

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the report presented by the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the Western Pacific Region for the period 1 July 1983 - 30 June 1985;¹

Noting the progress made by the programme in the Region, particularly with regard to the promotion of oral rehydration therapy;

Expressing its concern that the evaluation process to assess the progress achieved and identify problems and constraints in the diarrhoeal diseases control programme is not fully utilized by Member States;

1. RECOMMENDS that Member States further intensify their efforts for the prevention and control of diarrhoeal diseases;
2. URGES those Member States in which diarrhoeal diseases is a public health problem and which do not have national diarrhoeal disease programmes to develop such programmes and ensure adequate resources for them;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to cooperate with all Member States with respect to:
 - (1) the development of national plans of action for the control of diarrhoeal diseases;

- (2) the further promotion of oral rehydration therapy as the most effective form of management of acute diarrhoea in the majority of cases;
- (3) the strengthening of training activities;
- (4) the implementation of regular comprehensive programme reviews or evaluations;
- (5) the implementation of preventive measures to reduce diarrhoea incidence, such as improvement of basic sanitation and promotion of breast-feeding and safe weaning practices.

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1 Document WPR/RC36/2.