

**INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON RESEARCH
TO ASSESS COMMUNICABLE DISEASE
IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE,
KOLKATTA, INDIA, 24-26 AUGUST 2009**

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The draft generic protocols discussed and commented upon at the consultation will be further revised within 2 weeks and shared with the participants before finalizing by end of September 2009. Protocols on retrospective study on diarrhoea and vector-borne diseases will be combined. Protocols on prospective study will remain separate.
(Action: WHO/SEARO, NICED, NIMR)
2. Retrospective studies will be initiated in at least 2 cities during 2009, followed by other countries/cities during 2010 and 2011.
(Action: Member countries, WKC and WHO/SEARO)
3. Existing evidence on climate change and communicable diseases in the member countries should be well documented, such as climate change (CC) and diarrhea; CC and malaria; and CC and dengue, etc.
(Action: WHO/SEARO and Member countries)
4. The retrospective studies will be initiated first, with technical and financial support from WHO Kobe Centre and WHO SEARO, followed by prospective studies, for which additional resources will be mobilized, both in WHO and from Partners.
(Action:WKC, WHO/SEARO)
5. As national preparedness and capacity assessment requires an integrated approach to evaluate the public health system, collaboration with other such similar initiatives is needed. In the context of climate change, a check list on the specific risk and capacity requirements will be prepared.
(Action: WHO/SEARO in collaboration with Partners)