



South-East Asia Region

South-East Asia Regional Health Emergency Fund

Rapid | **Catalytic** | **Accountable**

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



Swift – Funding released within 24-hour of request



Streamlined – Simple process from request-to-release



Flexible – Utility tailored to local needs



Accountable – 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