

# SEARHEF

South-East Asia Regional Health Emergency Fund

Rapid | Catalytic | Accountable



South-East Asia Region

## Protecting Health in the initial hours of Crisis

The South-East Asia Regional Health Emergency Fund (SEARHEF) bridges the critical gap between onset of emergencies and arrival of larger humanitarian support – ensuring Member States\* can act when it matters most by providing life saving health interventions.

\* Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste



## Why Rapid Access to Funds Matters in Emergencies

The WHO South-East Asia Region faces frequent climate-related shocks, disease outbreaks, conflicts and natural hazards. Rapid catalytic funding within first 24 hours supports swift response and prevents setbacks to Universal Health Coverage and Sustainable Development Goals.

## Salient features of SEARHEF

<b>Swift</b>	Funding released within 24-hour of request
<b>Streamlined</b>	Simple process from request-to-release
<b>Flexible</b>	Utility tailored to local needs
<b>Accountable</b>	Strong Governance & Enhanced Transparency

## SEARHEF provides catalytic funding



Established in 2008, SEARHEF has:

- ✔ Disbursed nearly **US\$ 8.15 million**
- ✔ Supported **50 Health Emergencies**
- ✔ Benefitted **10 Member States**
- ✔ From 2026, open to voluntary contributions (cash or in-kind) from partners/donors/private sector

## With Your Contribution, SEARHEF will:

- ⦿ Deliver rapid, life-saving response
- ⦿ Advance preparedness and build emergency stockpile
- ⦿ Empower vulnerable communities
- ⦿ Promote climate-resilient health systems
- ⦿ Safeguard public health progress



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Protecting Hard-Won Health Gains