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RESOLUTION

ROLL BACK MALARIA IN THE AFRICAN REGION: A FRAMEWORK FOR IMPLEMENTATION

The Regional Committee,

Recalling the Regional Committee Resolution AFR/RC45/R4 on the Regional Programme on Malaria Control in September 1995; the Harare Declaration on Malaria Prevention and Control passed by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) on 4 June 1997 in the context of the African Economic Recovery and Development; the African Initiative for Malaria Control in the 21st Century which became Roll Back Malaria in late 1998; and Resolution WHA52.11 on Roll Back Malaria of the Fifty-second session of the World Health Assembly;

Bearing in mind the spirit of international events like the launching of the global partnership in October 1998 following the establishment of Roll Back Malaria as a priority project in July 1998 by the Director-General of World Health Organization; the positive response and expressed commitment of Heads of States and Governments to the invitation by WHO Director General to participate in the global effort to roll back malaria, and the Abuja Declaration on Roll Back Malaria in Africa of 25 April 2000 and its plan of action;

Aware of the worsening malaria situation, one of the leading causes of mortality and morbidity with unacceptable level of human deaths and suffering, its economic burden and impediment to progress in the Region, and the need to contribute to health sector development which provides the opportunities to increase access to, and quality of, preventive and control interventions;

Acknowledging that the Roll Back Malaria Initiative seeks to reduce substantially the human suffering and economic losses due to one of the world's most costly diseases and that the Roll Back Malaria Initiative will build on all existing efforts through local, national, regional and global partnerships as well as maximize the impact of contributions from major partners, including the contributions of endemic countries in the Region;

Considering the commitment of countries in the African Region to accelerate and implement strategies to roll back malaria;

Endorsing the decision on DDT reached at the 49th Regional Committee and the recommendation of the meeting held in Harare in February 2000 on reducing reliance on DDT;

Considering the decision of the Summit of Heads of State of countries of Africa to declare April 25 each year as "Africa Malaria Day";

Recognizing the invaluable support that multilateral and bilateral cooperation partners have so far given to the countries for the launch and implementation of the Roll Back Malaria Initiative;

1. APPROVES the Framework for Implementation of Roll Back Malaria in the African Region, as presented in document AFR/RC50/12.
2. SUPPORTS the decision of the 36th OAU Summit to commemorate April 25th every year as Africa Malaria Day.
3. CALL UPON United Nations to declare the years 2001-2010 a decade for malaria control;
4. CALL UPON Member States:
 - (i) to accelerate the process to develop action plans and implement the Roll Back Malaria Initiative within the context of the proposed framework;
 - (ii) to actively involve all stakeholders - communities, the ministry of health as well as other ministries, the private sector, nongovernmental organizations, the civil society, bilateral and multilateral bodies, and the agencies of the United Nations system - in actions within the context of the Roll Back Malaria Initiative;
 - (iii) to make available and affordable the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of malaria , including home treatment where appropriate in the remotest areas possible, within action plans;
 - (iv) to promote actions to ensure that people at risk of malaria, particularly children under five years of age and pregnant women, benefit from the most suitable combination of personal and community protective measures such as insecticide-treated mosquito nets and other interventions like environmental management that are easily accessible and affordable in order to prevent malaria and the attendant suffering;
 - (v) to reinforce, where applicable, residual house spraying with cost-effective insecticides as anti-vector methods;
 - (vi) to strengthen malaria surveillance within the integrated disease surveillance framework so as to detect malaria epidemics early and to develop the capacity for epidemic preparedness and response;
 - (vii) to intensify community participation in the implementation of the Roll Back Malaria Initiative and thus promote joint ownership of Roll Back Malaria actions in order to enhance their sustainability;
 - (viii) to support research on traditional medicine and development of efficacious antimalarial preparations from traditional medicinal plants, affordable drugs, insecticides and malaria vaccine to overcome the problem of resistance;
 - (ix) to coordinate partnerships at every stage of the process of the Roll Back Malaria Initiative and secure the necessary support of national and international partners;
5. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
 - (i) to provide support to Member States to develop and implement action plans of the Roll Back Malaria Initiative within the context of the proposed framework;
 - (ii) to provide support to Member States to facilitate collaboration between neighbouring countries in the implementation of malaria control activities;
 - (iii) to advocate for human resources development and mobilize regular budget and extrabudgetary resources in support of the implementation of Action Plans of the Roll Back Malaria Initiative;
 - (iv) to support Member States in monitoring and evaluating Roll Back Malaria Initiative in countries;
 - (v) to report to the fifty-second session of the Regional Committee on the progress made in the implementation of Roll Back Malaria in the African Region;
6. REQUESTS international and other partners involved in the implementation of Roll Back Malaria in the African Region to intensify their support to countries for the implementation of the Roll Back Malaria Initiative.