



EU funded Highly Pathogenic and Emerging and Re-emerging Diseases (HPED) Programme

5th Meeting of the HPED Steering Committee

Recommendations

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The HPED Steering Committee

Recognised:

- The financial support given by the European Union and other relevant partners and donors;
- That extensive efforts and progress have been made by ASEAN and SAARC Member States in strengthening the regional and national coordination mechanisms for disease prevention and control;
- That there is consensus and significant progress towards a One Health approach at both regional and international levels;
- That the implementation of activities adopting a One Health approach at national level is complex;
- That the continued political, financial and technical support at country, regional and international levels as well as partnerships with all relevant partners including the private sector are critical to sustain the existing outcomes of the EU-HPED programme;
- The progress made by the implementing organisations in achieving their specific component objectives, and that by the end of 2014, they will have met the programme goals and paved the way for the future;
- That the programme has been successful;

Recommends:

- That national governments ensure an appropriate balance to investments made to the human and animal health sectors (e.g. sustaining OIE regional vaccine banks and support to the implementation of disease prevention and control programmes) in order to contribute to improved human and animal health, food safety, food security and livelihoods;
- To continue to advocate for social responsibility by the animal health sector towards improved and integrated zoonoses and food safety outcomes;

- That future activities focus on supporting countries operationalize a One Health approach at the national level, by enhancing collaboration and coordination among the various sectors and making use of existing mechanisms and frameworks;
- To advocate for continued work through the 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;
- That the three implementing partners, WHO, OIE and FAO, build on the investments and achievements to date by:
 - continuing to work together to leverage donor funding and ensuring a complementary and consistent approach towards achieving a healthier and safer world;
 - leveraging the investment made through creating links with other related funded programmes;
 - taking stock of the lessons learned from implementing the EU-HPED programme and using them as a guide to plan, invest and develop future projects targeting regional and national strengthening;
 - continuing to reinforce the capacities of Member States to improve their compliance with OIE international standards and guidelines (PVS Pathway) and to the WHO International Health Regulations (IHR) through the implementation of training, national workshops and other related activities;
 - taking into consideration existing institutional structures (i.e. ASEAN and SAARC), regional coordination mechanisms, national capacities, networks, platforms, and other enabling environments for the prevention and control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs) and Emerging Infectious Diseases (EIDs), such strategies and roadmaps for priority diseases and OIE regional vaccine banks when formulating new initiatives to ensure sustainability;
 - developing a mechanism to validate the achievements of the EU-HPED activities and continuing to assess their impact over time;
- That the regional organisations explore mechanisms to financially support the continued implementation of activities conducted through the EU-HPED programme, including through advocacy with national government and developing partners;
- That a wrap-up meeting among the Tripartite partners take place before the end of the project.