



Event Report: ASEAN BAC Side Dialogue

Uniting Efforts: Collaborative Paths to ASEAN Health Resilience

2 September 2023 | Jakarta, Indonesia

ABOUT THE EVENT:

AVPN was delighted to host the side dialogue on 2 September 2023 at The Ritz-Carlton Pacific Place, Jakarta, in partnership with the **ASEAN BAC** and **Tony Blair Institute for Global Change** to bring the voice of the private sector in pertinent areas of Health Resilience. The specially curated side dialogue was attended by 45 delegates from public health specialists, Universities, Government policy makers, funders, International NGOs, Industry etc.

The side dialogue focused on the importance of climate and health nexus, need for fair and equitable access to vaccines and equitable health services for hard-to-reach populations, to drive policy reforms and “position ASEAN at the epicentre of global economic interconnectedness”.

The dialogue also brought together key stakeholders **to discuss opportunities and collaboration for the ASEAN BAC Health Working Group**. The Working Group aims to : a) Serving as a knowledge hub for both Private and Public sectors; b) Benefiting lives of every ASEAN citizen; c) R&D and Innovation; d) Fostering private sector partnerships; and e) Championing policy initiatives.

SUMMARY:

Welcome address by Dini Indrawati Septiani, Regional Director, Southeast Asia, AVPN



Key Highlights:

- Warm Welcome and Gratitude:** Gratitude is expressed to ASEAN BAC, Tony Blair Institute, MSD, Takeda, speakers, audience, and the AVPN team for their contributions to this collaborative initiative.
- The Power of Collective Action:** The theme centres on the transformative impact of collaboration across sectors and geographies, aligning with the vision of ASEAN BAC. Unity and collaboration are highlighted as key to addressing common challenges and opportunities in the ASEAN region.
- Focus on Health Resilience and A Call to Action:** Highlighting the shared commitment to building a resilient healthcare ecosystem and addressing health priorities, with a particular emphasis on health access, vaccine equity, and climate-health connections. Encouraging active engagement, knowledge sharing, and meaningful contributions from all participants to collectively shape a healthier and more resilient ASEAN, emphasising the transformative potential of collective action.

Opening address by Tristan Ace, Chief Programme Officer, AVPN



Key Highlights:

- AVPN's Role in Social Investment:** AVPN is Asia's largest Social Investment Network with 600 member organisations aiming to achieve impact goals across the Asia Pacific region. The focus spans the continuum of impact-focused capital, including philanthropies, impact investors, family offices, and more. AVPN's primary mission is to help these organisations effectively deploy capital to achieve their goals.
- Health Resilience Platform:** AVPN's newest platform, the Health Resilience platform, is designed to address health inequities in Asia. It brings together various stakeholders, including funders, governments, private sector partners, and healthcare industry collaborators, to improve healthcare services for vulnerable populations. The platform's main areas of focus include Resilient Health systems & Pandemic preparedness, Care for Vulnerable & Marginalised populations and Emerging threats and underfunded diseases.
- Blended Finance and Collaboration:** The importance of blended finance and collaboration in addressing health inequity was emphasised. AVPN's partnership with Indonesia's G20 presidency and the Global Blended Finance Alliance showcased their commitment to mobilizing new forms of capital to tackle critical health issues. AVPN looks forward to collaborating with the ASEAN BAC Health Institute and Tony Blair Institute for Global Change to advance this agenda.

Keynote by Dr Michael, Legacy Lead of One Shot Campaign ASEAN BAC



Key Highlights:

- **Health Challenges:** Southeast Asia faces significant health challenges, including a high burden of communicable diseases like tuberculosis, HIV, and malaria, as well as non-communicable diseases, responsible for 62% of deaths in ASEAN countries.
- **One Health Initiative:** Recognizing the need for a multilateral approach, the "One Health Initiative" is proposed to address the dynamic ASEAN Healthcare Market's demands.
- **ASEAN BAC Health Institute:** The ASEAN BAC Health Institute will be established as a non-profit foundation focusing on health equity, accessibility, and resilience. The Institute will accelerate efforts in vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics, leveraging digital infrastructure, genomics, and talent, with support from public advocacy, capacity building, knowledge hub, and annual convening.
- **Collaboration and Innovation:** Dr. Rampangilei emphasised the spirit of collaboration, innovation, and determination in shaping a healthier, more resilient ASEAN community, ushering in a new chapter of unity and transformative change.

Session 1:

Public-Private Partnerships for Climate-Responsive Healthcare in ASEAN



The session was moderated by **Dr Ariel Pradipta (GSI Labs)** with **Dr. Choo Beng Goh (Takeda)** and **Dr Miguel Dorotan (Bridge Institute)** joined us as the panellists.

Key Highlights:

- Shifting Disease Patterns and Health Vulnerabilities:** The panel highlighted the profound impacts of climate change on healthcare systems in the ASEAN region, emphasising the evolving landscape of health vulnerabilities. This includes changing disease patterns, with a focus on the increasing prevalence of vector-borne diseases due to climate change.
- Logistical Challenges in Healthcare Delivery:** The discussion brought attention to the complex logistical difficulties in delivering healthcare services, equipment, and supplies to remote or hard-to-reach areas, especially in the face of extreme weather events. These challenges are exacerbated by climate-related disruptions.
- Information gathering and sharing:** The vision articulated was the establishment of a seamless and open flow of information across ASEAN. This would encompass early warning systems for infectious diseases, rapid detection of outbreaks, sharing of successful local actions, and opportunities for mutual assistance. The objective is to expedite climate-responsive health action across the region through a collective exchange of knowledge and best practices.

