

To strengthen health care facilities,

TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE

When a cyclone or flood strikes, we want hospitals and clinics to be there for us and our families. That means we have to take action now to prepare them for climate-related disasters and possible increases in disease, mental illness and other impacts.

CLIMATE ACTION IS HEALTH ACTION

Health systems across South-East Asia are already beginning to prepare for the climate of the future, but individuals, communities and health care workers can help scale up and expand the efforts.

Be a champion in your community

- Raise awareness of climate impacts on health care facilities
- Mobilise neighbors to advocate for strong health care facilities
- Partner with health officials on a climate action plan for your local health care centre

Ask government and health leaders to prioritise investments in health care facilities

- Dedicate financial and human resources to climate adaptation planning
- Ensure budgets include resources for water, sanitation and waste management
- Establish disease surveillance and early warning systems
- Train hospital and community-based health providers on changing disease patterns, including mental health
- Design new buildings and retrofit old buildings to withstand climate impacts

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