



## R E S O L U T I O N

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR  
THE WESTERN PACIFIC

COMITÉ RÉGIONAL DU  
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## SCALING UP NUTRITION IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION

The Regional Committee,

Aware of the critical importance of good nutritional status in achieving public health and development goals;

Mindful that exclusive breastfeeding is the best source of nutrition in the first six months of life and that appropriate nutrition in the first years of life has a lasting effect on health, intellectual development, productivity and earning capacity;

Having considered the report on Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition: Comprehensive Implementation Plan, resolution WHA65.6 on Maternal, infant and young child nutrition adopted in May 2012 and the United Nations General Assembly resolution 66/2 on the *Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases*;

Recalling the global and regional commitments for a world free of malnutrition and related deaths and disabilities, including: resolutions WHA30.51 and WHA31.47 on the role of the health sector in the development of national and international food and nutrition policies and plans; WHA46.7 on the follow-up action to the International Conference on Nutrition; WHA34.22 on the

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International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and subsequent World Health Assembly resolutions on infant and young child nutrition; Regional Committee resolutions WPR/RC44.R6 on Nutrition in the Western Pacific Region, WPR/RC46.R13, WPR/RC48.R8 and WPR/RC50.R10 on infant and young child nutrition and subsequent resolutions on noncommunicable diseases (NCDs);

Recalling that the Seventh Meeting of Ministers of Health for the Pacific Island Countries (2007) recognized that micronutrient deficiencies and other forms of undernutrition are public health problems in many Pacific island countries and areas, along with inappropriate nutrition, obesity and NCD, and considering the recommendations of the Pacific Food Summit and the Framework for Action on Food Security in the Pacific, endorsed by Pacific island leaders at the 41st Pacific Islands Forum (Vanuatu, 2010),

1. ENDORSES this Call to Scale Up Nutrition in the Western Pacific Region, based on the WHO comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition endorsed by the World Health Assembly in May 2012;
2. URGES Member States:
  - (1) to commit the resources needed to achieve by the year 2025 and as appropriate to each country's situation, the global targets endorsed at the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly through resolution WHA65.6;
  - (2) to implement the measures recommended in the comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition, considering country contexts;
  - (3) to ensure good coordination and alignment of national nutrition and food security programmes with NCD interventions and targets;

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3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (1) to support countries in implementing the WHO comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition;
- (2) to strengthen collaboration with United Nations agencies and all other partners, through sustainable mechanisms, at regional and country levels, to scale up nutrition interventions, including food security;
- (3) to report regularly on progress in achieving the targets.

Fourth meeting, 26 September 2012