

RESOLUTIONS  
OF THE  
REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH EAST ASIA

SEA/RC28/R12

ANTI-MALARIA PROGRAMME

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the malaria situation,

Noting with grave concern the progressive increase of malaria incidence, especially of P. falciparum, in most countries of the Region,

Apprehensive of a likely increase in mortality, with the spread of P. falciparum and the resistant strains of this species,

Conscious of the increased role of anti-malaria drugs in long-term control programmes and the need for their greater availability in countries of the Region,

Realizing the limitations of residual insecticides as a major weapon in vector control in long-term programmes,

Recognizing the deficiencies in the epidemiological services resulting from lack of adequately trained and properly oriented staff,

Conscious of the need for support to anti-malaria programmes by other government agencies and for inter-ministerial co-ordination and co-operation, and

Recalling resolution SEA/RC27/R4,

1. URGES Member Governments to:

- (1) continue to give high priority to the effective implementation of anti-malaria programmes;
- (2) intensify activities in P. falciparum areas to prevent mortality;
- (3) ensure adequate supplies of anti-malaria drugs throughout their countries;
- (4) strengthen the epidemiological and entomological services in anti-malaria programmes, and
- (5) promote the active participation of relevant governmental and non-governmental agencies in anti-malaria activities, and

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:

- (1) continue his efforts to assist Member countries in increasing the production of anti-malarials and insecticides;
- (2) assist Member countries in the training of technical personnel for long-term anti-malarial activities;
- (3) stimulate and support studies on the operational aspects of control methods, and
- (4) organize a regional meeting to recommend a suitable strategy for anti-malaria operations for the countries of the Region.