

Special Issue

Surveillance of Eliminated and Near-Eliminated Infectious Disease in the Western Pacific Region

Message from the Guest Editors

The Western Pacific Region (WPR) has achieved substantial progress in the elimination and eradication of vaccine-preventable and neglected tropical infectious diseases, with several countries successfully eliminating lymphatic filariasis (LF), trachoma, hepatitis B, and yaws; others are well on the way to meeting their targets. However, elimination or eradication is not the end of the public health road for these diseases in these countries. Robust post-validation/elimination surveillance is essential to ensure resurgence of diseases does not occur and that the hard won gains made through years of public health effort lost. This Special Issue aims to showcase novel approaches to the surveillance of eliminated and near-eliminated vaccine-preventable and neglected tropical infectious diseases in the WPR. Consolidating evidence in this issue will create a platform for cross-country and interdisciplinary learning, ensuring that efforts to reach elimination goals are targeted, supporting resilient health security across the region.

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