

Recommendations and way forward

- Rapidly revising and finalizing the strategic plan to reflect the discussions of consultation and review its implementation at RPRG meetings
- Conduct programme managers meetings and RPRG meetings back-to-back to allow for better coordination and review of the elimination plans of endemic countries
- Clearly define the role of vector control in the LF elimination programme and develop guidelines for its appropriate use
- Ensure the appointment of personnel for overseeing LF elimination activities at SEARO utilizing the funds provided by GCNTD
- Give technical assistance to Indonesia to develop a country specific plan and identify targets and timelines that would allow the country to meet the regional target of elimination
- Identify resources for Myanmar and Timor Leste for scaling up elimination activities
- Encourage and assist member countries in implementing the stop MDA activities and certification of elimination
- Plan for mobilization of resources required for LF elimination in the region at the proposed Partners meeting in India next year
- Develop a progress report of LF elimination (till 2008) which can be used as an advocacy document that could be used for mobilizing resources for elimination activities. The document could showcase the burden of the disease, the success stories and the challenges faced by the programme

The following next steps_were identified:

- Finalization of the draft plan and its circulation to the members
- Following up the offer made by GNCTD for the post of a NTD officer at SEARO
- Follow up completion of mapping and scaling up of MDA in Indonesia. Get the budgetary requirement for these activities
- Explore the possibility of simultaneous conduct of RPRG and the Programme Managers meeting in 2010