The APMEN V Meeting Summary Statement was developed during the fifth annual APMEN meeting, Bali, Indonesia, March, 2013. The Asia Pacific Malaria Elimination Network agrees to:

- Advance the global research agenda for *Plasmodium vivax* malaria and vector control operational research;
- Recognize the essential role of surveillance in malaria elimination, and the need to build capacity to sustain surveillance interventions through reporting, investigation and active case detection;
- Support the development of regional financing strategies for Country Partners, to ensure the push toward malaria elimination remains a funding priority; and
- Continue collaborative efforts within the Network to eliminate malaria in the Asia Pacific Region.

**Plasmodium vivax Research**

The end game of malaria in the Asia Pacific region will be to eliminate *Plasmodium vivax* malaria. To date, clinical and operational malaria research has traditionally focused on *Plasmodium falciparum* malaria, resulting in major knowledge gaps in *P. vivax* research. With the experience and expertise of the Vivax Working Group members, APMEN aims to highlight *P. vivax* on the malaria elimination research agenda across the 14 APMEN member countries, and build a strong evidence base for *P. vivax* within the region.

**Vector Control Operational Research**

APMEN recognizes the importance of vector control activities in malaria elimination, and has agreed to fund catalytic research activities on vector control in elimination environments in the region.

**Surveillance**

APMEN has identified surveillance in malaria elimination as a key thematic area of focus for the Network. For countries to make better informed decisions on how to effectively implement surveillance strategies, further evidence and guidance on the operational aspects of malaria surveillance, and more specifically Geographic Information Systems (GIS) training, is required. APMEN will prioritize its support of research in this area and will continue to provide Country Partners with the opportunity to share best practices.

**Sustainable Financing**

Amidst current global concerns of potential funding shortfalls for the malaria agenda, APMEN recognizes the critical need to promote sustainable financing for malaria elimination in the region. With the backing of Country and Institutional Partners, APMEN will continue to advocate for malaria elimination from both international and domestic donors, and strengthen relations with the private sector to promote the goal of malaria elimination in all APMEN countries.

**Collaborative Efforts**

The Asia Pacific Malaria Elimination Network will continue to promote collaborations with Country and Institutional Partners with the aim of supporting each other toward eliminating malaria in the region. This will require a strong focus on the aforementioned areas, notably *P. vivax* research, vector control, surveillance methods, and sustainable financing, in addition to advancing new and innovative work to further the malaria elimination agenda.
The APMEN V Meeting Summary Statement outlines four major areas of focus for the Network over the next 12 months, and highlights the Network’s commitment to reducing malaria incidence in the Asia Pacific Region. The statement follows the bold commitments to malaria control made by participants of the Malaria 2012: Saving Lives in the Asia-Pacific Region conference, and the 2012 ASEAN Summit.

About the Asia Pacific Malaria Elimination Network

The Asia Pacific Malaria Elimination Network (APMEN) is comprised of 14 Country Partners from the Asia Pacific Region (Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Republic of Korea, the Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vanuatu and Vietnam) that are all in various stages of, and progressing toward, malaria elimination. These countries are joined by regional and global partners from the academic, development, non-governmental and private sectors, as well as the World Health Organization, to collaboratively address the unique challenges of malaria elimination.

Through strategic partnership and action, APMEN aims to provide leadership and advocacy, strengthen capacity building, facilitate knowledge exchange between countries, and build the evidence base for malaria elimination through targeted research by Country Partners and their respective governing bodies.