

RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH EAST ASIA

SEA/RC27/R7

RURAL WATER SUPPLY PROGRAMME

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the recommendations made in the technical discussions on the "Provision of safe water supply to rural communities in South-East Asia";

Noting that the present status of rural water supplies in the Member countries shows grave inadequacies, an increasing backlog against growing community needs, deficiencies in planning policies and procedures, drawbacks in the institutional framework and lack of direction in mobilization of needed resources;

Realizing the importance of rural sanitation as a necessary concomitant of rural water supply;

Recognizing the need for and urgency of accelerating the present pace of rural water supplies as an effective protection against the continuing high incidence of water-borne diseases, and

Emphasizing the recommendations of the Twenty-fifth World Health Assembly in its resolution WHA25.35;

1. **DRAWS** attention to the importance of promoting rural water supply and sanitation as a social infrastructure for the socio-economic growth of the nation;
2. **URGES** that Member States implement the recommendations made during the technical discussions held during its **twenty-seventh** session, especially on: (a) the establishment of realistic national targets for rural water supply and sanitation programmes and outlining a policy for their inclusion as an integral part of the national development plan; (b) setting priorities for implementing the programmes; and (c) assessing the financial, manpower and material needs of the short and long-term plan;
3. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to continue to accord high priority to providing technical assistance to Member States in making assessment studies, in programme formulation and implementation and in identifying areas of specific needs qualifying for multilateral or bilateral assistance by way of expertise, equipment, materials and soft loans.