

**YANGON CALL FOR ACTION
ON THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF DENGUE
15th June 2012, Yangon, Republic of the Union of MYANMAR**

WE, THE PARTICIPANTS of the ASEAN Dengue Conference from Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and other international development partners held in Yangon, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 14th June 2012,

NOTE WITH CONCERN THAT;

1. Asia Pacific Region is the highest contributor to occurrence of annual global dengue infection. It is estimated that nearly 50 to 100 million dengue infections occur annually worldwide, 75% of which occur in the Asia Pacific Region.
2. Estimated number of 20,000 dengue deaths occur annually worldwide which lead to the challenge of achieving MDG 4.
3. Dengue Fever and Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever represent a significant economic burden on the ASEAN community. They are hindering factors in achieving poverty reduction.
4. There is a need to strengthen the involvement of all relevant multi-stakeholders.

RECOGNIZING THAT:

1. ASEAN Member States have prioritized Dengue as one of the communicable diseases to be addressed, following the mandate of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint as endorsed by ASEAN Leaders in 2009.
2. ASEAN Strategic Framework on Health Development (2010 – 2015), as endorsed by the ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting in 2010, provides the operational guidelines in the control of communicable diseases including Dengue.
3. The 10th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting in 2010 agreed to designate the 15th of June as the ASEAN Dengue Day, commencing in 2011, in order to increase public awareness of Dengue.

4. ASEAN Expert Group on Communicable Diseases (AEGCD) is the health subsidiary body given the mandate to plan regional interventions on communicable diseases including Dengue under purview of the Senior Officials Meeting On Health Development (SOMHD).

ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:

1. The Republic of Indonesia, as the host for the launch of the first Regional ASEAN Dengue Day on 15th June 2011 resulted in the "Jakarta Call for Action".
2. All ASEAN Member States agreed and supported the conduction of Annual Regional ASEAN Dengue Day as well as National ASEAN Dengue Day Campaigns.
3. The Socialist Republic of Vietnam takes the lead role on the development of work plan on regional interventions on Dengue.

REAFFIRM THAT:

Our commitment to operationalize the four key messages stipulated in the "Jakarta Call for Action" :

1. Calling for action from all;
2. Shifting from reactive to proactive;
3. Strengthening capacity in an efficient and sustainable way; and
4. United fight against dengue.

SUPPORT:

The context of "Jakarta Call for Action" on the prevention and control of Dengue adopted by the delegates of the 1st ASEAN Dengue Conference emphasizing on:

1. Strengthening regional cooperation;
2. Enhancing capacity in an efficient and sustainable way;
3. Promoting inter-sectoral collaboration.

CALL UPON ALL STAKEHOLDERS OF ASEAN TO:

Continue and further strengthen the actions and activities reflected in the "Jakarta Call for Action" on the Prevention and Control of Dengue including:

1. Implementation of the mechanisms and actions to be operationalized at the National and Regional levels;
2. Development of Key National Indicators to measure the achievements and outcomes of Dengue Control in each Member State;
3. Strengthening Regional cooperation among ASEAN Member States, Plus Three Countries as well as key development partners including WHO, UNICEF, AusAID, CDC, The Gates Foundation and others;
4. Utilizing the ASEAN Dengue Day Conference as well as other mechanisms such as; regional workshops, seminars and exchange visits among ASEAN Member States as platforms for sharing of information, experiences, good practices, monitoring progress and achievements on Dengue Prevention and Control in ASEAN.

STRENGTHEN CAPACITY IN AN EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLE WAY BY:

1. Identifying and prioritizing research areas to improve integrated vector management suitable for local epidemiological situation;
2. Enhancing core capacities of human resources covering surveillance, vector control and management, social mobilization and research;
3. Strengthening National Health Services to ensure early diagnosis and treatment; and
4. Developing and sharing innovative methods of obtaining community participation in Dengue Prevention and Control activities.

PROMOTE INTER- SECTORAL COLLABORATION BY:

1. Strengthening cooperation and collaboration in Dengue Prevention and Control efforts, sharing experiences and promoting best practices with relevant Ministries, City Development Committees, Public and Private Sectors, Academic Societies, Non-Governmental Organizations and others;

2. Increasing awareness of the community and Non-Health Sectors' roles and responsibilities in Dengue Prevention and Control;
3. Collaborating with the School Health Programmes and involving the educational sectors on ASEAN Dengue Day; and
4. Enhancing collaborative activities identified in the "Jakarta Call for Action".

THEREFORE

WE, the participants of the 2nd ASEAN Dengue Day, **RESOLVED TO SUBMIT YANGON CALL FOR ACTION** for adoption.

15th June 2012

Yangon,

The Republic of The Union of Myanmar

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