- **A commitment to reinforce critical health agenda issues within ASEAN:** These priorities include bolstering control measures for vector-transmitted diseases, promoting regional harmonisation of healthcare supply chains, fostering genomic partnerships, and enhancing digital surveillance and connectivity. These concerted efforts aim to build holistic capacity, improve capability, and create favourable regulatory environments conducive to the successful implementation of the One Shot Campaign's overarching objectives in the ASEAN region.
- **Collaborative Climate-Responsive Health Action:** The imperative of collaborative climate-responsive health action was emphasised, with the ASEAN region seen as an ideal platform for addressing these challenges collectively. The need for coordinated efforts to tackle climate change, loss of biodiversity, and inequality, along with a focus on diseases like dengue, demonstrated the importance of collaborative approaches to address complex health issues effectively. One such collaborative initiative discussed was the ASEAN BAC ONE-SHOT Legacy program, which was recognized as a great starting point for managing vaccine equality, thereby promoting overall health improvements across ASEAN nations.

Dr. Choo Beng from Takeda also mentioned that this year's ASEAN BAC side meeting was a fantastic opportunity to address the themes around climate change, the rise of vector borne diseases and the wider issue of global health equity in particular access to effective vaccines. He stressed upon more engagement from stakeholders in governments and policy makers to enable public private partnerships. These partnerships can address the needs around vaccine equity, education, health systems strengthening and investments that deliver impact on environment preservation in climate change. In one afternoon, there was an opportunity to network with leaders from the UN Global Compact, UNICEF, venture capital and educational and research entities.

In conclusion, the panel discussion unveiled a mosaic of challenges, opportunities, and collaborative strategies. These dialogues painted a picture of ASEAN nations and stakeholders uniting to confront the urgent health challenges of our time through innovative collaborations, knowledge exchange, and shared commitment to a resilient and equitable healthcare future.

Session 2:

Inclusive Innovation: Bridging the Health Access Gap through Collaborative Private Sector Initiatives



The session was moderated by **Tristan Ace (AVPN)** with **Benjamin Kamarck (Tony Blair Institute for Global Change Indonesia)**, **Dr Michael Rampangilei (ASEAN BAC)** and **Rose Lauren Mariano (MSD)** joined us as the panellists.

Key Highlights:

- Investment in Telehealth and Digi Health for creating wider access:** Telehealth and digital health are low hanging fruits to scale access of healthcare to the last mile and bridge the equity gap. Hence, investing in telehealth and digital health is essential for expanding healthcare access. These technologies break down geographical barriers, offering remote consultations, monitoring, and education. They enhance healthcare's reach, making it more inclusive and convenient, especially for hard to reach communities, ultimately contributing to a broader and more equitable healthcare landscape.
- Awareness is key:** Awareness plays a pivotal role in addressing the health equity gap. Regional awareness is crucial, as it enables tailored interventions that consider specific healthcare challenges, cultural nuances, and access barriers within a given area. It empowers communities to advocate for equitable healthcare, fostering partnerships and policy changes to ensure everyone receives fair and just treatment.

- **Support Local initiatives to drive larger impact:** Local/ grassroots initiatives are closely connected to communities, addressing unique needs and fostering trust. By empowering local organisations and healthcare providers, we can drive meaningful change, ensure culturally sensitive care, and build sustainable solutions that enhance healthcare access and equity on a broader scale.
- **Nexus between Data sharing and data privacy:** On one hand, sharing healthcare data among trusted entities like medical professionals and researchers can lead to improved patient care, medical research advancements, and better public health outcomes. On the other hand, stringent data privacy measures are crucial to protect patients' sensitive information from breaches, misuse, or unauthorised access. Striking the right balance involves robust data governance, stringent anonymization protocols, and clear consent mechanisms. When done right, data sharing can lead to more targeted interventions, better-informed policies, and improved access to healthcare services, ultimately contributing to health equity. It's a challenge that requires careful navigation to harness the full potential of data while upholding individuals' privacy rights.
- **Cross regional collaborations:** Cross-regional collaborations are vital for healthcare equity. By sharing knowledge, resources, and best practices, regions can collectively tackle global health disparities. Collaborations enable the pooling of expertise, funding, and innovation to address common healthcare challenges and promote equal access to quality care, ultimately advancing health equity on a broader scale. **ASEAN BAC Health Working Group** will be the bridge between Governments and Private Sector to build an investment friendly ecosystem and enable scaling of impactful innovations by promoting cross sector/ cross regional collaboration.

In conclusion, as discussed in the panel, investing in telehealth and digital health, awareness, support for local initiatives, data sharing, and cross-regional collaborations are key strategies to ensure equitable access to quality healthcare for all. These dialogues also highlighted the role of ASEAN BAC Health Institute in fostering collaboration between governments and the private sector to drive impactful innovations and advance health equity on a broader scale.

Closing remarks by Benjamin Kamarck, Head of Health, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change Indonesia



Key Highlights:

- Challenges in Achieving Healthcare Goals:** Examples were shared to illustrate the challenges in achieving healthcare goals, highlighting the ever-changing nature of health systems and the need for continuous adaptation. The discussion pointed out that health systems are constantly evolving, and there is no "steady state" in healthcare due to inherent trade-offs in terms of equity, quality, efficiency, cost, and effectiveness.
- Emphasis on Multi-Sectoral Collaboration:** The event emphasised the importance of a multi-sectoral approach, bringing together stakeholders from various sectors, including government, private sector, philanthropies, NGOs, and more. This collaborative approach is seen as essential due to the complexity of health challenges.

The closing remarks highlighted the value of such discussions in creating networks and collaborations to address the intricate health challenges faced by regions like ASEAN. The need for private sector involvement, impact investing, donor funds, and innovative financing models was stressed to effectively tackle these complex healthcare issues.

Thank You

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