

# RESOLUTION

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### WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA

#### **SEA/RC61/R2      PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET 2010-2011**

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the proposed Programme Budget for 2010-2011, which is the second biennium covered by WHO's Medium-term Strategic Plan for the period from 2008 to 2013 and follows the same 13 Strategic Objectives used in the 2008-2009 Programme Budget, along with the Regional Programme Budget statement outlining proposed regional work, targets and resource requirements for the 2010-2011 biennium,

Noting the report of the first meeting of the Sub-committee on Policy and Programme Development and Management,

Appreciating that the Programme Budget 2010-2011 was developed through a process of consultation with each Member State in the Region and policy guidance at the global level of the Organization,

Noting that the South-East Asia Region is proposing a budget of US\$ 604.5 million for 2010-2011, consisting of US\$ 103.9 million for Assessed Contributions and US\$ 500.6 million for Voluntary Contributions,

Recognizing that the Member States of the South-East Asia Region face frequent emergencies and responding to these crises in a timely manner requires a flexible and sustainable source of funding,

Concerned that the substantial increase in Voluntary Contributions might not align with the programme priorities as reflected in these documents and that the capacity of national governments and country offices needs to be strengthened to implement these increases, and

Further concerned with the challenges in the programme implementation in the light of the increase in the proposed Programme Budget in the 2010-2011 biennium,

1. ENDORSES the proposed Programme Budget to support the work of the World Health Organization's South-East Asia Region for the biennium 2010-2011;
2. ENDORSES the recommendations of the first meeting of the Sub-committee on Policy and Programme Development and Management\*;
3. URGES Member States:
  - (1) to give high priority to reallocation of Assessed Contributions to support programme areas with limited access to Voluntary Contributions, and
  - (2) to ensure adequate Assessed Contributions for effective and efficient administration, management and technical support required to implement country and intercountry collaborative programmes;
4. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
  - (1) to support Member States in identifying and developing practical indicators to measure programme achievements;
  - (2) to support Member States and WHO country offices in capacity development and strengthening for effective and timely implementation of the Programme Budget;
  - (3) to mobilize resources for priority Strategic Objectives of the Region for which Voluntary Contributions are inadequate, and
  - (4) to draw and disseminate lessons learned from the previous bienniums for effective implementation of the current and future biennium budgets, and
5. FURTHER REQUESTS the Regional Director to take up with the WHO Director-General for her consideration, while finalizing the proposed Programme Budget for 2010-2011:
  - (1) to take steps to mobilize additional Core Voluntary Contributions for the South-East Asia Region, taking into consideration the size of the population and burden of diseases;

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- (2) to include a provision in the 2010-2011 budget resolution of the World Health Assembly allowing Assessed Contributions in the South-East Asia Regional Health Emergency Fund to be carried over to the subsequent bienniums;
- (3) to advocate that the Region receive an appropriate share of any increase in the Assessed Contributions to cover increased operational costs due to currency fluctuations, and
- (4) to take steps to ensure that the organizational policy on Programme Support Costs is applied, and that projects to be funded by Voluntary Contributions include budgets to cover all applicable associated direct administrative costs.

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