

## **Regional Framework for Action to Protect Human Health from the Effects of Climate Change in the Asia-Pacific Region**

WHO, through its Regional Offices for South-East Asia and the Western Pacific, developed a Regional Framework for Action to Protect Human Health from the Effects of Climate Change in the Asia-Pacific Region, which was endorsed by the governing bodies of the respective Regions in September 2008. This Regional Framework focuses on action in three areas:

- (1) to increase awareness of the health consequences of climate change;
- (2) to strengthen the capacity of health systems to provide protection from climate-related risks and substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions generated by the health sector; and
- (3) to ensure that health concerns are addressed in decisions to reduce risks from climate change in other sectors.

The Regional Framework is consistent with the WHO global work plan on climate change and health endorsed by the WHO Executive Board in January 2009.

Currently, WHO is supporting projects on health vulnerability assessment and adaptation planning in Cambodia, China, Fiji, Mongolia, the Philippines and Samoa.