



**World Health
Organization**

REGIONAL OFFICE FOR **Africa**

AFR/RC64/R6
7 November 2014

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Sixty-fourth session

Cotonou, Republic of Benin, 3–7 November 2014

RESOLUTION

AFRICAN PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FUND: ACCELERATING THE PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTATION (Document AFR/RC64/7)

The Regional Committee,

Having examined Document AFR/RC64/7 entitled “African Public Health Emergency Fund: accelerating the progress of implementation”;

Recalling Regional Committee Resolution AFR/RC60/R5 approving the creation of the African Public Health Emergency Fund (APHEF) and Resolution AFR/RC61/R3 adopting the Framework document of the APHEF;

Concerned that Africa continues to witness increasing public health emergencies affecting larger and larger areas, e.g. the Ebola Viral Hemorrhagic Fever epidemic in West Africa, the food crisis in the Sahel and the protracted humanitarian emergencies in Central African Republic, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, etc.;

Noting with satisfaction the launch of the operations of the APHEF and appreciating that the Fund is already making a notable contribution to the management of public health emergencies in the African Region;

Greatly concerned by the very low level of Member States’ contribution to the APHEF so far;

1. **URGES** Member States:

- (a) to undertake advocacy to raise awareness of the APHEF at the appropriate levels in countries, including in parliaments, so as to facilitate payment of countries’ contributions;
- (b) to honour their commitments to the APHEF in accordance with Resolution AFR/RC61/R3;

2. APPROVES the proposal by the WHO Secretariat to reach out to potential contributors to the APHEF, e.g. the private sector, philanthropic entities and African development institutions;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
 - (a) to continue to support response to public health emergencies through the APHEF, based on the provisions of the Operations Manual of the Fund;
 - (b) to utilize the WHO financial system as the mechanism to manage the APHEF and a suitable alternative to the trusteeship arrangements agreed upon under Resolution AFR/RC61/R3, until the initially approved mechanism is put in place;
 - (c) to intensify advocacy towards governments of African countries and all relevant entities in order to increase the current financial capacity of the APHEF, in accordance with the current WHO policy on engagement with non-State actors.