



REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

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RESOLUTION

THE AFRICAN PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FUND

(Document AFR/RC60/13)

The Regional Committee,

Having carefully examined the framework document for the African Public Health Emergency Fund (Document AFR/RC60/13);

Recognizing the inadequacy of resources available to Member States to combat epidemics and other public health emergencies in the African Region;

Deeply concerned that the continued occurrence of epidemics and other public health emergencies in the African Region results in a humanitarian, social and economic burden on Member States;

Concerned about the potential impact of continued occurrence of epidemics and other public health emergencies on vulnerable populations in the African Region who are already suffering from multiple diseases and conditions;

Cognizant of the need to supplement existing efforts by governments and partners and promote solidarity among Member States in addressing recurring epidemics and other public health emergencies;

Recognizing the function of the Regional Committee under Article 50(f) of the WHO Constitution "to recommend additional regional appropriations by the governments of countries of the respective regions if the proportion of the central budget of the Organization allotted to the Region is insufficient for carrying out regional functions";

Reaffirming its commitment to implementing Resolution AFR/RC59/R5 on strengthening outbreak preparedness and response in the African Region;

1. APPROVES the creation of the African Public Health Emergency Fund (APHEF) in light of the principles set out in the framework document;

2. URGES Member States:

- (a) to ensure the highest level of government support towards the sustainability and successful functioning of the APHEF;
- (b) to continue to advocate for the sustenance of the APHEF at national, sub-regional and regional forums;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (a) to convene a technical consultation among Ministries of Health and Finance of Member States of the African Region, the African Union, the African Development Bank, and Regional Economic Communities, with the objective of elaborating on the principles for financial contributions by countries, including criteria and modalities relating thereto, as well as the governance of the APHEF;
- (b) to advocate with Heads of State and Governments, the African Union and Regional Economic Communities to ensure sustained contributions to the APHEF;
- (c) to report to the Sixty-first session of the Regional Committee for Africa, and on a regular basis thereafter, on the operations of the APHEF.