

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCTION

Dear Asia Dengue Policy Working Group Members,

Since the launch of the Asia Dengue Policy Working Group (ADPWG) in April 2024, we have been working on several key initiatives including hosting several events at the Asia Dengue Summit in Kuala Lumpur, developing a regional policy rubric, conducting a policy map of dengue-related policies in 10 priority countries, and organising an event in Singapore.

This quarterly newsletter will showcase highlights from ADPWG's completed events and deliverables, along with details about our upcoming activities

We are also pleased to extend a warm welcome to Abbott Diagnostics as a formal member of the ADPWG!

We hope these updates are useful and happy to discuss if they require further clarification.

COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

The 7th Asia Dengue Summit was held in Kuala Lumpur from June 5th – 7th, 2024, themed "**Towards Zero Dengue Deaths: Innovation, Collaboration, Action in Asia**". During ADS, ADPWG organised 3 side events listed in the sub-sections and summary tables below.



- 1 Member-only event: To align on the Policy Map rubric and align on priority policy areas**
- 2 Introduction of ADPWG to a wider audience**
- 3 Best practices in Malaysia's Dengue Management and Control Strategies**



Co-organised with Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDi)



Presentation on best practices of dengue management presented by Dr Ami Fazlin, Director of Institute for Medical Research Malaysia



An engaging fireside chat with the Asia Dengue Policy Working Group's Dafydd Green on key topics including the process of identifying *Wolbachia* program sites through surveillance data, the importance of incorporating health behaviour insights to increase community consent and collaboration, and how *Wolbachia* programs can be scaled through partnerships with industry

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

DENGUE POLICY MAP

OBJECTIVE

To analyse healthcare and epidemiological trends, along with policy frameworks on dengue in key Asian countries, to understand the disease landscape and identify unmet needs within the nine thematic priorities of the Asia Dengue Policy Working Group.

METHODOLOGY

Desk research and validation from an advisory committee of dengue and policy experts



EVALUATION SCORECARD

Landscape

Healthcare
Dengue

Policy Assessment

Overview of the National Dengue Landscape and prioritisation of dengue in the country

- National Dengue Plan
- National Dengue Program
- Resource allocation
- Stakeholders

Deep dive into the National Dengue Program in the country

- Community awareness and education
- Vector control
- Entomological surveillance
- Patient surveillance
- Dengue vaccination and prophylaxis
- Dengue diagnosis
- Dengue patient care management

*A more detailed version can be found in the Scorecard Rubric

STATUS OF POLICY MAPPING EXERCISE

Country	Classification (World Bank)	Confirmed for Assessment	Status
Indonesia	Upper middle income	Confirmed	Complete
Malaysia	Upper middle income	Confirmed	Complete
Philippines	Lower middle income	Confirmed	Complete
Singapore	High income	Confirmed	Complete
Thailand	Upper middle income	Confirmed	Complete
Vietnam	Lower middle income	Confirmed	In progress
India	Lower middle income	To be confirmed	In progress
Bangladesh	Lower middle income	To be confirmed	In progress
Cambodia	Lower middle income	To be confirmed	In progress
Sri Lanka	Lower middle income	To be confirmed	In progress

Next Steps

- September 2024: Submit preliminary results from the Policy Map to the 11th Asia Congress of Pediatric Infectious Diseases in Hong Kong
- October 2024: Complete the development of the full report based on these results

UPCOMING EVENTS

Panel Discussion: Frontiers of Dengue Surveillance



Objectives

- Emphasise the importance and key elements of robust dengue surveillance systems
- Highlight Singapore's successful and innovative strategies in dengue surveillance and control
- Explore opportunities for cross-border collaboration and data sharing among other countries experiencing dengue surges
- Facilitate expert discussions and peer learning
- Collate insights to lead up to the Asia-Pacific Immunization Coalition (APIC) Conference in February 2025



Co-Organizer

Asia Pathogen Genomic Institute
(Duke NUS)



Proposed Dates & Location

October/November 2024
Duke NUS Auditorium



Structure Keynote Speaker and Panel Discussion

- Keynote speaker relevant to Singapore dengue policies
- Panel discussion among representatives from agencies advising dengue policies in Singapore, dengue surveillance experts, genomic surveillance experts