



Draft Plans of Action to Improve the Management of Hazardous Wastes in SEAR Countries

The working groups produced two major, related outputs: Synthesis of hazardous wastes problems and potential solutions in the SEAR countries (Annex 3) and elements for a national plan of action (Annex 4). While the first document lays emphasis on the main causes of the problems identified, the second document presents an explicit proposal for action, organized as per the lifecycle approach. It details activities, time frames and resources needed to increase the SEAR country's ability and capacity to manage chemicals and hazardous wastes in

such a manner that harm to human health and to the environment is kept low. Participants were informed about the availability of limited funds from WHO SEARO/GAVI: US\$ 40,000 per country (**Bangladesh, Bhutan, Indonesia and Sri Lanka**), primarily for activities related to HCWM.

It was agreed that the concrete action related to the use of these funds would be decided on a bilateral basis, after the workshop, but based on the joint action plan in Annex 4.



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