



INTRODUCTION

**ASEAN Strategic Health Agenda (ASHA)
2026-2030**



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One Region.
One Shared Pulse

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The ASEAN Strategic Health Agenda (ASHA) 2026-2030 was developed by the ASEAN Health Sector guided by the ASEAN Community Vision (ACV) 2045 and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Strategic Plan 2026-2035. Other references utilised by the ASEAN Health Sector include the formative Review of the ASEAN Post-2015 Health Development Agenda 2021-2025 Work Programme and the ASEAN Post-2025 Health Development Outlook. Through these, the sector considered the opportunities and challenges that demand strategic focus, institutional innovation, and sustained political commitment.

Given the thorough approach through the use of evidence and high-level documents as well as in building and incorporating the Theory of Change to rationalise the work of the ASEAN Health Sector, the ASEAN Strategic Health Agenda (ASHA) 2026-2030 was crafted with substantial sectoral engagement, reflection, and prioritisation to ensure that the work of the sector is aligned and will contribute to the ACV.

This approach was complemented by the 1) Special Senior Officials' Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD) guidance on the development of work programmes; 2) The intersessional meetings of ASEAN Health Clusters to develop version 0 of work programmes which commenced in Q4 2025; 3) A project entitled *Collective Development of the 2026-2030 Work Programmes by the ASEAN Health Sector*, realised through the support of the ASEAN Development Fund. This project was endorsed by the 19th SOMHD and involved a step-wise process to ensure that a more inclusive consultation with the sector's focal points is in place. The project entailed the conduct of the 1) **Collective Development Meeting and Workshop held on 20-23 April 2026 in Malaysia** and the 2) **Special Senior Officials' Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD) held on 6-8 May 2026 at the ASEAN Secretariat Headquarters in Indonesia**. These meetings were attended by SOMHD representatives, including AHC Chairs and Vice Chairs, ASEAN Health Cluster Country Coordinators 1-4, AHC contact points based on the 18 health priorities, and ASEAN Centre representatives under the AHCs. The SOMHD's guidance played a significant role in the work programme preparatory and intersessional tasks implemented by the ASEAN Health Clusters led by the ASEAN Health Cluster Chairs and Vice Chairs.





The ASEAN Health Sector is committed to:

A. Vision: Aspiring Towards a Healthier ASEAN Community

B. Mission statements:

- a. To enhance health services towards equitable access for the ASEAN community, ensuring that no one is left behind.
- b. To strengthen resilient and sustainable health systems and resources, including the health workforce, which are capable of timely and effective responses to public health challenges.
- c. To reduce the burden of communicable and non-communicable diseases through prevention, health promotion, early detection, surveillance, and response through coordinated regional public health action.
- d. To promote safe, appropriate, innovative, and cost-effective interventions, as well as secure and interoperable digital health solutions that support quality health services, delivery, patient safety, and evidence-based public health practices including through food safety and nutrition.

C. Guiding Principles for ASEAN Strategic Health Agenda (2026-2030)

Advancing the health and well-being of peoples across ASEAN towards a healthier community for all, while upholding the following principles:

- a. **Equity:** Ensuring fair, equitable, and people-centred access to quality healthcare services across the ASEAN community.
- b. **Accessibility:** Promoting accessible, affordable, and sustainable healthcare systems without geographical socio-demographic barriers including access to safe and nutritious food.
- c. **Safety and Quality:** Upholding safety, effective, quality standard and evidence-based practice in all areas of the health system.
- d. **People-centred:** Empowering individuals and communities to actively participate in health promotion, disease prevention, and decision-making processes.
- e. **Solidarity:** Fostering shared responsibility, collective engagement, and cooperation among AMS to narrow health development gaps.
- f. **Shared knowledge:** Promoting and sharing knowledge, expertise, best practices, research, innovation, technology, and experiences among AMS to strengthen regional health capacity, collaboration, and evidence-based decision-making.
- g. **Partnership and multisectoral approach:** Strengthening strategic and ethical partnership, mutual trust, and collaborative action among AMS, sectors, Dialogue Partners, Sectoral Dialogue Partners, and Development Partners; international organisations; the private sector; academia; civil society; and communities to advance regional health and sustainable development.

To operationalise the ASEAN Health Sector's commitment in **2026-2030**, the following were developed and agreed upon by the ASEAN Health sector:

ASEAN Health Clusters, Goals and Priorities of the ASEAN Strategic Health Agenda

ASEAN Health Cluster (AHC)	Goals for 2026-2030	Health priorities
AHC 1: Promoting healthy lifestyle	1. To achieve the health potential of the ASEAN Community through promoting healthy lifestyle. 2. To ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.	1. Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases 2. Reduction of consumption of tobacco and use of alcohol 3. Promotion of mental health 4. Promotion of healthy and active ageing 5. Promotion of good nutrition and healthy diet
AHC 2: Responding to all hazards and emerging threats	1. To promote resilient health system in response to communicable diseases, emerging infectious diseases, neglected tropical diseases and zoonotic diseases, including AMR, and through strengthening of One Health approach; 2. To enhance regional health security through integrated preparedness and response to public health emergencies, strengthened laboratory networks, and intensified effective disaster health management in the region. 3. To strengthen preparedness and response to environmental health threats, including contributing to addressing the health impacts of climate change in the region, through partnerships with other relevant sectoral bodies	6. Prevention, Detection and Control of Infectious Diseases Threats, including Antimicrobial Resistance, through Strengthening One Health Approach 7. Strengthening Health Security towards Regional Preparedness and Response to Public Health Emergencies 8. Strengthening Laboratory Capacity 9. Environmental Health, Health Impact Assessment and Health Impact of Climate Change 10. Disaster Health Management





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AHC 3: Strengthening health system and access to care	1. To provide the ASEAN Community with universal access to safe, affordable, quality, efficient, holistic healthcare, and essential medical supplies, including traditional, complementary and integrative medicine; 2. To advance healthcare delivery by adapting and working towards innovation and digital health technology. 3. To promote healthcare delivery to special populations¹, including women, children and migrant workers²	11. Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine 12. Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, and Child Health 13. Universal Health Coverage, including health financing and health service delivery 14. Migrants' health 15. Vaccines, Therapeutic and Diagnostics Development, Security and Self-Reliance 16. Human Resources for Health 17. Digital health and health information system
AHC 4: Ensuring food safety	1. To enhance and facilitate access to safe food to build resilient and effective food safety systems across the supply chain. 2. To strengthen food safety risk analysis in ASEAN through enhancing capacities, advancing science-based approaches, data sharing, and fostering collaboration among AMS.	18. Food safety

The ASEAN Strategic Health Agenda 2026-2030 is comprises of the work programmes of the four (4) ASEAN Health Clusters (AHC). The AHC Work Programme activities are classified according to the following categories:

- A. CORE** – activities that are agreed to be implemented commencing in 2026
- B. ESSENTIAL** – activities that are agreed to be implemented in the mid-term
- C. EXPANDED** – activities that are agreed to be implemented from the mid-term and after the reassessment

The AHC Work Programmes activities are led by ASEAN Member States, and their phased implementation is done with the support of the ASEAN Secretariat and in collaboration with Development and Dialogue Partners. The monitoring of the work programmes of the ASHA 2026-2030 is a joint undertaking of the ASEAN Health

¹ AHC 3 definition of "special populations" to comprise documented migrants including migrant workers, women/mothers and children. Special populations is also defined in accordance with country context and prevailing national laws and regulations of AMS.

² The definition of migrant workers is based on the ASEAN's Consensus on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers, 2017.