



World Health
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REGIONAL OFFICE FOR

South-East Asia

SUSTAIN. ACCELERATE. INNOVATE.

HEALTH FOR BILLIONS





*"Together we must **sustain** our gains, **accelerate** sustainable progress and **innovate** to advance health of billions across WHO South-East Asia Region,"*

Dr Poonam Khetrpal Singh
*on her vision for second term
as Regional Director beginning
1 February 2019.*

Home to 1.97 billion people, one-fourth of the world's population, WHO South-East Asia Region is central to global health.

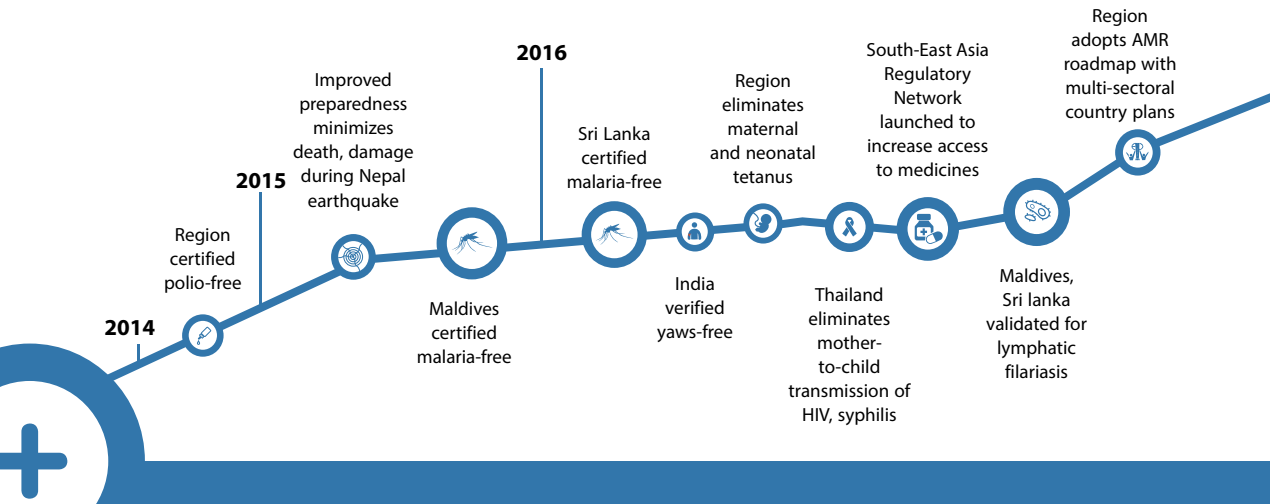
The Region has been making rapid, inclusive and sustained gains around the flagship programmes that Dr Khetrapal Singh identified along with Member States, at the start of her first term in 2014.

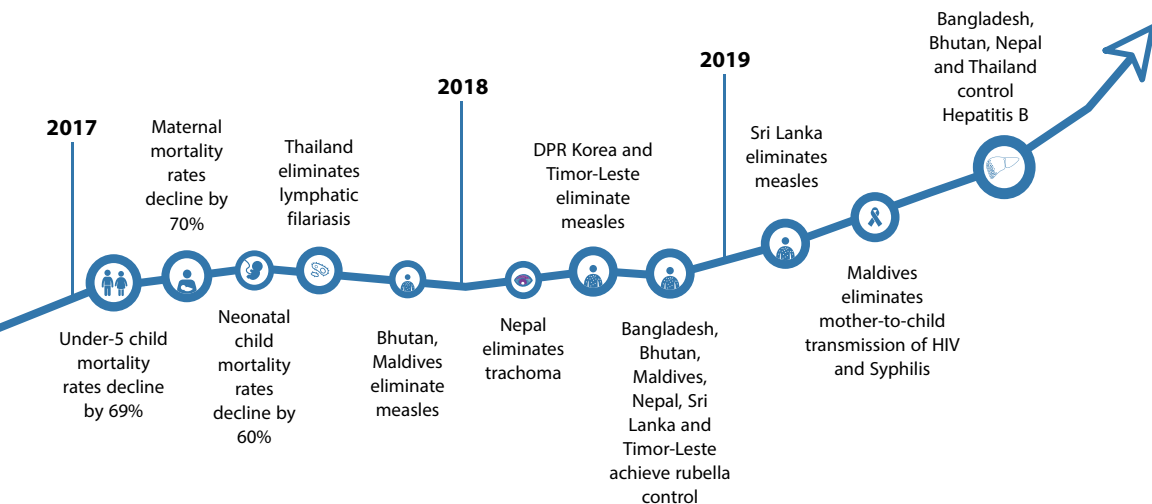
The regional flagship programmes are in sync with the Sustainable Development Goals for Health, and WHO's global targets for a billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage, a billion more enjoying better health and well-being, and a billion more better protected from health emergencies.

One-fourth of the global population



Progress and achievements since 2014







#MaternalAndChildHealth



Polio-free status and elimination of maternal and neonatal tetanus.



Efforts to further reduce maternal mortality rates that declined by 69%, child mortality rates that fell by 70% and neonatal mortality that reduced by 60% between 1990 and 2017.



To further advance maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health.



#MeaslesEliminationRubellaControl



Measles elimination in Bhutan, Maldives, DPR Korea, Timor-Leste and Sri Lanka; and rubella control in Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Timor-Leste.



Efforts to strengthen surveillance and bridge the immunity gaps against measles and rubella.



To expand the reach of measles and rubella vaccines for everyone, everywhere.



#UniversalHealthCoverage

#HealthForAll



Tracking of progress towards universal health coverage, with a focus on reaching the poorest and the most vulnerable.



Strengthening of health workforce and improving access to essential medicines.



For improved access to quality primary care services for everyone, everywhere, without financial hardship.



#EndNeglectedTropicalDiseases



Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis as a public health problem in Maldives, Sri Lanka and Thailand; Yaws free India; and Trachoma elimination in Nepal.



Efforts to further reduce leprosy, eliminate Kala-Azar, Lymphatic Filariasis and Trachoma as public health problems, and achieve yaws free status in remaining endemic areas.



For newer guidelines, treatment regimens and strategies to #EndNTDs at the earliest.



#BeatNonCommunicableDiseases



High-level political commitment to #BeatNCDs.



Implementation of multi-sectoral #NCD plans addressing health impact of environment, climate change, tobacco, lifestyle and diet.



To promote #NCD agenda.



#AntimicrobialResistance



Commitment to control
#AntimicrobialResistance.



Implementation of
multi-sectoral
actions to combat
#AntimicrobialResistance.



For comprehensive
implementation of National
Action Plans.



#HealthEmergencies



Efforts to strengthen emergency preparedness and response capabilities in health and related sectors.



Investments to address critical gaps at national and sub-national levels.



To continuously improve preparedness and response systems.



#EndTB



Highest-level of political commitment.



Implementation of TB elimination plans with a focus on reaching the unreached.



Newer drugs, treatment regimens and diagnostics to rapidly reduce TB.



#InFocus



Malaria elimination in Sri Lanka and Maldives.

Elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and Syphilis in Thailand and Maldives.

Hepatitis B control in Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Thailand.



Efforts to promote equity, gender parity, mental health and road safety; eliminate cervical cancer; and address viral hepatitis.





To continue to address persisting and emerging epidemiological, demographic and environmental challenges.




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