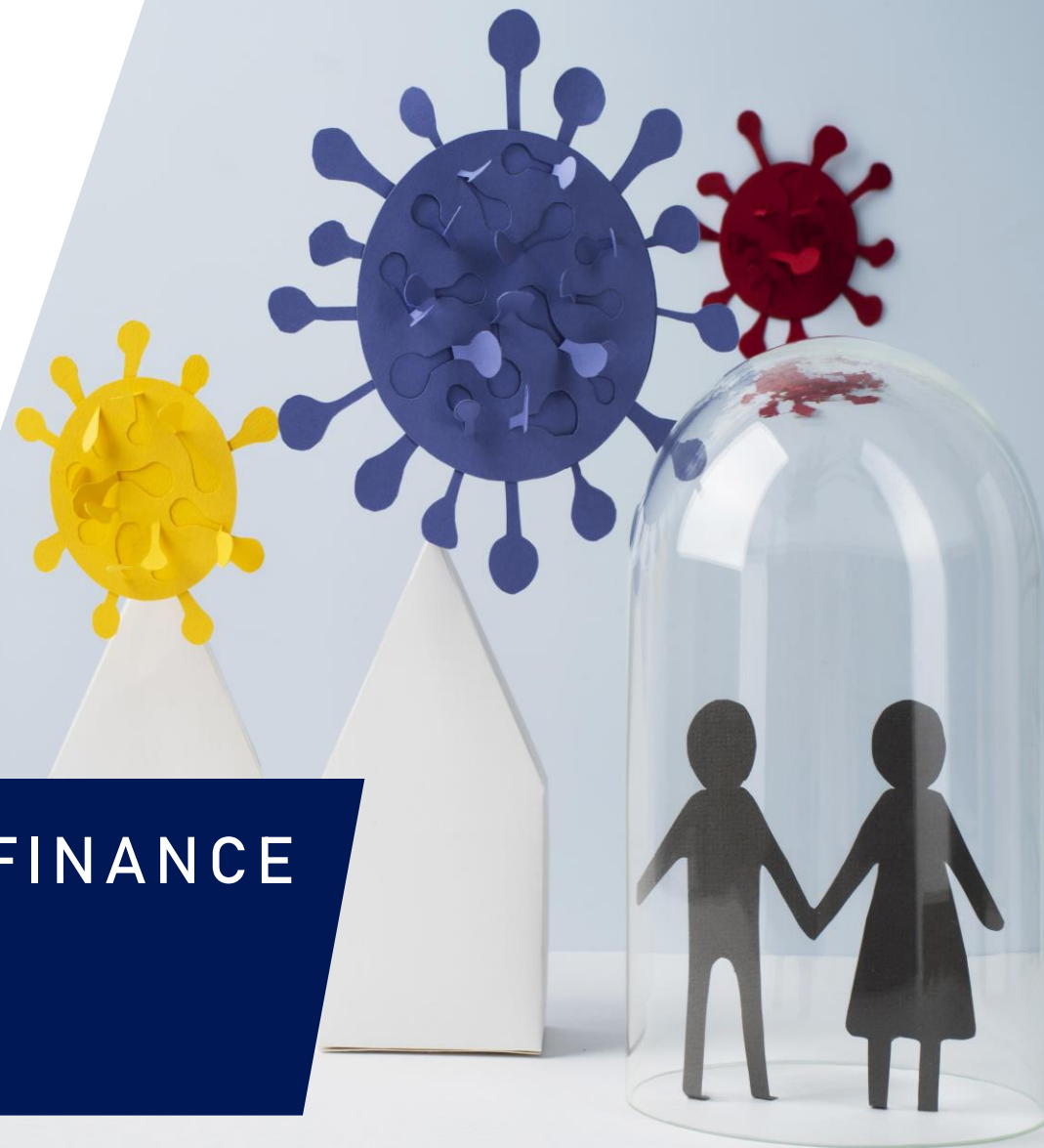




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# PROPOSAL OF ASEAN HEALTH-FINANCE AUTHORITIES' COLLABORATION DURING INDONESIA'S CHAIRMANSHIP IN ASEAN 2023

# PROMOTING COLLABORATION BETWEEN FINANCE AND HEALTH AUTHORITIES TO ENHANCE REGIONAL HEALTH CAPACITY

*PED: Fostering Recovery and Ensuring Economic and Financial Stability and Resilience*

## BACKGROUND

- The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a large number of deaths and posed unprecedented challenges to the public health, economic, and social systems across the world, including ASEAN region.
- ASEAN member countries vary widely in terms of their capacity to respond to COVID-19 pandemic, both their healthcare system and fiscal capacity.
- Strengthening approaches or collective solutions is very relevant and needed in the ASEAN region, especially in dealing with potential crises in the future.
- Regional financing gap in Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response (PPR).
- There is no single platform for health and finance officials to discuss shared issues, which are essential to promote tangible outputs in strengthening regional health capacity to recover from the current pandemic and mitigate unprecedented future health emergencies.

