

To prevent disease,

TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE

Lives and quality of life are at stake for millions of people across South-East Asia as climate change alters patterns of disease. Yet we have tools to respond to the rapidly changing context: disease surveillance and early warning. With knowledge of where and when climate-related diseases may strike, we can take action to protect lives and prevent illness.

CLIMATE ACTION IS HEALTH ACTION

Disease prevention and climate action go hand in hand. Become a health-climate advocate by collaborating, communicating and mobilising others.

Start at home

- Reduce standing water and clear gutters
- Clean water storage tanks regularly and keep them covered
- Ensure latrines are separate from drinking water
- Make a plan for flooding, droughts and other disasters

Be a champion in your community

- Engage local health officials in developing local action plans covering climate and disease
- Inform health authorities about cases of malaria, dengue or other tropical diseases
- Educate people about climate and local disease risks

Ask government to prioritise health-climate action

- Build strong systems for monitoring and providing early warning of disease outbreaks
- Train healthcare workers to recognise new and changing disease patterns
- Strengthen hospital and healthcare centre disease response systems
- Improve water and sanitation infrastructure to prevent disease

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