



# AAAHR

## AAAHR Vision

“Strengthened HRH planning and management capacity toward adequate, equitable, efficient and effective HRH and health system for health equity and quality improvement in the Asia–Pacific region”

## AAAHR Partners

- Member countries
- Other regional networks: SEAPHEIN, etc.
- World Health Organization
  - Headquarters
  - WPRO
  - SEARO
- Global Health Workforce Alliance (GHWA)
- Development Agencies
  - Rockefeller Foundation,
  - European Commission,
  - CIDA

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## 5 PRIORITY ACTIONS

- Advocacy for HRH
- Knowledge Management
- Capacity Strengthening
- Information & monitoring
- Technical support

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Lao PDR . Myanmar . Nepal . Papua New Guinea .  
Philippines . Samoa . Sri Lanka . Thailand . Vietnam

## Asia-Pacific . . Alliance . . Actions

There is a global crisis in human resources for health (HRH), which is limiting access to effective health services for many, particularly the poor and the most vulnerable. The crisis needs to be addressed through concerted national efforts. However, with global market in HRH that fuels the migration of health workers from rural to urban areas, from public to private sector and from resource poor to richer nations, national and regional responses must be aligned with regional and global responses. Globalization, demographic and socio-economic transition, and rapid technological development all add to the challenges of equitable and effective health services provision that should be universally accessible.

### A REGIONAL ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The **Asia Pacific Action Alliance on Human Resources for Health (AAAH)** is a response to international recognition of the need for global and regional action to strengthen country planning and action. During a workshop between the 3-5th August 2005 in Bangkok organized by the International Health Policy Program-Thailand (IHPP-Thailand) with support from the Rockefeller Foundation, WHO, CIDA, and other development partners and experts, participants from 10 countries namely Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Philippines, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Thailand agreed unanimously that there is a need to establish a regional mechanism that would address HRH issues in the region. The AAAH was established and its structure was formally agreed in October 2006 with currently 15 Asia-pacific member countries.

### AAAH GOVERNANCE

The AAAH's governance is based on the following principles:

- light, flexible, inclusive, and non-bureaucratic
- relies on focal points in countries
- shared responsibilities among members on a voluntary basis subjected to their capacity

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Multi-country study on Health Workforce Financing
- Regional workshop on health workforce planning and management
- Minimum Datasets for country's health information system monitoring & evaluation
- Asia-Pacific Regional HRH Consortium meeting

