

Aide Memoire

Multi-stakeholder Engagement to Combat
Antimicrobial Resistance in Viet Nam

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AIDE MEMOIRE
AMONG
MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF VIETNAM
AND
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND
RURAL DEVELOPMENT OF VIETNAM
AND
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE OF VIETNAM
AND
MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT
OF VIETNAM
AND
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS* IN VIETNAM
ON MULTISECTORAL ACTION TO COMBAT
ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE IN VIET NAM

WITH THE REFERENCE TO:

- (1) Resolutions No. WHA68.7 of World Health Assembly dated May 26 2015 on Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance.
- (2) Resolution WPR/RC65.R4 of World Health Organization 65th Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, to endorse the Action Agenda for Antimicrobial Resistance in the Western Pacific Region on October 15, 2014.
- (3) Resolutions No.26 of OIE Global Conference dated March 15, 2013 on Combating Antimicrobial Resistance and Promoting the Prudent Use of Antimicrobial Agents in Animals

- (4) Law No. 40/2009/QH12 dated November 23, 2009 of the National Assembly on Medical Examination and Treatment;
- (5) Law No. 34/2005/QH11 dated June 14, 2005 of the National Assembly on Pharmacy;
- (6) Law No. 03/2007/QH12 dated November 21, 2007 of the National Assembly on Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases;
- (7) Law No. 64/2006/QH11 dated June 29, 2006 of the National Assembly on HIV/AIDS prevention and control;
- (8) Decree No. 63/2012/NĐ-CP dated August 31, 2012 of the Government on functions, responsibilities and jurisdiction of Ministry of Health
- (9) Decree No. 199/2013/NĐ-CP dated November 26, 2013 of the Government on functions, responsibilities and jurisdiction of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development;
- (10) Decree No. 95/2012/NĐ-CP dated November 12, 2012 of the Government on functions, responsibilities and jurisdiction of Ministry of Industry and Trade;
- (11) Decree No. 21/2013/NĐ-CP dated March 4, 2013 of the Government on functions, responsibilities and jurisdiction of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment;
- (12) Decision No. 2174/QĐ-BYT dated June 21, 2013 National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance in the period from 2013 to 2020.

**IN THE CONTEXT OF VIET NAM'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,
THE PARTICIPANTS RECOGNIZE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a multidimensional threat to human survival, public health, trade and economy and the over-all sustainable development of the country;

2. Antimicrobial resistance threatens to reverse the gains achieved in many public health programmes and seriously affects the management and control of communicable diseases and risks the successful implementation of modern medical interventions and treatments;

3. Antimicrobial resistance is a growing human and economic threat in Viet Nam with the increasing and uncontrolled use of antibiotics in the health system

and in veterinary medicine, and for growth promotion and disease prevention in agriculture, horticulture, livestock, aquaculture;

4. Antimicrobial resistance has become increasingly alarming as it enters the food chain and our ecosystems;

5. The legal and regulatory frameworks and systems are currently insufficient to combat, monitor and avert the multidimensional risks of antimicrobial resistance. Policy coherence and concerted action across sectors is necessary;

6. A government-led multistakeholder and multisectoral engagement and action, fully supported by the public and by development partners is necessary;

NOW THEREFORE, we collectively resolve and declare through this Aide Memoire our collaboration, engagement and concerted action to fight antimicrobial resistance in Viet Nam.

SECTION 1 – PURPOSE

Jointly, we commit to implement the following actions:

1. Collectively develop a clear implementation and operational plan to implement the actions provided under the National Action Plan for AMR;
2. Include AMR as a part of the global health security agenda and strengthen the “One Health” approach as a mechanism to control AMR at the human and animal interface;
3. Strengthen the capacity of the country to generate evidence and timely information on AMR, including the establishment and operation of a national surveillance system;
4. Jointly develop and implement strategies to better educate and inform the public on the appropriate use of antibiotics and the consequences of antimicrobial resistance.

SECTION 2 – ROLES AND ACTIONS

We will perform the following roles and actions which will collectively contribute to the goals set forth under the National Action Plan:

Ministry of Health

1. Take lead and overall coordinate the national action plan to fight antimicrobial resistance;
2. Develop and implement regulatory mechanisms, norms and standards for the use of antibiotic in the human sector, ensuring policy coherence with other sectors;
3. Strengthen the supply and distribution system of medicines to ensure access to appropriate antibiotics, while at the same time, regulate their distribution and to the extent possible control the distribution of anti-tuberculosis drugs, anti-malarial, antiretrovirals (ARVs), and antimicrobials that are considered high risks, including those that are newly introduced in the market.
4. Strictly implement regulations for rational use of medicines, including the implementation of a national antibiotic stewardship programme across all health facilities, pharmacies and drug outlets.
5. Ensure the strict use of standard treatment guidelines and continuously strengthen the capacity of health professionals to implement those and to diagnose and use appropriate diagnostic aids;
6. Develop a national surveillance network to monitor antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial use in human sector;
7. Lead other sectors in the establishment of the national researches and information platform for antimicrobial resistance;
8. Coordinate actions among professional medical associations to monitor and comply regulations on antibiotic use;
9. Impose guidelines and regulations and monitor waste management and waste water treatment from hospitals, pharmaceutical companies and other health facilities;
10. Ensure compliance to regulations and standards for safety and quality in the manufacture/production of antimicrobials;

11. Lead the pharmaceutical industry to commit to limit the supply and distribution of antimicrobials only to registered pharmacies, health facilities, the companies according to the current regulations;
12. Develop database on the volume of sales and distribution of antimicrobial products;
13. Implement the health communication and education strategies in community on antimicrobial resistance.

