

AFR/RC37/R4:

The Regional Committee,

Having noted the document prepared for the technical discussions (document AFR/RC37//TD1);

Convinced of the importance of the district level in the achievement of Health for All by the Year 2000,

1. INVITES Member States to:
 - (i) strengthen the implementation of primary health care at district level;
 - (ii) lay greater emphasis on multisectoral cooperation at district level, especially through the establishment and regular operation of the “district development committees”;
 - (iii) decentralize managerial responsibilities as far as possible to the district development committees and districts health teams so that primary health care can gradually become self-funded;
 - (iv) strengthen the managerial capabilities of the district development committees and district health teams, especially by calling upon the inter-country health development teams based in the different sub-regions;
 - (v) set up and /or improve data collection systems at district level, especially with the assistance of the WHO Offices in the countries;
 - (vi) set up and/or strengthen a coordinating mechanism for ensuring optimal use of national and external resources at district level;
2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:
 - (i) publish document AFR/RC35/TD1 and disseminate it to member States so that it will serve as a guide for the strengthening of district health systems and for training;
 - (ii) continue to support the counties in their efforts to implement primary health care, especially through the inter-country health development teams;
 - (iii) help the countries develop their systems for collecting data on district health activities.

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