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## Acronyms

COVID	coronavirus disease
CRS	congenital rubella syndrome
DQA	data quality assessment
EPI	Expanded Programme on Immunization
IVD	Immunization and Vaccine Development
LQMS	laboratory quality management system
MCV	measles-containing vaccine
MR	measles-rubella
MRCV	measles and rubella-containing vaccine
NVC	National Verification Committee
PT	proficiency testing
RCV	rubella-containing vaccine
RVC	Regional Verification Commission
SEA	South-East Asia
SEA-RVC	South-East Asia Regional Verification Commission
SIA	supplementary immunization activity
US CDC	United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
UTC	coordinated universal time
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
WHO	World Health Organization
WHO HQ	WHO headquarters

## Executive summary

The Regional Verification Commission (RVC) for measles and rubella elimination for the WHO South-East Asia Region (SEA-RVC) was established by the Regional Director in March 2016 to verify progress towards measles and rubella elimination and rubella/congenital rubella syndrome (CRS) control in the Region.

The name of this Commission was changed in 2020 to “WHO South-East Asia Regional Verification Commission for measles and rubella elimination (SEA-RVC)” following the adoption of the resolution on “Measles and rubella elimination by 2023” by all Member States at the Regional Committee for South-East Asia in September 2019. The Fifth Meeting of the SEA-RVC was held virtually on 6–7 July 2020.

The key objective of the meeting was to review the country progress reports on measles elimination and rubella/CRS control, submitted by national verification committees (NVCs), and verify the progress made.

The methodology for review of individual country progress reports was based on the framework for verification of measles and rubella elimination in the Region endorsed by the SEA-RVC during its Fourth Meeting in 2019 and published in February 2020.

Following an extensive review of the reports, the SEA-RVC verified Maldives and Sri Lanka as having eliminated endemic rubella. The Commission also verified that measles elimination has been sustained in Bhutan, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPR Korea), Maldives, Sri Lanka and Timor-Leste. It also categorized the remaining countries as endemic for measles and rubella. The SEA-RVC also recognized that significant progress has been made towards measles and rubella elimination in the remaining countries of the Region.

The SEA-RVC acknowledged the significant progress made by all countries in the Region towards measles and rubella elimination and requested the World Health Organization (WHO), NVCs and Member States to provide some additional country-specific information at the next meeting to ensure better review of progress towards achieving the 2023 goal of measles and rubella elimination in the SEA Region.

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