NAP GSP South- South Knowledge Exchange Forum | Topic 2: Development of NAP roadmap and NAP

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SEARO Regional Priorities and HNAP

Malé Declaration (2017)

An initiative by health ministers of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region (SEAR) to integrate health vulnerabilities of climate change into national climate change programmes and adaptation plans.

One of the key commitments

Development and strengthening of HNAP as an integral part of NAP process

WHO SEA Region has 11 member states: Bangladesh, Bhutan, DPRK, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor Leste

WHO SEARO provides technical support to strengthen the capacity of Member States in implementing the Malé Declaration.
Technical support to Member states for Health National Adaptation Planning

1. Building a strong evidence base
2. Improving knowledge, skills and capacity of the health workforce
3. Raising awareness on the importance on Health National Adaptation Planning
Building a strong evidence base

Supporting member states through the development of tools and guidelines to inform national health adaptation planning

- Regional level mapping and assessment of –
  - climate variability and change affecting health systems in the region
  - climate change risks and vulnerabilities
  - adaptation readiness

- Recommendations to mainstream climate change into health sector policies and governance mechanisms

**Comprehensive coverage of climate sensitive health risks**

- Water-borne diseases and other water-related health impacts
- Vector-borne diseases
- Impacts on health care facilities
- Nutrition and food-borne diseases
- etc.
Improving knowledge skills and capacity of the health workforce

Training and Capacity building of member states on formulation of HNAPs

- Stock taking of capacity gaps and needs and ongoing adaptation plans and activities
- Identification of entry points for HNAP support
- Training workshops on the HNAP process for multi-stakeholder groups
- Providing platforms for experience sharing and knowledge exchange
- Use of various training modalities e.g. F2F, virtual and eLearning
Raising awareness on the importance on Health National Adaptation Planning

Development of a web based advocacy Toolkit with resources to support member states in national health adaptation planning

• Consolidating evidence on key climate risks and drivers, vulnerable populations and adaptation measures against each

• Country factsheets outlining top climate and health priorities and adaptive actions for the health sector

• Downloadable resources e.g. climate and health policy summary, illustrative roadmap of achievable opportunities for adaptation planning

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Country: Bangladesh
Policy summary: Bangladesh has invested substantially in making the country climate-resilient, with attention to the health sector in recent years. Climate change adaptation priorities have been guided by the Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan (BCSAP), 2005. The development of the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) and the draft Health National Adaptation Plan (HNAP) have been guided by the BCSAP and strategic implementation in Bangladesh’s broader development planning, as well as the BCSAP.

Country: Bhutan
Policy summary: Bhutan is currently developing a NAP. Although the development of an NAP is in its early stages, there is a framework to both integrate climate into health planning and make it a priority in the future.

Health climate impacts:
- Air pollution
- Heat
- Clean water access and waterborne diseases
- Health infrastructure and supply chains

Toolkit:
- Health-climate advocacy toolkit
- Toolkit PowerPoint
- Workshops: Strategy scoping worksheet

Graphics:
- Evidence
  - Climate change impacts on nutrition
  - Common vector-borne diseases in the SE Asia region

Country factsheets:
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Democratic People’s Republic of Korea

Downloadable resources:
- Climate and health policy summary
- Illustrative roadmap of achievable opportunities for adaptation planning
THANK YOU!