



Review of National Plans South East Asia Region

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October Summit a Tribute to



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**Whose life's goal was aligned to
that of VISION 2020**



A brief recap of VISION 2020 in SEAR



Regional Launch of Vision 2020

- Convened from 28 to 30 Sep. '99 at WHO Regional Office for South East Asia, New Delhi
- Launched by Dr. Uton Muchtar Rafei, Regional Director, WHO-SEAR.
- 17 participants from three "Mega Countries" (Bangladesh, India and Indonesia) and representatives from IAPB, INGDO's, bilateral and multilateral agencies and WHO.



Regional Meeting at Jakarta

- An Inter country consultation on Development of Regional Strategy for Vision 2020
- Organized by WHO - SEARO in Jakarta , Indonesia from 14 to 17 Feb. 2000
- 40 participants representing nine countries, NGDO's, staff from WHO headquarters and SEARO



53rd RC Meeting of WHO – SEAR

(6th Sep 2000)

- Endorsed the Vision 2020 - Right to Sight initiative and adopted a resolution in support of it.
- The resolution urged member states to expedite implementation of Vision 2020 and to rapidly clear their cataract backlog.
- It also urged the Regional Director to provide necessary support to enhance and expand national programmes for prevention of blindness.

WHO - Regional Strategy Document

- A document on "Strategic Plan for Vision 2020: The Right to Sight" for elimination of avoidable blindness in South East Asia is a road map of blindness prevention activities for the next twenty years in the Region.
- It also proposed a template for development of national blindness prevention programmes.

Regional Priorities

- Disease control
 - Cataract
 - Childhood Blindness
 - Refractive errors & Low vision
 - Glaucoma
 - Diabetic Retinopathy
 - Corneal Infections
- Infra Structure Development
- Human Resource Development

Blindness & Cataract in SEAR (2000)

Country	Population Millions	Prevalence of blindness (<3/60) in %	No. of blind	Cataract
Bangladesh	124.0	1.00	1,240,000	738,816
Bhutan	0.6	0.80	5,460	53,777
DPR Korea	23.9	0.40	95,700	47,850
India	961.0	0.70	6,727,000	5,131,280
Indonesia	200.6	1.47	2,948,761	1,562,843
Maldives	0.3	0.80	2,404	1,347
Myanmar	48.9	0.90	441,500	273,675
Nepal	23.0	0.80	179,872	129,508
Sri Lanka	18.6	0.50	191,400	64,579
Thailand	61.0	0.31	184,183	136,296
TOTAL	1,461.9	0.82	11,929,212	8,091,571

Cataract Surgical Rates in SEAR

Country	CSR	Target
India	3,400	4,500
Thailand	1,667	2,500
Sri Lanka	1,337	1,600
Bhutan	1,019	1,400
Nepal	900	3,500
Maldives	700	1,000
Bangladesh	500	1,000
Myanmar	500	1,000
Indonesia	350	2,800

Coming to the Present

We are at midpoint
10 years into the timeframe

Where we are now?

- A lot has been achieved
- National plans in place
 - Govt. commitment
 - Awareness & Alignment amongst providers
 - Financial resources
 - Government
 - INGO
 - Voluntary sector (NGOs)

Sight Related Activities of INGO's in SEAR

INGO's	BAN	BHU	IND	INO	MAL	MMR	NEP	SRL	THA
LCIF	D		D	D					D
SSI	D		D						D
ORBIS	D		D						
HKI	D			D			D		
CBM	D		D	D		D	D		
SEVA	D		D				D		
OEU	D		D				D		
ICEE			D						
FHF			D				D		D
ECH			D				D		
Others			D				D	D	

Why this Review Meeting?

Midpoint course correction

Limitations of Plans

- Plans by definition are forward looking – for the future
- Strong of direction
- Weak on implementation
- Implementation issues are often known in “hindsight”
- We now have a decade of “hindsight”

Achieving the Goal of VISION 2020

Eliminating avoidable blindness by 2020

- Dependant on Service delivery
- Every person in whom blindness can be cured or prevented is reached and provided appropriate treatment

Review Process

Required Service Levels to meet the Goals of VISION 2020

Plan & Targets

Actual Status

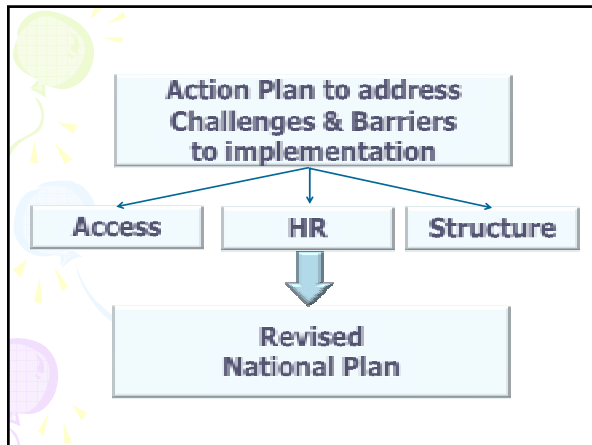
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Challenges & Barriers to implementation

Access

HR

Structure



- ### Action Items "Access"
- Infrastructure distribution
 - HR distribution & availability
 - Disease specific support schemes
 - Awareness
 - Evidence for action
 - Policies

- ### Action Items "Human Resources"
- Training Capacity
 - Enabling high performance & Retention
 - HR distribution issues
 - Cadre specific action
 - Evidence for action
 - Policies

- ### Action Items "Structures"
- Ensuring continued Govt. commitment
 - Leveraging Private & Voluntary sector
 - Coordination mechanism
 - Project Implementation
 - MIS
 - Communication
 - Inter-sectoral

- ### The Goal of this Review Meeting
- Ensuring that every person in whom blindness can be cured or prevented is reached and provided appropriate treatment