

## INTRODUCTION

Dear Asia Dengue Policy Working Group Members,

As we wrap up the first half of 2025, we are pleased to share updates on our progress and what lies ahead for the Asia Dengue Policy Working Group (ADPWG). Since its launch in April 2024, the ADPWG has brought together diverse stakeholders to foster dialogue and identify practical strategies to help achieve the World Health Organization’s (WHO) goal of Zero Dengue Deaths by 2030.

In its first year, the group focused on laying a strong foundation by completing the Dengue Policy Map, a comprehensive review of dengue prevention and control policies across ten countries: Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan, Vietnam, the Philippines, Thailand, Cambodia, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka.

During the first half of 2025, the ADPWG has also expanded its reach through key engagements, including panel discussions and fireside chats at the 8<sup>th</sup> Asia Dengue Summit (ADS) in Manila, Philippines. Looking ahead, our focus will shift towards engaging policymakers and supporting in-country priority initiatives to translate insights into action.

This newsletter highlights our recent milestones and upcoming activities planned for the rest of the year. We hope these updates are useful and welcome your ideas and feedback as we move forward together.

## KEY MILESTONES

### DENGUE POLICY MAP REPORT, WHITE PAPER, AND LAUNCH WEBINAR

The ADPWG has officially launched the dengue policy map report and white paper “Unlocking Progress: Dengue Policies and Opportunities in Asia” on May 30. This milestone was marked by a dedicated launch webinar, reinforcing regional efforts to strengthen dengue prevention, control, and management across Asia.

The webinar opened with remarks from Professor Tikki Pangestu, who emphasised the importance of regional trust and solidarity in addressing dengue. Key regional and country-level recommendations were then shared, designed to drive progress toward achieving the WHO’s goal of Zero Dengue Deaths by 2030. A highlight of the event was an engaging panel discussion, moderated by Rie Tai of the ADPWG, featuring two distinguished experts, Professor Eggi Arguni and Dr Bhaskar Shenoy, who shared invaluable insights on existing gaps, policy implementation challenges, and best practices in Indonesia, India and from across the region.

Scan the QR code or click here to access the full policy map report!



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# KEY MILESTONES

## ASIA DENGUE SUMMIT 2025 IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES

With over 600 attendees from 22 countries, the 8th Asia Dengue Summit (ADS), held at Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila from 15–18 June 2025, underscored the urgent need for stronger policies to bolster dengue resilience across Asia. During the event, the ADPWG also had the opportunity to share our white paper with the Philippine Department of Health Secretary and the 78th World Health Assembly President, Teodoro J Herbosa.

### Day 1: Panel Discussion on Dengue Testing Strategies

The ADPWG hosted a panel discussion on dengue testing on Day 1 of ADS. The session brought together leading dengue experts to explore the critical role of diagnostics across the care continuum, from early detection and outbreak surveillance to informing vaccine strategies.

Moderated by Dr Kristine Alvarado-Dela Cruz, the panellists, Dr Rontgene Solante, Dr Raul Destura, and A/Prof Rukie de Alwis, shared clinical and systems-level perspectives on diagnostic access. The discussion underscored that diagnostics are not only clinical tools but strategic enablers of smarter public health decisions.

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the session recording



### Day 2: Fireside chat on Dengue in the Philippines

On 17th June 2025, the 2nd day of the 8th ADS 2025, the group hosted a Fireside Chat on dengue policy in the Philippines. The session was moderated by Dafydd Green of the ADPWG, and featured two distinguished experts, Dr Enrique “Eric” Tayag and Professor Tikki Pangestu.

Titled “One Nation, Many Islands – Policy Making in the Philippines,” the discussion explored the evolution of dengue control strategies in the Philippines, underscoring the importance of transparent communication in rebuilding vaccine confidence, and emphasising evidence-informed policymaking.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Webinar: Sri Lanka’s Dengue Management System**

Late Aug 2025

The first in the ADPWG’s webinar series, “Sri Lanka’s Dengue Management System” will showcase Sri Lanka’s strategies and best practices, promote regional knowledge exchange, and offer insights for other dengue-endemic countries to strengthen their national programmes.

**10th Asian Vaccine Conference and 3rd Asian Paediatric Ethics Conference**  
In conjunction with 46th Annual Congress of the Malaysian Paediatric Association

Oct 9-11 2025, Setia Spice Convention Centre, Penang, Malaysia

<https://mpa2025.org/>



**Launch of the ADPWG membership directory on the website**

Q3/4 2025

The directory will be a comprehensive resource featuring individuals and organisations working in dengue and arboviruses. It aims to connect stakeholders, foster collaboration, promote research partnerships, and share best practices across the region. Launch details will be shared soon. Stay tuned on LinkedIn and our website!

**Roundtable: Prevention Strategies**

Q4 2025

The roundtable will explore ways to enhance public understanding and trust of various integrated dengue prevention strategies, including vaccination and vector control measures.