

# An Asian Regional Funders' Coalition: Concept and Value-Proposition

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# A Proposed Coalition of Regional Funders in Asia

- Five non-government funders have convened to explore mechanisms to provide an end-to-end support for developing and making available essential diagnostics, therapeutics/biologics and diagnostics (DTVs) *as global public goods*
- Efforts of the coalition should *support*, not compete or duplicate the efforts of the regional governments
- Governments, international funders and R&D partners in the region, and WHO WPRO/SEARO will be engaged as critical stakeholders

| Funders  | Funding Scope  |
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| <b>ADB</b>   | Infrastructure support, pooled procurement, country adoption, training in DTV manufacturing  |
| <b>GHIT Fund</b>   | Discovery through licensure/WHO PQ, evidence generation, facilitation of access  |
| <b>RIGHT Foundation</b>  | Late-stage discovery through licensure/WHO PQ, evidence generation for policy development/access, technology transfer, training in biomanufacturing                    |
| <b>SEA DREAM</b> (Developing Research Excellence and Mentorship in Southeast Asia) | Discovery and translational research, cross-border collaboration, support the development of research leadership and career opportunities                              |
| <b>Temasek Foundation</b>  | Pre-clinical studies through clinical development, evidence generation for sustainable implementation and impact, training and tech transfer for programme development |

# Why a Coalition of Regional Funders in Asia?

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- Global-level coordination and governance of health R&D is necessary but not sufficient to respond effectively and equitably to public health threats across regions
- Regionalizing efforts to pool and coordinate resources is necessary to strengthen R&D capabilities at the regional level to develop and make available essential DTVs for public health
- Prevention and control of infectious diseases in Asia holds a potential for a global impact (i.e. history of pandemics, AMR, impact of climate change)
- There is a vibrant ecosystem of governments and non-government funders for health R&D in Asia, with an untapped potential for synergy to serve regional and global health.

# What Can be Aimed For?

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## PRINCIPLES

- Reflect the regional health R&D priorities and aim for a global impact
- Cultivate a culture of transnational collaboration for health R&D
- Foster a regional R&D ecosystem to develop and make available essential DTVs as public goods
- Strengthen inter-regional collaboration for a global impact

## OBJECTIVE

- Provide an end-to-end funding mechanism to support R&D for developing and making available essential DTVs for preventing and control infectious diseases in the region

## TARGET OUTCOMES

- Equitable access to essential DTVs targeting high priority infectious diseases in the region
- Improvement in the incidence rate, case-management and/case fatality rate for high priority infectious diseases
- Resilient regional R&D ecosystem to respond to public health emergencies

# Target Disease Areas

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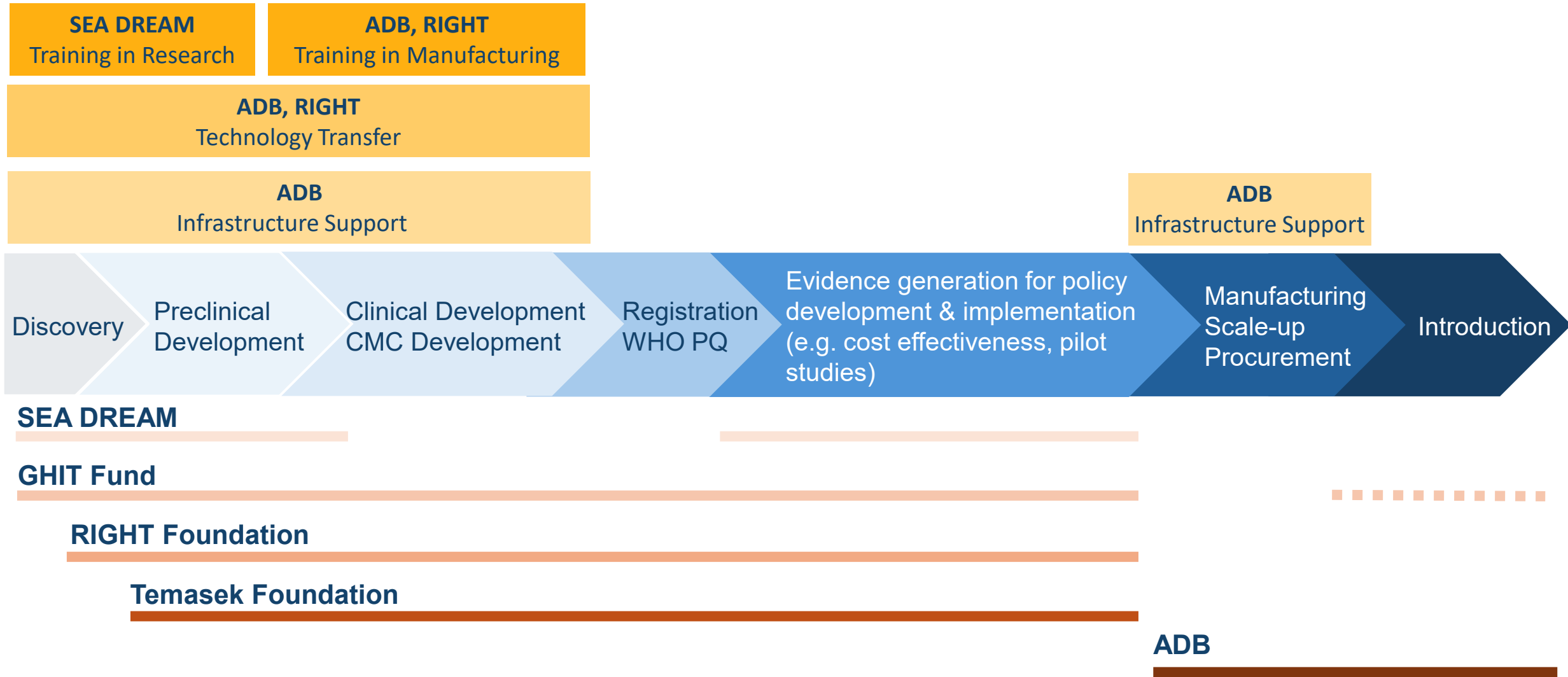
Infectious diseases that are most severely impacted by climate change

Pathogens with an outbreak potential

Infectious diseases that significantly contribute to AMR

Other infectious diseases endemic in the region

# What Could an End-to-End Support Look Like?



CMC – Chemistry, Manufacturing, Controls

# Target Outcomes from the Session

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- Learn about the funding models of the four funders in the region to support efforts to develop and make available essential DTVs
- Identify areas of complementarity and a potential for synergy among the funders
- Identify success factors, risks and barriers from the perspectives of the regional multilateral organizations, R&D partners and a network of regional funders



Thank you.

