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1. Measles elimination and rubella/CRS control in SEAR by 2020 (SEA/RC66/R5)

Recommendations

Actions by Member States

(1) Consider establishing national certification committees to assess and maintain measles elimination;
(2) Finalize the nation-wide age-range MR campaigns;
(3) Strengthen laboratory-supported case-based surveillance; and
(4) Forecast their vaccine requirement in advance to ensure timely supply.

Actions by WHO

(1) Organize training workshops at country level for generating population immunity profiles for measles and rubella;
(2) Establish a Regional Verification Commission to assess and guide measles elimination; and
(3) Assist in setting up databases for district-level monitoring of measles immunization as part of a nationwide monitoring systems in Member States.
2. **Challenges in polio eradication (SEA/RC60/R8)**

**Recommendations**

*Actions by Member States*

(1) Continue strengthening actions required to maintain polio-free status of the Region until global polio-free certification.

(2) Introduce IPV prior to the switch from tOPV to bOPV in all countries.

(3) Finalize national switch plans by September 2015 to prepare for the globally coordinated tOPV to bOPV switch scheduled for April 2016.

*Actions by WHO*

(1) Provide technical support to Member States for IPV introduction, development of national switch plans, licensure and availability of bOPV, and expansion of environmental surveillance.

(2) Continue to function as a Secretariat to the South-East Asia Regional Certification Commission for polio eradication.

3. **Health intervention and technology assessment in support of universal health coverage (SEA/RC66/R4)**

**Recommendations**

*Action by Member States*

(1) Continue to take forward the resolution on health intervention and technology assessment in support of universal health coverage.

*Action by WHO*

(1) Provide support on taking forward the points raised by Member States, including the guidance on when and how to use HITA.

4. **South-East Asia Regional Health Emergency Fund (SEARHEF) (SEA/RC60/R7)**

The HLP meeting noted the update provided by the Secretariat.
5. Effective management of medicines (SEA/RC66/R7)

Recommendations

Action by Member States

(1) Continue to conduct situational analyses every four years.

Actions by WHO

(1) Support Member States in the monitoring of medicines use and drug policy implementation.

(2) Facilitate country situational analysis of medicines in health-care delivery.

(3) Organize a regional consultation in 2017.

6. Regional strategy on health information system (SEA/RC63/R7)

Recommendations

Action by Member States

(1) Continue strategic planning, investing, and sustainable implementation of HIS and CRVS roadmaps, solutions, and capacity-building.

Actions by WHO

(1) Provide support in coordinating with development partners and other stakeholders for country-led priorities, plans, and process in strengthening HIS, CRVS and eHealth;

(2) Support Member States to use DHIS2 or other platforms to monitor progress in health systems performance, UHC, SDG and in disease surveillance with stoplight reports and dashboards; and

(3) Continue providing technical support to Member States in HIS, CRVS and eHealth strengthening, including rollout of value-added global and regional initiatives.