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# An Asian Regional Funders' Coalition: Concept and Value-Proposition

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# A Proposed Coalition of Regional Funders in Asia

- Five non-government funders have convened to explore mechanisms to provide an end-to-end support for developing and making available essential diagnostics, therapeutics/biologics and diagnostics (DTVs) as global public goods
- Efforts of the coalition should *support*, not compete or duplicate the efforts of the regional governments
- Governments, international funders and R&D partners in the region, and WHO WPRO/SEARO will be engaged as critical stakeholders

Funders	Funding Scope
ADB	Infrastructure support, pooled procurement, country adoption, training in DTV manufacturing
GHIT Fund	Discovery through licensure/WHO PQ, evidence generation, facilitation of access
RIGHT Foundation	Late-stage discovery through licensure/WHO PQ, evidence generation for policy development/access, technology transfer, training in biomanufacturing
<b>SEA DREAM</b> (Developing Research Excellence and Mentorship in Southeast Asia)	Discovery and translational research, cross-border collaboration, support the development of research leadership and career opportunities
Temasek Foundation	Pre-clinical studies through clinical development, evidence generation for sustainable implementation and impact, training and tech transfer for programme development

# Why a Coalition of Regional Funders in Asia?

- Global-level coordination and governance of health R&D is necessary but not sufficient to respond effectively and equitably to public health threats across regions
- Regionalizing efforts to pool and coordinate resources is necessary to strengthen R&D
   capabilities at the regional level to develop and make available essential DTVs for public health
- Prevention and control of infectious diseases in Asia holds a potential for a global impact (i.e. history of pandemics, AMR, impact of climate change)
- There is a vibrant ecosystem of governments and non-government funders for health R&D in Asia, with an untapped potential for synergy to serve regional and global health.



### What Can be Aimed For?

#### **PRINCIPLES**

- Reflect the regional health R&D priorities and aim for a global impact
- Cultivate a culture of transnational collaboration for health R&D
- Foster a regional R&D ecosystem to develop and make available essential DTVs as public goods
- Strengthen inter-regional collaboration for a global impact

#### **OBJECTIVE**

 Provide an end-to-end funding mechanism to support R&D for developing and making available essential DTVs for preventing and control infectious diseases in the region

# TARGET OUTCOMES

- Equitable access to essential DTVs targeting high priority infectious diseases in the region
- Improvement in the incidence rate, casemanagement and/case fatality rate for high priority infectious diseases
- Resilient regional R&D ecosystem to respond to public health emergencies

# **Target Disease Areas**

Infectious
diseases that
are most
severely
impacted by
climate change

Pathogens with an outbreak potential

Infectious diseases that significantly contribute to AMR Other infectious diseases endemic in the region



# What Could an End-to-End Support Look Like?

**SEA DREAM**Training in Research

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Training in Manufacturing

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**Technology Transfer** 

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Infrastructure Support

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Infrastructure Support

Discovery

Preclinical Development

Clinical Development CMC Development

Registration WHO PQ

Evidence generation for policy development & implementation (e.g. cost effectiveness, pilot studies)

Manufacturing
Scale-up
Procurement

Introduction

**SEA DREAM** 

**GHIT Fund** 

**RIGHT Foundation** 

**Temasek Foundation** 

**ADB** 



# **Target Outcomes from the Session**

- Learn about the funding models of the four funders in the region to support efforts to develop and make available essential DTVs
- Identify areas of complementarity and a potential for synergy among the funders

 Identify success factors, risks and barriers from the perspectives of the regional multilateral organizations, R&D partners and a network of regional funders





# Thank you.

