



**Regional meeting on application of epidemiological
principles for public health action
WHO/SEARO, 26- 27 February 2009**

Objectives

General:

- To strengthen national capacity in epidemiology and its application in programme development and management in the SEA Region

Specific:

- To review the importance and relevance of epidemiology and its concepts: (a) in better understanding the challenges to global health security (b) in national programme development and management in the SEA Region, and (c) in addressing current crises such as financial crisis and health impact of climate change;
- To share experiences among countries regarding the current training activities, the challenges and potential opportunities for capacity building of the epidemiological workforce in the Region;
- To facilitate networking and collaboration among epidemiological institutions, experts within and outside the Region and between epidemiology workforce and national programmes; and
- To agree on recommendations and follow up actions for strengthening epidemiological capacities at various levels of health care system and in application of epidemiological concepts as an integral part of programme planning, development and management.