

**27<sup>th</sup> SEACFMD National Coordinators Meeting**  
20 – 22 August 2025, Luang Prabang, Lao PDR

**MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS**



The 27th SEACFMD National Coordinators Meeting was held in Luang Prabang, Lao PDR, from 20 – 22 August 2025. The meeting was attended by the SEACFMD National Coordinators, WAHIS Focal Points from ASEAN Member States, WOAHS (HQ, RRAP and SRRSEA) and partners including donors, Food and agriculture Organization (FAO) of United Nations, ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Animal Health and Zoonosis (ACCANZ), WOAHS Reference laboratories and Collaborating Centres, Universities and the private sector including Vaccine manufacturers.

**Considering:**

- the accomplishments made in the region since the creation of the Sub-Commission for FMD control in South-East Asia in 1994, the launching of SEAFMD Campaign in 1997, its expansion to become a SEACFMD campaign following inclusion of China PR and Mongolia;
- the existing FMD status of the SEACFMD Members including FMD PCP stages and FMD situation at the global and regional level;
- the dynamic spread of different FMD virus serotypes within the region and the potential for the introduction of new viral lineages into SEA (particularly O/ME-SA/SA-2018 as well as new risks posed by serotypes SAT 1 and SAT 2 in the Middle East);
- the ongoing development of the SEACFMD Roadmap 2026-2030 including monitoring and evaluation (M&E) Framework for the new roadmap;

- the availability of global tools (Global FMD Control Strategy and The Progressive Control Pathway for FMD (FMD-PCP) and relevant provisions of WOAHA standards for FMD prevention and control;
- the evaluation of the SEACFMD campaign from 1997 to 2020 and evaluation of Global FMD Control Strategy;
- the incursions of emerging transboundary animal diseases (African swine fever (ASF), lumpy skin disease (LSD) and peste des petits ruminants (PPR)) in the region;
- the endorsement of the Regional Global Framework for Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs) Strategy 2021 -2027 for Asia and the Pacific
- the importance of regional coordination for the effective control of FMD and other transboundary animal diseases (TADs);
- the outcomes and recommendations of the past SEACFMD Governance meeting including 27<sup>th</sup> SEACFMD Sub-Commission meeting and 26<sup>th</sup> SEACFMD National Coordinators Meeting.

**The 27<sup>th</sup> SEACFMD National Coordinator Meeting made the following recommendations to enhance FMD control in SEACFMD region; and to to guide future SEACFMD Campaigns including development of a new Roadmap:**

1. To develop tools to assess the FMD situation in the region and associated risks to identify FMD risk zones with risk maps;
2. For FMD-free countries and zones, and for countries with an Official Control Programme, to maintain their endorsement through timely submission of the Annual Reconfirmation in line with WOAHA standards;
3. Encourage Members to advance through the FMD-PCP stages by developing risk-based strategic plans (for Stage 1 or unclassified Members), formulating FMD official control programmes (for Stage 2 and above), and submitting dossiers for WOAHA endorsement;
4. Those Members that have not had a PVS Evaluation Mission for more than past five years, to request WOAHA to support conduct of PVS Follow-up Mission;
5. Promote engagement with private sectors and other stakeholders to enhance FMD control at the country and regional level;
6. Members continue to prioritize collecting representative field samples from FMD outbreaks for testing and characterization (sequencing) by FMD Reference Laboratories;
7. Use high-quality FMD vaccines which are well matched to circulating FMD virus strains in the field;
8. Expand and establish disease free zones and compartments to facilitate safe trade;
9. Strengthen preparedness for FMD incursions, measures including enhancing field responses, laboratory diagnostic capacity, training manpower and pre-identifying source of FMD vaccine;



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10. SEACFMD Campaign Secretariat to coordinate with members to conduct studies to enhance the control of FMD and other TADs on the following areas:
  - Animal movement within selected countries to help understand risk pathways;
  - Assessment of the cost-benefits for FMD control with associated tools that could be used to measure the burden of FMD and progress of regional and country level control programs;
  - Development of cost-effective surveillance tools and defining the sensitivity of passive surveillance approaches used in the region;
  - A KAP survey to assess the impact of FMD communication activities;
  - Validation of vaccination strategies that accommodate FMD and other diseases at the same time;
  - Online trade (e-commerce) of animal and animal products to understand trade volume, risk of FMD and other TADs incursion;
  - The development of regional reference antigens that can be used to assess heterologous responses for FMD vaccines used in the region;
  - Conducting Post-Vaccination Monitoring through serological assessments and field evaluations to measure vaccination efficiency, coverage, and long-term protection;
  - Conducting surveys for farmer and veterinary services to understand barriers to vaccine uptake.
11. SEACFMD Campaign Secretariat to coordinate with members in the development of guidelines and strategies to enhance FMD and other TADs control:
  - Revise SEACFMD Communication Strategy to meet emerging needs;
  - Develop a policy brief for control with focus on use of quality vaccines for the effective control of FMD;
  - Develop biosecurity guidelines for backyard cattle farms;
  - Explore feasibility of regional animal identification and traceability.
12. Strengthen existing networks (Upper Mekong Working Group) and explore other sub-regional network such as Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines (BIMP) collaboration to enhance FMD/TADs control and safer trade in Borneo island;
13. Reactivate the Malaysia, Thailand and Myanmar (MTM) Campaign to enhance FMD control and facilitate safer trade;
14. Seek feedback on the draft Roadmap and its M&E framework from SEACFMD Members, Global FMD Working Group and WOAHS Scientific Commission before presenting to SEACFMD Sub-Commission Members:
15. Alignment of the Member's National FMD Control Plan with the SEACFMD Roadmap 2026 - 2030.

16. Seek feedback on the Terms of Reference for SEACFMD EpiNet, LabNet, Upper Mekong Working Group and Private Sector Consultive Committee;
17. Seek endorsement of Sub-Commission of the SEACFMD Roadmap 2026 – 2030 and its M&E frame work;
18. strengthen laboratory capacity of SEACFMD Members including capability to detect and discriminate circulating FMD virus strains and exotic strains, harmonise protocols, and procedures for referring samples to WOAHA Reference Laboratories;
19. Propose ACCAHZ as Observer to the SEACFMD Sub-Commission and as Member of Steering Committee for the SEACFMD Sub-Commission.

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