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

1. Direct agencies within the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development with concrete guidance in developing regulations on the use of antibiotics in livestock production, disease prevention for animals and fisheries; and ensure that the policies are cohesion with other sector policies.
2. Develop good husbandary practices including not using antibiotics for growth promotion.
3. Develop a roadmap for prohibition of antibiotics in animal feeds until 2020.
4. Direct concrete guidance in research and production of alternative antimicrobial preparations used in animal husbandry.
5. Develop mechanisms and regulations on monitoring the use of antibiotics in livestock production, disease prevention and treatment for animal and aquaculture.
6. Develop mechanisms and regulations on routine sampling and testing of residues of antibiotics in cattle and poultry meat, fisheries and other foods of animal origin.
7. Monitor the supply of antimicrobials in the agriculture sector.
8. Ensure compliance with the provisions standards and quality in the manufacture/production and distribution of antibiotics in the agriculture, and the safety, effective use of antibiotics for animals.

Ministry of Industry and Trade

1. Supervise and manage market, anti-smuggling, counterfeiting and piracy goods involving antibiotic products in the list of the management of Ministry of Industry and Trade.
2. Prevent and handle commercial frauds in the field of Pharmaceutical particularly counterfeit drugs, substandard drugs.

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment in Vietnam

1. Develop legal documents, regulations, standards, norms and national surveillance system to monitor the antibiotics in the environment.
2. Identify, warn and control the environmental high risks to the human health caused by the antimicrobials.
3. Implement researches on the accumulation and the spread of antimicrobials in the food chain and the ecosystems and recommend the solutions to stop and control.

Development partners

1. Include AMR as a key area in the development support;
2. Provide technical expertises in the development of policies, laws and regulations for AMR and support to the government to adopt and implement international norms and standards to combat AMR;
3. Support Vietnam to strengthen national capacity for research and in the generation of evidence and information on AMR;
4. Support the government to strengthen its capacity for AMR and antimicrobial use and surveillance;
5. Support the government to implement the “One Health” approach and food chain approach in addressing AMR
6. Support the development of a national platform for sharing data and information on AMR.

SECTION 3 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Exchange of Information

- (1) The Participants intend to provide each other with such information as may be necessary to facilitate achievement of the purpose of this Aide Memoire. In addition, the Participants may periodically provide each other in writing additional information on matters covered by this Aide Memoire.

Public & Press Relations

- (2) The Participants intend to come to prior agreement regarding any public or press relations efforts pertaining to activities under this aide memoire, including the use of Participants' names or logos on related publications, banners or other materials.

Settlement of Dispute

- (3) Any disputes that may arise from the interpretation, translation or implementation of this Aide Memoire will be resolved through consultation among the Participants.

Effect of this aide memoire

- (4) This Aide Memoire does not constitute a legal obligation or binding agreement or effect an obligation of funds by development partners in Vietnam, and it does not contemplate assumption of liability by development partners in Vietnam. Development partners in Vietnam, when they decide to extend funding support, will commit, obligate and expend such funds and carry out their operations pursuant to this Aide Memoire in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of their government.

Term and Modification

- (5) The Participants enter into this aide memoire while wishing to maintain their own separate and unique missions and mandates, and their own accountabilities. Unless specifically provided otherwise, the cooperation among the Participants as outlined in this Aide Memoire shall not be

construed as a partnership or other type of legal entity or personality. Each Participant shall accept full and sole responsibility for any and all expenses incurred by itself relating to this Aide Memoire. Nothing in this Aide Memoire shall be construed as superseding or interfering in any way with any agreements or contracts entered into among the Participants, either prior to or subsequent to the signing of this aide memoire. Nothing in this Aide Memoire shall be construed as an exclusive working relationship. The Participants specifically acknowledge that this aide memoire is not an obligation of funds, nor does it constitute a legally binding commitment by any Participant or create any rights in any other party.

- (6) The Participants intend to commence cooperation under this Aide Memoire upon signing. Each Participant may terminate this Aide Memoire at any time but should endeavor to provide at least sixty (60) days' advance notice to the other Participants of its intention to terminate this Aide Memoire. Should the Participants wish to modify their intentions of cooperation expressed above, they should endeavor to do so by formal amendment to this aide memoire with the original signatures of each Participant.

Goodwill

- (7) The Participants intend to implement the provisions of this aide memoire in the spirit of friendship, cooperation and goodwill.

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