

Resolution

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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Institutionalizing the Health in All Policies approach

The Regional Committee,

Recalling the Helsinki Statement on Health in All Policies of 2013 and Resolution WHA67.12 on contributing to social and economic development: sustainable action across sectors to improve health and health equity;

Recognizing the importance of multisectoral action for advancing towards the Sustainable Development Goals:

Convinced that addressing the social determinants of health and health inequities is a priority for each Member State, and that a Health in All Policies approach is required to tackle social determinants of health effectively;

Emphasizing the importance of institutionalizing Health in All Policies to ensure a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach towards health;

Acknowledging the leadership role of some Member States in the Eastern Mediterranean Region who have developed a national approach towards Health in All Policies;

Noting the technical paper discussed at the 65th session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean on promoting health and well-being, which recognized the importance of Health in All Policies:

Emphasizing the importance of political commitment to ensure the institutionalization of Health in All Policies and public policy coherence;

1. **URGES** Member States to:

- 1.1 Develop a comprehensive plan for institutionalization and implementation of the Health in All Policies approach;
- 1.2 Build the capacity of various public sector institutions, non-state actors and civil society organizations to adopt and promote the Health in All Policies approach;
- Generate evidence and develop case studies on the experience of implementing the Health in All Policies approach, and share experiences through regional platforms;

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:

- 2.1 Provide technical support to Member States to institutionalize the Health in All Policies approach;
- 2.2 Support capacity building of relevant public sector institutions in all Member States in order to ensure the institutionalization of the Health in All Policies approach;
- 2.3 Develop guidelines and tools to support Member States in implementation of the Health in All Policies approach;
- 2.4 Document good practices in implementing Health in All Policies at both the national and regional levels;
- 2.5 Facilitate the mobilization of domestic and international resources for effective implementation of Health in All Policies in the Region.