

RENEWING THE STRATEGY FOR HEALTH FOR ALL:
REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE
ON PROGRAMMES AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, PART II

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the Report of the Sub-Committee of the Regional Committee on Programmes and Technical Cooperation, Part II, on Renewing the Strategy for Health for All: Draft Regional Policy for the 21st Century¹ and the global document Health for All in the 21st Century;²

Appreciating the value of the work of the Sub-Committee to Member States and the Regional Committee;

Noting the need to further analyse and elaborate the issues of health financing, evidence-based decision-making, provision of an operational framework, monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of policies, and partnerships for health in the documents Renewing the Strategy for Health for All: Draft Regional Policy for the 21st Century and Health for All in the 21st Century;

Noting also that linkage with the global document should be enhanced;

Noting further the importance of an appropriate infrastructure to support implementation of the renewed health-for-all policy, including standards, guidelines, workforce development and technical support;

Acknowledging that the approaches described in the document *New horizons in health*³ form a fundamental part of the implementation of health for all in the Western Pacific Region;

Recognizing the need to revise the global document **Health for All in the 21st Century** so that it includes an analysis of the current policy and its implementation, a rationale for the new health-for-all policy, current and future challenges, and in particular an operational framework to respond to those challenges;

1. **ENDORSES** the report of the Sub-Committee with appropriate amendments;
2. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director:
 - (1) to submit the report on the Third Evaluation of Health for All, with appropriate amendments, to the Director-General as the regional contribution to the global report;
 - (2) to revise the regional policy document by improving linkages with the global policy document and to submit the revised document to the Director-General as part of the regional contribution to the global renewal of health for all;
 - (3) to convey to the Director-General the Member States' desire to receive the revised global policy document in November 1997 for Member States' review and comment prior to its submission for discussion at the 101st session of the Executive Board in January 1998;
 - (4) to continue to support Member States in revising their health policies in accordance with the health needs of the 21st century and in building appropriate infrastructures to support implementation of the renewed health-for-all policy;
 - (5) to report back to the Regional Committee at its forty-ninth session on plans for implementation of the renewed health-for-all policy;
 - (6) to suggest to the Director-General that he develop best practice guidelines for WHO to use when contemplating and negotiating partnerships for health with the for-profit private sector, and to suggest that these guidelines include, *inter alia*, the circumstances under which partnerships with the for-profit private sector should, or should not, be contemplated; a check-list of questions that should be answered in the negotiating process; and safeguards that should be included in any contractual arrangements.

¹ Document WPR/RC48/8 Rev.1.

² Document WPR/RC48/8 INF.DOC. 1 (PPE/PAC/97.5).

³ Document WPR/RC48/8 Rev.1, Annex 2, Part 2.