

Annex 2.1

ASEAN Health Sector Work Plan on HIV and AIDS 2021-2025

(Work Plan to implement the ASEAN Declaration of Commitment on HIV and AIDS: Fast-Tracking and Sustaining HIV and AIDS Response to End the AIDS Epidemic by 2030, and in the context of the Work Programme 2021-2025 of ASEAN Health Cluster 2 on Responding to All Hazards and Emerging Threats)

Background

The *ASEAN Declaration of Commitment on HIV and AIDS: Fast-Tracking and Sustaining HIV and AIDS Responses to End the AIDS Epidemic by 2030* was adopted at the 28th ASEAN Leaders' Summit in September 2016 as a renewed commitment of ASEAN to accelerate action in the fight against HIV and AIDS. The ASEAN Declaration, which articulates the region's contribution to the realization of the *Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: On the Fast Track to Accelerating the Fight Against HIV and to Ending the AIDS Epidemic by 2030* that was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in June 2016.

The ASEAN Declaration of Commitment on HIV and AIDS, capitalising on the remarkable progress that were made on the prevention and treatment of HIV and AIDS by each ASEAN Member State and reinforced through the collective effort of the ASEAN Health Sector and their partners, called on countries to focus actions on HIVC programmes on key populations and priority geographical areas, to scale-up and strengthen the coverage, reach and quality of a continuum of comprehensive HIV services. The Declaration also reaffirmed commitment to ensuring that there is equal access to high-quality prevention, treatment, care and support services and to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV, as well as promised to ensure that no one is denied services because of HIV-related stigma and discrimination.

Operationalisation of the ASEAN Declaration in 2017-2020

The ASEAN Declaration of Commitment on HIV and AIDS was initially operationalised through the ***HIV and AIDS Project Activities 2017-2020***, which was developed through a combination of a core-group *Consultation Meeting for the Operationalisation of ASEAN Declaration of Commitment on HIV and AIDS* held in Bangkok in December 2016 and ad-referendum consultation among ASEAN Focal Points for HIV and AIDS in early 2017. The HIV and AIDS Project Activities include project activities which were placed under the following categories: 'fast-tracking', 'sustaining', 'getting to zeros' and 'strengthening capacity in strategic information and evidence-based advocacy'. This was annexed to the Work Programme 2016-2020 of ASEAN Health Cluster 2 on Responding to All Hazards and Emerging Threats which was adopted at the 13th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting in September 2017 in Brunei Darussalam.

The Work Programme 2016-2020 of ASEAN Health Cluster 2 included 15 HIV and AIDS-related project activities which all contributed to the implementation of the ASEAN Declaration of Commitment on HIV and AIDS. At the end of 2020, eight of the project activities

were completed (five of which have follow-up/continuing activities that were implemented), five were on-going and two upcoming; the completion of on-going project activities and progression of upcoming activities were affected by the emergence of COVID-19 pandemic.

The continued implementation of the *ASEAN Cities Getting to Zero Phase III* was one of the highlights of the HIV and AIDS work of the ASEAN Health Sector in the last few years. In addition to the increased participation of ASEAN cities to the programme, a *Nusa Dua Call for Action on ASEAN Getting to Zeroes City-based Network on Ending AIDS* was recommended by delegates of the ASEAN Cities Leadership Forum on Getting to Zeros on 11 October 2019 in Bali, Indonesia, and endorsed by the Sixth Meeting of ASEAN Health Cluster 2 on 24-26 November 2020.

Development of ASEAN Health Sector Work Plan on HIV and AIDS 2021-2025

The priority project activities that constitute the work plan on HIV and AIDS 2021-2025 were identified following a series of consultations involving the ASEAN Contact Points for HIV and AIDS and Country Coordinators of ASEAN Health Cluster 2. These consultations, conducted virtually, included the following:

- Video Conference of the ASEAN Contact Points for HIV and AIDS on 15 June 2020 which took stock of the status of the HIV and AIDS-related project activities in the Work Programme 2016-2020 of ASEAN Health Cluster, initially identified project activities that will form part in the Work Programme 2021-2025, and the ways forward in the planning of relevant regional HIV and AIDS activities to further implement the ASEAN Declaration on Ending AIDS by 2030;
- Follow-up Video Conference of the ASEAN Contact Points for HIV and AIDS on 23 November 2020 which finalized the proposed project activities contribute to the implementation of the ASEAN Declaration of Commitment during the period 2021-2025, and which will be included Work Programme of ASEAN Health Cluster 2 as an annex;
- Sixth Meeting of ASEAN Health Cluster 2 on 24-26 November 2020 which endorsed the proposed project activities that will contribute in the implementation of the ASEAN Declaration of Commitment as proposed by the ASEAN Contact Points on HIV and AIDS;
- Planning Meeting for the Work Programme of ASEAN Health Cluster 2 for 2021-2025 on 8-10 December 2021, which revisited the project activities of the proposed work plan, and confirmed/reconfirmed the lead countries of these project activities; and,
- Ad-referendum consultation of ASEAN Contact Points on HIV and AIDS and Country Coordinators of ASEAN Health Cluster 2 between XX February 2022, which resulted to the refinement and endorsement of this work plan.

