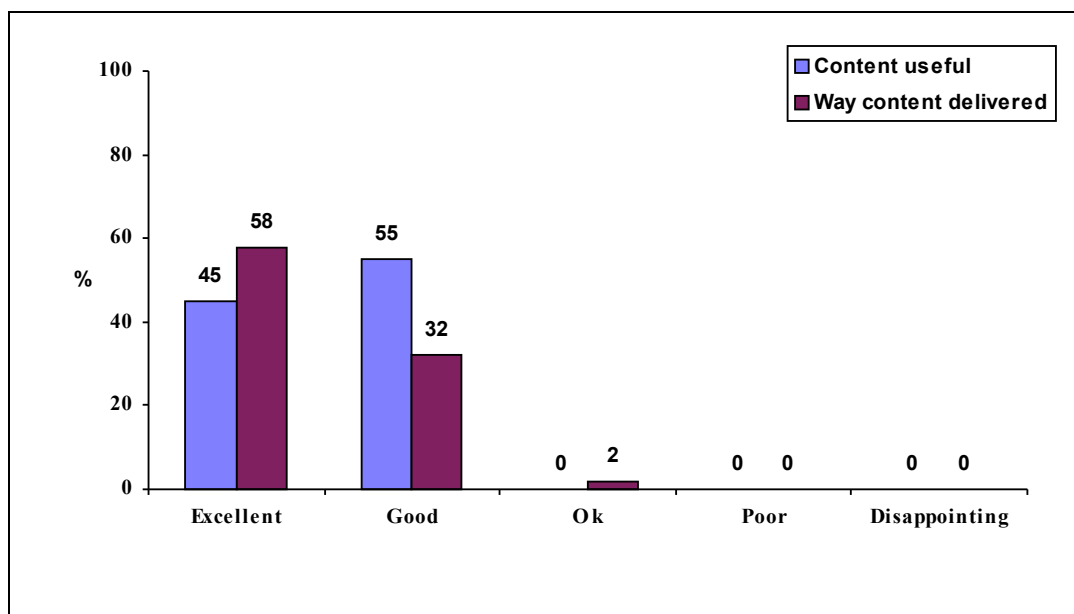
Session 17: One participant gave feedback from the previous day's sessions. The evaluation for this session is shown below.

Session 17 Evaluation



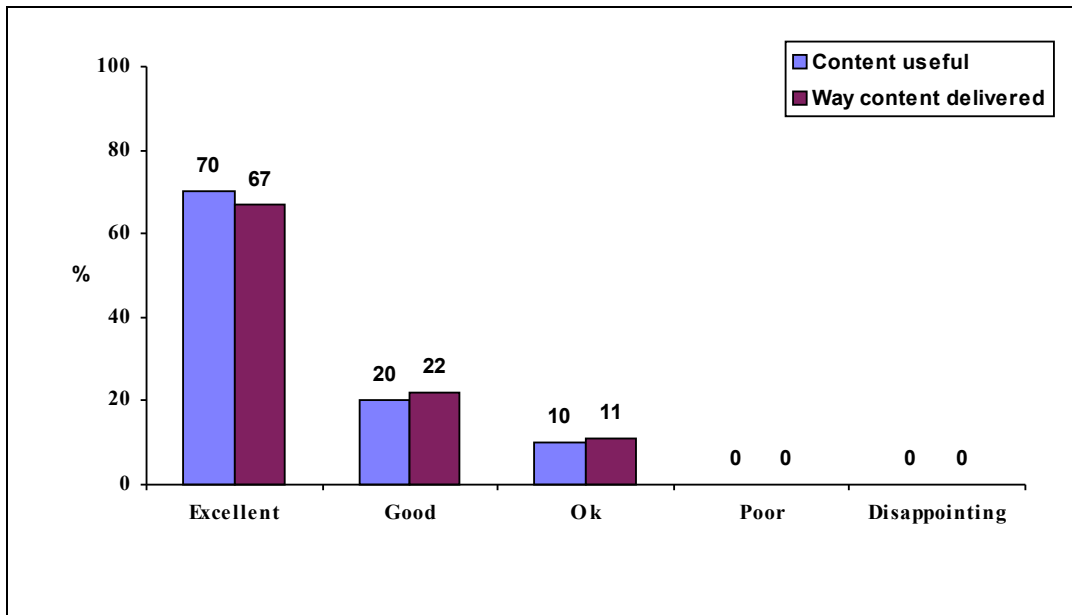
Session 18: Dr. Amara Soonthorndhada gave a presentation on aging – the new population policies for the region. Amara focused on the demographic factors that are causing ageing, differences between different countries and the problems for policy makers of how to prepare and in particular how to fund programs for an increasing older population. The evaluation for this session is shown below.

