



ASEAN Regional Cooperation in Communicable Diseases and Pandemic Preparedness and Response

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1. Introduction

- ASEAN: Association of Southeast Asian Nations
- Established in 1967
- 10 Member States: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam
- ASEAN Secretariat : Jakarta, Indonesia
- ASEAN Charter in effect in December 2008
- Three Community Blueprints: APSC, AEC, ASCC
- ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint (2009-2015)

2. ASEAN Mechanism for Health Cooperation

- ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting (AHMM)
- ASEAN Senior Officials on Health Development (SOMHD)
- ASEAN Expert Group on Communicable Diseases (AEGCD)
- ASEAN Expert Group on Food Safety (AEGFS)
- ASEAN Task Force on AIDS (ATFOA)
- ASEAN Working Group on Pharmaceuticals Development (AWGPD)
- ASEAN Technical Working Group on Pandemic Preparedness and Response (ATWGPPR)
- ASEAN Focal Points on Tobacco Control (AFPTC)

3. ASEAN Cooperation in Communicable Diseases and Pandemic Preparedness and Response (PPR)

- Under the purview of : AEGCD, ATFOA, ATWGPPR
- Related bodies: ASWGL, ACDM, ATFHPAI
- Related programmes/projects:
 - ASEAN Plus Three Emerging Infectious Diseases Programme Phase II (2007-2010)
 - ASEAN Work Programme on HIV and AIDS III (2006-2010)
 - ASEAN- Japan Project on Stockpiling of Antivirals and Personal Protective Equipments Against Potential Influenza Pandemic
 - ASEAN-USAID Project on Multi-Sectoral Pandemic Preparedness and Response

3. ASEAN Cooperation in Communicable Diseases and Pandemic Preparedness and Response (PPR)

- ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER)
- ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance Centre (AHA)
- ASEAN Regional Strategy for Progressive Eradication of HPAI (2008-2010)
- ASEAN-ADB Project on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza
- ASEAN Secretariat Working Group for ONE Health

4. ASEAN Plus Three Emerging Infectious (EID) Diseases Programme : Key Programme Outcomes

- Focal Points on Emerging Infectious Diseases
- ASEAN Communication and Integration Strategy
 - Communication Focal Points
 - Regional protocols for Communication and Information Sharing
 - ASEAN Plus Three EID website aseanplus3-eid.info
 - Risk Communication Strategies and training programme
 - ASEAN Regional Risk Communication Centre (under preparation)
- ASEAN Plus Three Partnership Laboratories (APL) - is a regional network of laboratories
- Regional Capacity for Laboratory-Based Disease Surveillance

4. ASEAN Plus Three Emerging Infectious (EID) Diseases Programme : Key Programme Outcomes

- Networks and linkages between outbreak response team leaders based on WHO's GOARN
- Minimum Standard for Joint Outbreak Investigation and Response
- Exercise Management Training
- Animal health and human health sectors framework for collaboration and work plans
- Call for Actions on Elimination of Rabies by Year 2020
- ASEAN Plus Three Initiative for Healthy Travel and Tourism
- A research project on gender and social issues.
- Raising the public health profile of dengue- ASEAN Dengue Day

5. ASEAN-Japan Project on Stockpiling of Antivirals and PPE Against Potential Influenza Pandemic

- Collaboration between 10 Member States, ASEAN Secretariat, MOFA-Japan, WHO, JICS, STL-Singapore
- 2 Consignees per countries
- Project Guidelines
- Regional stockpile of 500,000 courses of antivirals and PPE for 350,000 people
- National stockpile of antivirals (500, 000 courses) and PPE
- Outbreak Logistics Training by WHO
- PANSTOP Exercises 2007, 2008,2009

6. ASEAN Work Plan on Pandemic Preparedness and Response (2007- 2010)

- ASEAN Mapping Exercise on National Pandemic Preparedness and Response
- Strengthening national capacity in conducting advocacy for pandemic preparedness for the non-health sectors
- Assessment of National Multi-sectoral Pandemic Preparedness and Response
- Strengthening on-scene command and response system in pandemics through the use of Incident Command System (ICS)
- Strengthening national capacity in multi-sectoral operational continuity and contingency planning for pandemic
- Simulation/ table top exercise on multi-sectoral pandemic preparedness and response
- Establishment of ASEAN Multinational Pandemic Preparedness and Response Team

7. ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER)

- To provide effective mechanisms to reduce disaster losses in lives and in the social, economic and environmental assets.
- To jointly respond to disaster emergencies in the ASEAN region.
- To establish a regional inventory, called the ASEAN Standby Arrangements for Disaster Relief and Emergency Response.
 - A regional standard operating procedure.
 - Full-blown regional simulation exercises (code-named ARDEX)

8. Conclusion

Why ASEAN Collaboration ?

- Severe outbreaks seem to be harbouring in the SEA region, the need to be well prepared is very important not only as individual countries but as a region.
- ASEAN is a group of 10 countries which have their own unique geographic, economic and social cultural situation, the calls for a concerted response are needed.
- As each AMS has its own strengths and weaknesses, ASEAN regional cooperation would play a significant and important role in sharing experiences, expertise and lessons learnt among themselves.
- AMS, collectively, and in close collaboration with other countries and international organizations would need to be ever vigilant.



Thank you!

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