

# RESOLUTION OF THE WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA

## **SEA/RC61/R5      DENGUE PREVENTION AND CONTROL**

The Regional Committee,

Concerned with the emergence and re-emergence of dengue as a serious public health threat in countries of the Region,

Understanding that global climate change has resulted in the emergence and re-emergence of dengue in the Region with an increase in outbreaks,

Recognizing that dengue has far-reaching cross-border and international implications,

Noting that most Member States in the Region need to strengthen dengue surveillance, prevention and control systems,

Appreciating efforts made by the South-East Asia and Western Pacific regions for developing the Asia-Pacific Dengue Strategic Plan, 2008-2015 focusing on reversing the increasing trend of dengue,

Recognizing the importance of community ownership and multisectoral interventions as key strategies in prevention and control of dengue, and

Having considered the report and recommendations by the Meeting of the Advisory Committee held in the Regional Office, New Delhi from 30 June – 3 July 2008,

1. URGES Member States:

- (1) to implement the biregional Asia-Pacific Dengue Strategic Plan, 2008-2015;
- (2) to implement the primary health care approach to promote community ownership, intersectoral collaboration and coordination among relevant ministries for effective implementation of dengue prevention and control, as well as intercountry activities,

- (3) to strengthen national and cross-border surveillance to assess the burden of dengue;
  - (4) to implement an integrated vector management strategy as a major preventive strategy, and
  - (5) to strengthen clinical competency in diagnosis and management of cases, and
2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
- (1) to advocate for and mobilize additional financial resources for strengthening the dengue prevention and control programmes in Member States;
  - (2) to provide technical support to Member States in implementing the biregional Asia-Pacific Dengue Strategic Plan (2008-2015);
  - (3) to facilitate the acceleration of dengue vaccine research and development;
  - (4) to support Member States in assessing and monitoring the impact of climate change on dengue, and
  - (5) to provide technical support to Member States in prioritizing operations research in order to support evidence-based policy decisions and effective prevention interventions.

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11 September 2008*