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INTRODUCTION

Dear Asia Dengue Policy Working Group Members,

As we approach the end of 2025, we are pleased to share key milestones and upcoming activities for the Asia Dengue Policy Working Group (ADPWG). Building on the strong foundation laid over the past two years, the ADPWG continues to convene regional experts, strengthen collaboration, and drive practical strategies in support of the WHO goal of Zero Dengue Deaths by 2030.

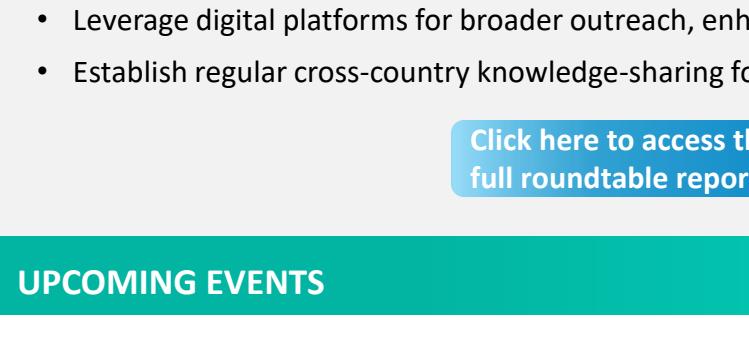
A key highlight this quarter was the regional roundtable, “Scaling Integrated Dengue Prevention Programmes in Asia by 2030”, held on 11th October 2025. A summary of the event can be found below. Looking ahead, we are excited to launch a series of ADPWG webinars aimed at deepening cross-country learning. The first session, focused on Sri Lanka’s Dengue Management System, will take place on 5th December 2025, highlighting Sri Lanka’s best practices in surveillance, prevention, and outbreak response. Additional sessions featuring the Singapore Red Cross (February 2026) are planned, with further details to be shared at a later date. Lastly, the ADPWG is also delighted to announce that its Membership Directory will be launched in January 2026 in hopes of serving as a platform to facilitate partnerships and encourage collaboration.

We hope this update provides a useful overview of our recent achievements and the activities ahead. As always, we welcome your ideas, feedback, and continued partnership as we work together to accelerate progress toward Zero Dengue Deaths by 2030.

KEY MILESTONES

Roundtable: Scaling Integrated Dengue Prevention Programmes in Asia by 2030

On 11th October 2025, the ADPWG convened a regional roundtable with dengue experts from Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka to discuss integrated prevention strategies, community engagement, and policy-level actions. Countries shared updates from their national programmes, including Indonesia’s Fight Dengue Joint Coalition (KOBAR) initiative, the Philippines’ Empowering Networks to Defeat Dengue (END) coalition and its planned pilot Wolbachia-release programme, Malaysia’s Dengue Prevention Advocacy Malaysia (DPAM) efforts, and Sri Lanka’s advances in clinical management and regional training.



From left to right: Dr Francis Kwong, Dr Charissa Tabora, Dr Rakhee Yadav, Professor Lucy Lum, Dr Neelika Malavige, Dr Edmund Nelson, Ms Tammie Tan, Dr Zulkifli Ismail, Ms Kimberly Abalde, Mr William Brown, Dr Lulu Bravo, Dr Asik Surya, Ms Revi Renita, Ms Mentari Yudiansyah

Despite ongoing progress, common gaps persist in surveillance, sustaining community engagement – particularly among younger generations – and improving vaccine awareness and uptake. To advance toward the goal of Zero Dengue Deaths by 2030, participants highlighted the need to:

- Strengthen regional advocacy
- Refresh behavioural models and communication strategies for younger audiences
- Leverage digital platforms for broader outreach, enhance vaccine awareness and acceptance
- Establish regular cross-country knowledge-sharing forums

Click here to access the  full roundtable report

UPCOMING EVENTS

Webinar: Sri Lanka’s Dengue Management System

The first in a series of webinars planned by the ADPWG, “Sri Lanka’s Dengue Management System” aims to – i) showcase Sri Lanka’s current strategies, best practices in dengue surveillance, prevention, and outbreak response, ii) facilitate knowledge exchange among regional stakeholders on effective policy and operational frameworks for dengue control, and iii) provide insights that other dengue-endemic countries in Asia can adapt to strengthen their own national dengue programmes.

We will be joined by the following speakers:

❖ Dr Ananda Wijewickrama – Consultant Physician and Dengue Expert, Senior Lecturer in Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka

❖ Dr Jagath Amarasekera – Consultant Community Physician, National Dengue Control Unit, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka

❖ Dr Lahiru Kodituwakku - Convener, Dengue Capacity Building Core Group, Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA), Former Disaster Management Focal Point Medical Officer, National Dengue Control Unit, Ministry of Health

Keep an eye out for updates on our social media pages (LinkedIn and website)!

 5th Dec 2025

 16:30 – 18:00 SGT

 LinkedIn Live / YouTube

Click your preferred platform to register



Launch of the ADPWG membership directory on the website

The ADPWG membership directory is set to launch in January 2026. The directory will serve as a comprehensive resource for members, featuring individuals and organisations in dengue and arboviruses. Its main objective is to connect stakeholders, facilitate collaboration, promote research partnerships, and encourage the sharing of best practices across the region.

We invite all interested individuals to register and be part of the directory. Participation will help increase your visibility within the regional dengue ecosystem and support a more connected and collaborative network.

Specific details on the launch will be released at a later date. Keep an eye out for updates on our social media pages (LinkedIn and website)!

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Scan the QR code or click here to register!

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