Session 18 Evaluation



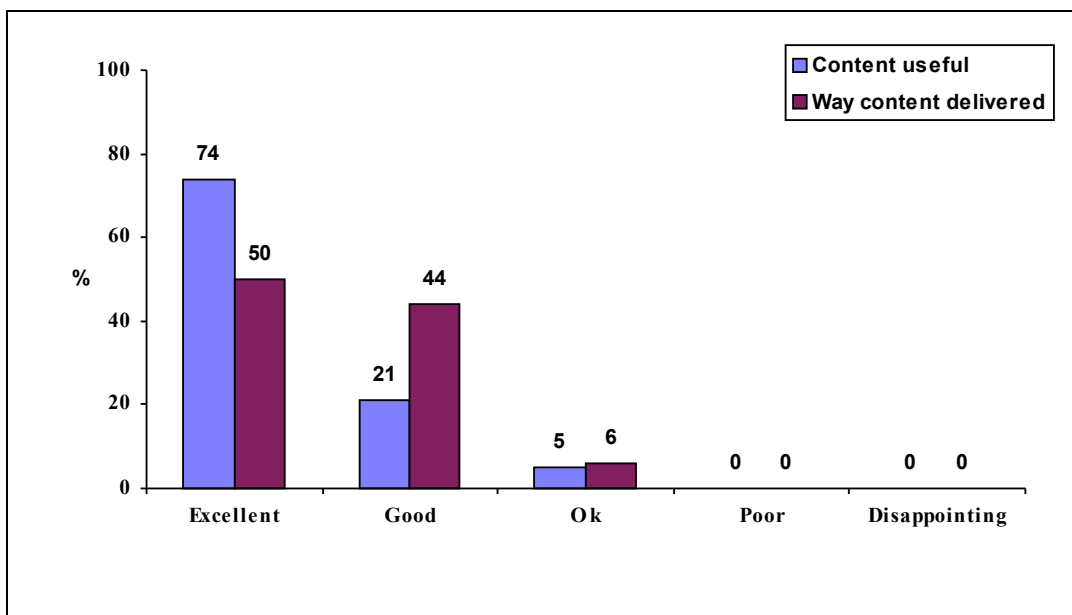
Session 19: The remaining participants made their presentations on their country population policies and their plans to collect further population policies once they return to their countries. The evaluation for this session is shown below.

Session 19 Evaluation



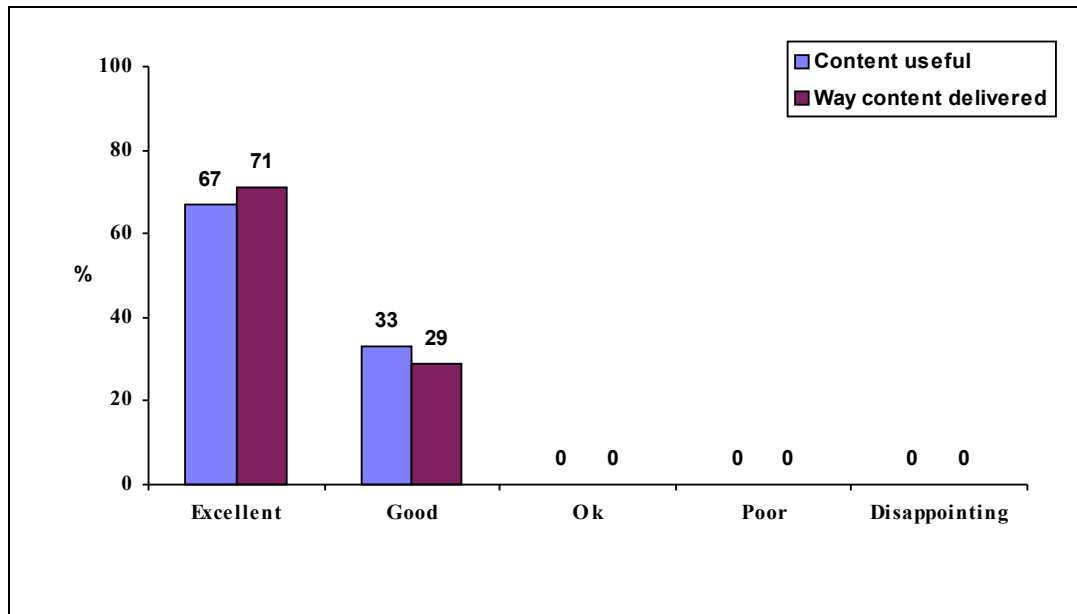
Session 20: Simon Baker summarised the different sessions of the four day workshop. In this session he stressed that the participants on day one of the workshop were able to map the different population policies that potentially could be collected and that the participants should focus on these policies as well as the ‘traditional’ population policies. The evaluation for this session is shown below.

Session 20 Evaluation



Session 21: The closing ceremony. All the participants received a certificate for attending the training. The certificates were given out by Hon. Prof. Dr. Prasop Rattanakorn, Honorary Advisor of AFPPD (Former Secretary-General of AFPPD) on behalf of AFPPD and Dr. Simon Baker on behalf of IPSSR. The assessment of this session is shown below.

Session 21 Evaluation



Part 6: Participants' Recommendations for AFPPD

During the training the participants made three recommendations to AFPPD to ensure the database is a success. These included:

For some countries AFPPD should write an official letter to the participants or to their employees to enable the participants to collect different population policies on behalf of AFPPD. Participants from Cambodia, Lao PDR and Vietnam stressed this, a number of times during the training.

AFPPD should write a guideline as what population policies should be and should not be included. This would make the participants future data collection process easier.

The database should be tied to the AFPPD webpage and that each month a different country along with information about its population and its population polices should be featured. This would enable interested stakeholders to update missing information.