

Meeting of Partners on Dengue Prevention and Control in Asia-Pacific (SEA-VBC-91)

Chiang Mai, Thailand, 23-24 March 2006

Conclusions and recommendations

The first major joint regional meeting of partners on dengue saw the participation of representatives from the governments of many high burden countries and a wide range of other public and private sector agencies and institutions. The meeting, which came in the wake of the growing public health problem of dengue, was supported by the Government of Japan. There was broad consensus on a way forward through the establishment of the Asia-Pacific Dengue Partnership to more effectively mobilize resources and implement measures of prevention and control in accordance with the global strategy.

The meeting recommended the following:

- (1) The 'Asia-Pacific Dengue Partnership' be formally established with a core group and technical working groups to increase public and political commitment to achieve financial and programmatic targets to prevent and control dengue in the Asia-Pacific.
- (2) Member States send expressions of interest to join the core group to WHO SEARO and WPRO (while keeping WHO representatives informed) by 15 April 2006. Expressions of interest

should include demonstrated competence to work on an international basis, proven track record for mobilization of funds and availability of time.

- (3) WHO WPRO and SEARO finalize the membership of the core group comprising of selected member countries and key partners for dengue prevention and control by 1 May 2006.
- (4) The core group finalizes the strategic plan for dengue partnerships based on the information from countries, lessons learnt from existing experiences in dengue prevention and control and partnerships formed for the control of HIV, TB and malaria. The strategic plan, to be prepared by 30 September 2006, should identify priority actions, capacity and resource needs, TORs and scope of work for the working groups and a plan for sustaining the partnerships and resource mobilization.

A follow-up partners' meeting be organized to review the Strategic Action Plan, finalize the TORs and agendas of working groups and plan subsequent actions before the end of 2006.

