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Keywords:

 $HIV\ infections\ /\ Acquired\ immunodeficiency\ syndrome\ /\ Anti-retroviral\ agents\ /\ Sexually\ transmitted\ disease\ /\ National\ health\ programs$

ABBREVIATIONS

AIDS acquired immunodeficiency syndrome

AMR antimicrobial resistance ART antiretroviral therapy DAA direct-acting antiviral

DNDi Drugs for Neglected Disease Initiative
EMTCT elimination of mother-to-child transmission
EPI Expanded Programme on Immunization
EOAS external quality assessment scheme

GASP Gonococcal Antimicrobial Surveillance Programme
GHP Global Hepatitis Programme (World Health Organization)

HBeAg hepatitis B e antigen HBsAg hepatitis B surface antigen

HBV hepatitis B virus

HCC hepatocellular carcinoma

HCV hepatitis C virus

HIV human immunodeficiency virus

HIVDR HIV drug resistance

IPT isoniazid preventive therapy
MIC minimum inhibitory concentration
MNCH maternal, newborn and child health
MSM men who have sex with men
NGO nongovernmental organization
NRL national reference laboratory

PITC provider-initiated testing and counselling

PLHIV people living with HIV

PMTCT prevention of mother-to-child transmission

PEP post-exposure prophylaxis PrEP pre-exposure prophylaxis

PVST post-vaccination serological testing

PWID people who inject drugs

RMNCH reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health

RRL regional reference laboratory
QMS quality management system
SDGs Sustainable Development Goals
STI sexually transmitted infection

TB tuberculosis

UHC universal health coverage

UNAIDS Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

US CDC United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

WHA World Health Assembly
WHO World Health Organization

SUMMARY

HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) pose major public health burdens in the Western Pacific Region. In 2015, there were an estimated 96 000 new HIV infections and 1.4 million people living with HIV in the Region. Globally, there are 257 million persons living with chronic hepatitis B – 45% of which are living in the Western Pacific Region. Similarly and with wide geographical and subpopulation variation, the Region bears nearly one fifth of the 71 million people estimated to be living with chronic hepatitis C. An estimated 142 million in the Western Pacific Region contracted an STI in 2012. The incidence and prevalence of curable STIs in the Western Pacific remain the highest in the world.

Countries have made remarkable progress in the Western Pacific Region in responding to HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs. However, further efforts are needed to achieve the Fast-Track targets for HIV by 2020 and to end the epidemics by 2030 in line with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the global health sector strategies for the three diseases.

A National HIV, Hepatitis and STI Programme Managers Meeting for Selected Asian and Pacific Island Countries was held from 27 to 30 June 2017 in Manila, Philippines. National programme managers from 12 countries and areas – Australia, Cambodia, China, Fiji, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (China), Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines and Viet Nam – attended the meeting. Representatives from government, WHO, UNAIDS other international organizations and civil society organizations working in the Region also attended.

The objectives of the meeting were to:

review and discuss progress on the recommendations from the 2015 and 2016 programme managers meetings for HIV/STI and viral hepatitis; and

discuss common issues, plans of action and targets towards reaching the 2030 goals of the global health sector strategies for HIV, hepatitis and STIs and the 2020 targets of the *Regional Action Plan for Viral Hepatitis in the Western Pacific 2016*–2020.

Meeting participants made detailed operational recommendations to help ensure that requisite progress is made towards attainment of the 2030 goals of the global health sector strategies for HIV, hepatitis and STIs and the 2020 targets of the *Regional Action Plan for Viral Hepatitis in the Western Pacific 2016*–2020.

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