This Work Plan on HIV and AIDS 2021-2025, which reflects project activities placed under similar categories as the HIV and AIDS Project Activities 2017-2020, will be monitored and evaluated in the context of the overall internal monitoring and evaluation mechanism of the Work Programme 2021-2025 of ASEAN Health Cluster 2 and the ASEAN Post-2015 Health Development Agenda 2021-2025.

Project Activities	Expected Output/s	Lead Country/ies	Interpillar/ Intersectoral/ Intercluster	Source of Support
1. Fast-Tracking ASEAN HIV and AIDS Response				
1.1. Advocacy on prevention of HIV among people who inject drugs	Symposium on challenges in providing effective oral substitution therapy in a changing landscape of drug use conducted	Malaysia	To be identified	UNAIDS, UNODC, International HIV/AIDS Alliance
1.2. Advocacy on prevention of sexual transmission including prevention among young people	Follow-up advocacy workshop for HIV prevention through sexual transmission, including prevention among young people conducted	Thailand	ACWC	UNAIDS, WHO, UNICEF
1.3. Promote community-based testing and treatment, reaching key affected populations, including young people	Activities to promote community-based testing and treatment that reach key affected populations, including young people were undertaken	Malaysia		UNAIDS, WHO
1.4. Eliminate stigma and discrimination particularly in health-care settings	Regional consultation meeting on HIV stigma and discrimination in healthcare settings conducted	Thailand		UNAIDS, UNDP
1.5. Share lessons learned/study visit on EMTCT	Study visits and workshops for sharing of EMTCT practices and lessons conducted	Thailand		UNAIDS, WHO, UNFPA
2. Sustaining ASEAN HIV and AIDS Response				
2.1. Information sharing on HIV and AIDS investment cases	Good practices, lessons and experiences on HIV and AIDS investment cases shared among AMS	Philippines		UNAIDS
2.2. Planning and tool development for external funding transitions	Planning and tool guidelines for external funding transitions	Indonesia Myanmar		UNAIDS

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	developed, endorsed and used a reference by AMS			
3. Further pursue ASEAN Getting to Zero City-based Network on Ending AIDS [implement the Nusa Dua Call for Action]				
3.1. Establish a virtual sharing/ learning space for ASEAN cities	Virtual sharing/learning space for ASEAN cities is established and utilized	Indonesia		UNAIDS
3.2. Organize sharing sessions on HIV in COVID-19 pandemic	Information and experience sharing sessions on impact of COVID-19 pandemic in HIV and AIDS programmes organized	Indonesia		UNAIDS
3.3. Organize ASEAN Cities Session in the Annual Fast Track Cities Conference 2021- 2025	ASEAN satellite sessions conducted to advocate and disseminate good practices and innovations in ending AIDS	Indonesia		UNAIDS,
3.4. Conduct annual mid-evaluation of ASEAN Cities in 2021-2025 towards reaching 90-90-90 targets	Annual review of progress in 90-90-90 targets in ASEAN cities conducted	Thailand		UNAIDS
3.5. Create a platform / forum for communication with the persons in charge of ASEAN countries	Communication platform/ forum for persons-in-charge in ASEAN countries is created and functional	Incumbent AHC 2 Chair		UNAIDS
3.6. Looking support from partners and assistance from ASEAN Secretariat to have AMS Secretariat of HIV and AIDS to lead coordination with ASEAN Mayors' Forum, Youth Forum, among others	Mechanism to coordinate the Mayors' Forum, Youth Forum and other relevant forums established and supported	Indonesia		UNAIDS
3.7. Identified Cities to developing the Sister Cities as acceleration strategy to	ASEAN sister cities identified, established and supported	Indonesia		UNAIDS

Endorsed by ASEAN Contact Points for HIV and AIDS on 25 February 2022, AHC 2 on 25 April 2022, and SOMHD on 5 May 2022

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achieve the Ending AIDS 2030				
4. Strengthening Capacity in Strategic Information and Evidence-Based Advocacy				
4.1. Produce and publish the 3 rd ASEAN HIV and AIDS Regional Report	Regional report published and disseminated to stakeholders and related agencies	Philippines	ASEAN Secretariat	UNAIDS
4.2. Publish World AIDS Day (WAD) Message	ASEAN Health Cluster 2 message published in ASEAN website and ASEAN E-Health Bulletin	Incumbent AHC 2 Chair	ASEAN Secretariat	UNAIDS
4.3. Continue to prepare articles for the ASEAN E-Health Bulletin	HIV and AIDS articles published in the ASEAN E-Health Bulletin	Philippines (Editor)	ASEAN Secretariat	