# Progress Health Initiatives in ASEAN to Respond COVID-19 Pandemic ...(1)

## ❖ ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework (ACRF)

Region's consolidated exit strategy from the COVID-19 crisis, adopted at the 37<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit on 12 Nov 2020

Across the three community pillars: economic, socio-cultural, political security

Details the specific initiatives and programs that contribute to the 5 broad strategies, respective outputs, phase of implementation, responsible lead sectoral bodies and other supporting/collaborating sectoral bodies

### Enhancing Health system

- Building and sustaining current health gains and measures
- Maintaining and strengthening essential health services
- Strengthening vaccine security and self-reliance including its equitable access, affordability, safety and quality
- Enhancing capacity of human resources for health
- Strengthening prevention and preparedness, detection and response and resilience to emerging/re-emerging infectious diseases, PHE and strengthening relevant regional coordination mechanism including development of health protocols or frameworks during recovery phases
- Enhancing capacity of public health services to enable health emergency response including ensuring food safety and nutrition in emergencies

### Health sector & Economic sector collaboration

#### Action Lines

1b.2) Agreement on having a list of essential services (led by Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD) in consultation with other relevant sectoral bodies such as HSSWG and CCS)

1d.1) Exchange of experiences and training of health professionals for pandemic handling, including mental health (led by SOMHD in consultation with HSSWG, CCS and ADSOM)

4b.8) Enhance / facilitate the use of digitalisation in healthcare, where appropriate e.g. in areas such as telemedicine (led by SOMHD in consultation with HSSWG and CCS)

**Need Further Action Lines related to Finance Sector Collaboration**

#### 5 Broad Strategies:

1. Enhancing Health System
2. Strengthening Human Security
3. Maximising the Potential of Intra-ASEAN Market and Broader Economic Integration
4. Accelerating Inclusive Digital Transformation
5. Advancing Towards a More Sustainable and Resilient Future

# Progress Health Initiatives in ASEAN to Respond COVID-19 Pandemic ....(2)

## ❖ **ASEAN Strategic Framework for Public Health Emergencies**

It is a guide to ASEAN initiatives related to health crises, and also identifies financing and resources for investment in responding to health crises.

## ❖ **COVID-19 ASEAN Response Fund (CARF)**

- The COVID-19 ASEAN Response Fund ('Fund') shall serve as a pool of financial resources to provide support to ASEAN Member States in the detection, control and prevention of COVID-19 transmission and in protecting the safety of medical professionals, healthcare workers, frontline workers, and the wider population from ASEAN Member States.
- The Fund shall also be made available to support cooperation in research and development relevant to COVID-19, including research on virology, immunology, and other relevant studies, or research relevant to the development of medical treatments and preventive vaccines; technical support in the planning and implementation of containment and mitigation measures; sharing of best practices; as well as capacity and capability building of health professionals and other frontline personnel.

## ❖ **ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases (ACPHEED)**, was established during the 37th ASEAN Leaders Summit on 12 November 2020.

- ACPHEED will serve as a center of excellence and regional hub to strengthen ASEAN's regional capabilities to prepare for, prevent, detect and respond to public health emergencies and emerging diseases.

## ❖ Initiatives to transform CARF into ASEAN Public Health Emergency Fund that cover not only pandemic COVID-19 but also pandemic PPR.

# ...need to enhance collective response in the ASEAN

## To pursue further...

- ASEAN needs to work together to implement regional mechanism that will further protect the people of ASEAN from the threats of future pandemics.
- ASEAN Member States to work together as the individual countries and the region respond to the current and next phase of the pandemic.

- Strengthening regional funding mechanism to enhance ASEAN's preparedness, detection, response and resilience to Public Health Emergency.
- Support regional health architecture, including to address other health concerns in the region, as well as global target.
- Complement the detection of public health emergencies through the use of regional big data analytics, such as the ASEAN Bio-Diaspora Virtual Centre and global genomic sequencing data sharing platform, and other measures
- Improve access to vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics and other essential medical supplies, complementing the ASEAN Regional Reserve for Medical Supplies

# The Proposal.....

- A **proposal to develop a platform collaboration between finance and health authorities** to enhance dialogue and regional cooperation on issues relating to strengthening regional health capacity, including pandemic PPR; promoting the exchange of experiences and best practices; developing coordination arrangements between Finance and Health Ministries; and collective actions to support health industries.

Financing for pandemic PPR has to become more adequate, more sustainable and better coordinated and requires a continuous cooperation between health and finance decision-makers, including to address potential financing gaps, mobilizing an appropriate mix of existing regional financing mechanisms and explore setting up new health financing mechanisms in region.

## Options for Collaboration

- Joint Working Group under existing Health and Finance Forum (Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD) and ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies Working Group (AFCDM-WG) or ASEAN Cross-Sectoral Coordination Committee on Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance (ACSCC on DRFI).
- Establish new working group or Task Force

## OBJECTIVES

- **The platform collaboration** will enhance the **collaboration and global cooperation** on issues relating to **pandemic prevention, preparedness and response**, for ASEAN to better prepared in the eventual case of future health threats outbreaks.
- The platform will also promote the **exchange of experiences** and **best practices**, developing coordination arrangements between Finance and Health Ministries, promoting **collective action** and encouraging **effective stewardship of resources** to address the regional financing gaps in pandemic preparedness and response.

# PLAN OF ACTIONS

- Present the proposal to the ASEAN Cross-Sectoral Coordination Committee on Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance (ACSCC-DRFI) meeting in Bangkok for respond.
- Discussion with ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting Working Group (AFCDM-WG) for further input and responses.
- Conduct a High-level Dialogue on health Preparedness to discuss the urgency of establishing platform collaboration between health and finance and how the finance track could strengthen regional health capacity.
- Consultation of the proposal with the relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies and ASEAN entities in April 2023.
- Seek direction and endorsement from Deputy and Ministerial level.
- AFCDM proposes to hold a joint meeting with ASEAN Health Ministries in H2 2023





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