

# **CHAPTER I**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Based on socio - economic and cultural conditions, countries build their national health systems. The accessibility to health services plays an important role in the success of the health system. It facilitates people to contact and use health service.

The national health system includes three different levels of health care: primary health care, secondary health care and tertiary health care. Among them, primary health care is the most basic, essential services which are integrally developed into communities, available to people in order to meet the most common health care demand of people. Two of the key elements for health services to be means to improve the health of people are availability and accessibility.

Vietnam is a developing country. When the socio - economic condition is relative low, the investment to develop primary health care is essential. In recent years, the Government endeavors to build a universal coverage national health system that achieved some success. The availability of primary health care to people has been achieved with the coverage of health care facilities into communities. The continuous consolidation and development of the national health system requires further development of health service facilities available and accessible to people. Therefore the study to assess the accessibility to primary care for people is necessary to facilitate authorities to refer in policy making to develop the national health system.

This thesis deals with the issue of accessibility to primary care for households in the urban area of Danang City in Vietnam.

Chapter two is the essay that explains more details on the contents of primary care and the rationale for the project to be implemented.

Chapter three is the proposal that presents in details the study design, objectives of the study, the methodology applied to reach the objectives, the activity plan and the proposed budget as well.

Chapter four – data exercise – is the pilot study that was implemented in a community to test the instrument designed for the proposal in terms of validity and reliability and to practice field skills.

Chapter five is the presentation including the slides showing the overview of the thesis. The slides will be presented to the Examination Committee as the final examination of the Master course.

Chapter six includes an annotated bibliography on important literature related to the thesis.