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Progress reports on selected Regional Committee resolutions

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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.