



## **ASEAN Health Cluster 2 Statement for the 2026 ASEAN Dengue Day Commemoration**

### **Theme: ASEAN United: Zero Dengue Deaths – A Future We Build Together by 2030**

Dengue is among the most prevalent mosquito-borne viral infections worldwide, with an estimated 390 million infections each year. It continues to impose a substantial burden in terms of morbidity and mortality globally. Over the last two decades, the incidence of dengue has increased dramatically, presenting a significant public health challenge.<sup>1</sup> In January 2026, more than 100,000 dengue cases and more than 10 dengue-related deaths were reported across 39 countries and territories worldwide.<sup>2</sup> The dengue virus is predominantly transmitted to humans through the bites of infected mosquitoes. While most infected individuals present with mild symptoms or remain asymptomatic, a proportion may progress to severe dengue, characterized by shock, severe hemorrhage, or serious organ dysfunction.<sup>3</sup> The global transmission of dengue is shaped by a range of factors, including the changing distribution of mosquito vectors, particularly *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*, as well as climate change, which is associated with rising temperatures, intense rainfall, and increased humidity. Additional contributing factors include vulnerable health systems and political and economic instability, especially in countries facing complex humanitarian crises and significant population mobility.<sup>1</sup> Significant challenges also persist in diagnostic and laboratory capacity, vector surveillance and control, as well as community awareness and engagement. Consequently, strengthening and advancing dengue prevention and control measures is crucial to protect public health.

In line with the resolution of the 10<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting held in Singapore on 22 July 2010, 15 June of each year has been designated as “ASEAN Dengue Day,” to highlight the importance of addressing the burden of dengue.

This year’s campaign, themed “**ASEAN United: Zero Dengue Deaths – A Future We Build Together by 2030**,” aims to increase awareness and strengthen collaboration, while providing a platform for knowledge sharing among public health professionals and stakeholders from the public, private, and civil society sectors. The campaign advocates a sustainable, integrated approach to dengue surveillance, prevention, and control. This includes proactive disease and vector surveillance, integrated vector management and rapid response, timely diagnosis and effective treatment and clinical management, as well as strategic risk communication targeting vulnerable populations. In addition, the campaign highlights the promotion and application of innovations and technologies, together with the generation of new insights to strengthen effective and sustainable dengue management across ASEAN Member States.

On the occasion of ASEAN Dengue Day, all stakeholders are encouraged to reaffirm their commitment to strengthening awareness and recognizing the critical role of community-based dengue prevention and control in fostering sustained and inclusive participation.

ASEAN reaffirms its commitment to advancing collective efforts to achieve zero dengue deaths and promote a healthier future for all.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/dengue-and-severe-dengue>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/dengue-monthly>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.who.int/emergencies/disease-outbreak-news/item/2024-DON518>