RESOLUTION

CD44.R9

DENGUE

THE 44th DIRECTING COUNCIL

Mindful of resolution CD43.R4, adopted in 2001;

Aware that the number of cases of dengue, dengue hemorrhagic fever, and dengue shock syndrome have risen by more than 250% over the past eight years;

Recognizing the progress made by the national programs, as well as the need to develop strategies, methodologies, and lines of action to heighten their impact; and

Taking account of the integrated dengue prevention and control strategy proposed by PAHO (document CD44/14), aimed at establishing sustainable national processes with a multisectoral and interprogrammatic approach,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Member States to:
   
   (a) consider the dengue problem a national priority;
   
   (b) encourage and facilitate adoption of the integrated dengue prevention and control strategy;
   
   (c) promote the formation of groups to plan, coordinate, and evaluate the work deriving from the national strategy;
   
   (d) promote a change in the approach of the national program toward integrated strategies, basing that change on health promotion activities;
(e) incorporate environmental measures into the integrated national strategy to fight dengue in order to plan sustainable urban development;

(f) guarantee the sustainability of mass communication and health education, utilizing all available means to secure changes in behavior that will lead to the elimination of vector breeding sites;

(g) adopt border cooperation mechanisms among the countries for dealing with outbreaks and epidemics or for basic prevention activities;

(h) standardize epidemiological information processing and generate uniform data for the basic dengue statistics;

(i) include dengue in the syndromic surveillance systems for exanthematous febrile diseases.

2. To request the Director to:

(a) strengthen technical cooperation with the Member States with regard to the implementation of integrated national dengue prevention and control strategies;

(b) propose intra- and intersectoral strategic partnerships to deal with the threat posed by dengue and dengue hemorrhagic fever in the Member States;

(c) assist the Member States in mobilizing resources to strengthen their capacity to cope with the social, economic, and political burden that dengue is imposing on society.

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