RESOLUTION
OF THE
WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA

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STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN TO REDUCE THE DOUBLE BURDEN OF MALNUTRITION IN THE SOUTH-EAST ASIA REGION 2016–2025

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the Strategic Action Plan to reduce the double burden of Malnutrition in the South-East Asia Region 2016–2025,

Recognizing the global commitment and the adoption of “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” that aims to end poverty and hunger everywhere; to combat inequalities within and among countries; to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies; to protect human rights and promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls; and to ensure the lasting protection of the planet and its natural resources,

Recognizing that reducing the double burden of malnutrition contributes to the achievement of a number of global goals and targets including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Global nutrition targets 2025, Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDs 2013-2020 and the Global Strategy for Women’s, Children's and Adolescents’ Health 2016-2030,

Alarmed at the ongoing nutrition transition in the South-East Asia Region which is characterized by persistent under-nutrition including micronutrient deficiencies, and the emergence of overweight and obesity, which increases the risk of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs),

Emphasizing the varying extent and nature of challenges of the double burden of malnutrition across Member States in the Region which require urgent and sustained efforts,
Noting with appreciation that the Strategic Action Plan was developed through an extensive consultative process with Member States and nutrition experts, bringing together guidance from global and regional policy platforms,

Acknowledging the importance of country commitment, leadership and actions, and the need for applying the Strategic Action Plan into national health/nutrition plans, as appropriate to country context,

Recognizing the need for a life-course approach, multi-stakeholder and multisectoral partnerships including the private sector and civil society for effective and concerted actions,

Emphasizing the crucial role of data and information systems at all levels,

1. ENDORSES the Strategic Action Plan to reduce the double burden of malnutrition in South-East Asia Region 2016–2025;

2. URGES Member States:

   a) To consider adopting and implementing, in accordance with their national priorities and context, the strategic action plan including multisectoral actions, in order to reduce the double burden of malnutrition;

   b) To strengthen policy and legislative frameworks for this purpose, as well as monitoring, evaluation, accountability, policy uses and follow-up at all levels, including through improving the quality of national health information systems, and

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

   a) To provide adequate technical support to Member States in the implementation of the strategic action plan including for strengthening monitoring and evaluation systems;

   b) To continue to collaborate with the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and other relevant partners and stakeholders, to advocate and leverage assistance for aligned and effective implementation of the strategic action plan in Member States, and

   c) To conduct mid-term (2021) and end-term (2025) assessments of the progress and achievements of the strategic action plan and report to the subsequent Regional Committee meetings.

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