



Resolution

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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Annual report of the Regional Director for 2014

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the Annual report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the Eastern Mediterranean Region for 2014 and the progress reports requested by the Regional Committee;¹

Recalling previous resolutions on the actions required in relation to the regional strategic priorities endorsed by the Regional Committee in 2012;

Acknowledging the progress made and the continuing challenges and gaps in relation to the regional strategic priorities;

Concerned at the continuing threats to global health security;

1. **THANKS** the Regional Director for his report and for his efforts to improve WHO's impact and effectiveness in the strategic priority areas, especially in the area of emergency preparedness and response;
2. **ADOPTS** the annual report of the Regional Director for 2014;
3. **ENDORSES** the Eastern Mediterranean vaccine action plan and the regional malaria action plan 2016-2020;
4. **URGES** Member States to:
 - 4.1 Develop or update national reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child health strategic plans in accordance with the United Nations global strategy on women's, children's and adolescents' health;
 - 4.2 Accelerate action to improve quality of civil registration and vital statistics, and especially cause-of-death registration, in light of the assessments conducted in collaboration with WHO;
 - 4.3 Update the national multiyear plans for immunization based on the Eastern Mediterranean vaccine action plan, and strengthen the structure and managerial capacity of the national immunization programme at all levels;
 - 4.4 Update the national plans in line with the regional action plan for malaria 2016-2020;

¹ EM/RC62/2, EM/RC62/INF.DOC1-8

- 4.5 Strengthen measures for detection of, response to and mitigation of public health threats from MERS-CoV and avian influenza A(H5N1), including through better coordination between countries;
- 4.6 Continue, and intensify, efforts to develop a vision, strategy and roadmap based on the regional framework for action on advancing universal health coverage in the Eastern Mediterranean Region and monitor implementation;
- 4.7 Assess inequities in health and their related social determinants, identify priority actions and monitor progress.

5. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:

- 5.1 Maintain partnership at regional and country level with UNFPA, UNICEF and other partners in reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health, building on the momentum gained through the initiative on saving the lives of mothers and children;
- 5.2 Develop a regional plan of action on food safety to support Member States based on the outcomes of the country assessments conducted in 2015;
- 5.3 Establish a regional task force to coordinate the ongoing research activities on MERS-CoV in the Region and report to the Regional Committee in 2016;
- 5.4 Report to the Regional Committee every two years starting from 2017 on progress in implementation of the Eastern Mediterranean vaccine action plan and the regional malaria action plan 2016–2020.