

RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH EAST ASIA

SEA/RC30/R15 HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the report and recommendations of the technical discussions group;

Realizing the paucity of information available for the effective planning, implementation and evaluation of health care services;

Recognizing the urgent need to develop appropriate systems for the collection, compilation and dissemination of health information, particularly in relation to primary health care;

Appreciating the variations in the existing national health information system and the problems to be confronted in developing such a system in the various Member countries, and

Recalling the emphasis laid by the World Health Assembly on the subject (WHA30.46),

1. URGES governments to give high priority to the development of national health information systems in general and for primary health care level in particular, and
2. EMPHASIZES the need for the exchange of experiences and expertise in the field of information systems for primary health care among Member countries,
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:
 - (a) provide adequate technical and material support to Member countries (wherever required) in designing, implementing and evaluating their primary health care information system;
 - (b) to provide support in developing an appropriate technology and in training personnel for the information system, and
 - (c) to promote and co-ordinate the exchange of experience and expertise in the field of information systems for primary health care.