



EU funded HPED Highly Pathogenic and Emerging and Re-emerging Diseases
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Recommendations

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Considering that:

- Extensive efforts and progress have been made by ASEAN and SAARC Member States in strengthening the regional coordination mechanisms for disease control.
- The recommendations from the OIE Global Conference on Rabies Control in Incheon (Republic of Korea, 7-9/09/2011), the FAO/OIE Global Conference on FMD Control in Bangkok (Thailand, 27-29/06/2012), and the 3rd Regional Workshop on Multi-Sectoral Collaboration on Zoonoses Prevention and Control in Bali (Indonesia, 26-28/11/2012) are the basis for the actions to be implemented at national, regional and global strategies.

Takes note:

- That the EU has accepted the no-cost extension of the FAO and OIE components of the HPED programme for one year;
- Of the progress made in the implementation of the established activities for each component of the HPED programme.
- That the programme implementing organizations have been successful and have generally achieved their specific component objectives, and that by the end of 2014, will have met the programme goals and paved the way for the future.

Recommends:

- That the EU accepts the no-cost extension of the WHO component of the HPED programme.
- To continue to:
 - Engage the ASEAN and SAARC Secretariats, Member States and relevant sectoral working groups in the planning, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of programme activities and to advocate for greater and longer term political commitment and ownership of activities to ensure sustainability.
 - Promote the synergy and complementarity with other relevant programmes and activities in the region.
 - Support the implementation of the regional organizations' roadmaps and strategies.
 - Reinforce the capacities of Member States to be in compliance with OIE international standards and WHO International Health Regulations (IHR) through trainings and related activities.
 - Encourage countries to actively participate in the OIE PVS Pathway and in the WHO IHR core capacities assessment and encourage them to use the findings to prioritize their animal health and zoonoses control activities and as a basis for seeking funding support; ensure that veterinary and public health systems and services are included in developing the Country Programme Frameworks.

- To advocate for continued work through tripartite FAO/OIE/WHO collaboration on the One Health approach through the development and implementation of One Health strategies at national, regional and international levels.
 - Rabies, one of the priority diseases for the region, has been proposed as the case to benefit from One Health approach, notwithstanding the fact that other emerging infectious diseases with potential to cause high impacts to animal and human health are still being considered as GFTADs and APSED as important for the region (for example, animal influenzas);
 - To address Rabies:
 - It is required to take into account the existing international standards, strategies, guidelines and platforms from FAO, OIE and WHO relevant to the prevention and control of Rabies.
 - Dog vaccination together with dog population management are to be considered the most cost-effective and sustainable interventions to protect human health.
 - Synergistic and coordinated efforts by the tripartite are required to ensure the efficiency of Rabies control implementation at the regional, sub-regional and country levels.
- Building on successes of the EU HPED programme, to explore options with regional secretariats, the tripartite and development partners to sustain achievements and activities beyond 2014 including:
 - OIE FMD and Rabies Regional Vaccine Banks;
 - Regional Coordination Mechanism, including Regional Support Units, as well as relevant Regional Technical Support Bodies;
 - Joint Regional Technical Working groups;
 - Regional Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Development and Networks;
 - Continue to support the strengthening of surveillance and response for zoonoses prevention and control at regional and country level through the implementation of relevant components of the APSED framework.
- That the next Steering Committee focus on the expected key deliverables to be made by the programme and options to sustain them based on lessons learned.
- That the next meeting take place back to back with the GF-TADS meeting in Bangkok (Thailand) on 15 July 2014.
- That a wrap-up meeting among the tripartite partners take place before the end of the project.