

Minutes of the 9th meeting of Health, Nutrition and HIV/AIDS cluster

Date: 1st October 2007

Venue: World Health Organization Boardroom-Kampala

Agenda;

1. Communication from the chair:
 - a. Marburg fever
 - b. Flood in North and North Eastern Uganda
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting,
3. Updates:
 - a. CHAP/CAP 2008 development
 - b. HIV/AIDS working group
4. Presentations
 - a. Comprehensive approach of ICRC health programme in Northern Uganda (ICRC)
 - b. Analysis of nutrition status, trends and future direction (MoH/UNICEF/WFP/WHO)
5. AoB

Summary of discussions	Decisions/action to be taken	Focal point
<p><u><i>Minute 1/10/07 (Communication from the chair),</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm by the acting Chairperson Dr. Olu Olushayo who apologized on behalf of the WR Uganda. He said the WR is out of the country on official duty travel. <p><i>Suspected Marburg fever</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoH and WHO were notified of a suspected case of Marburg viral Hemorrhagic fever on the 19th September 2007. The suspect is from Kamwenge and had fever and vomiting of blood. Initial diagnosis was Malaria however, the patient later developed typical signs and symptom of suspected Marburg fever with profuse sweating, bloody diarrhea, vomiting of blood and urinating blood. • The suspect took part in the ecological survey in the same mine area where the previous outbreak occurred • Specimens from the patient were taken to CDC Atlanta for diagnosis and confirmation and results confirmed diagnosis of Marburg • Currently the patient is admitted in Mulago in isolation unit and is in stable condition. Tracing of contacts is on-going. <p><i>Cluster news letter</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chair thanked members for contributing into the second edition of cluster news letter. He said the news letter have been published and circulated <p><i>Update of Floods in North and Eastern Uganda</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teso region has had no rain the previous day, • Access rout from Mbale to Soroti and from Soroti to Katakwi is still cut off at Awoja and Komolo bridges respectively • Supply of drugs from NMS to the affected district of Teso and Lango is ongoing 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug stock inventory taking is on-going in Teso and Lango sub-region. Results of this exercise will be used to identify and address critical gaps in drug supply • Report of suspected bloody diarrhea case in Katakwi was received and is being investigated. Samples from the suspects were collected and transported to Kampala for further investigations • WHO is already present in the other district of Lango and Acholi sub-region and response to humanitarian effect of the flood will be part to WHO's response. However, WHO has deployed 2 additional public health physicians and a logistician to support cluster response in Teso region and Mount Elgon sub-region. • Plans are underway to receive technical assistance from WHO-Afro in Malaria risk assessment in the flood affected region • It was noted that the current drug shortfall being experience in the North and North Eastern part of Uganda is not as a result of upsurge in disease cases seen in the health units but as a result of backload of orders from NMS. • Lack of staff at health units was identified as constrain in services delivery. Members noted that there is need for further commitment on the part of government on the issue of staff. • Dr. Matier Stephen said that lack of authority and supervision of health staff by district health team and other officials was partially responsible for poor performance at health units <p>Coordination of health response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health, Nutrition and HIV/AIDS cluster coordination meeting on-going on weekly basis in both Soroti and Kampala to discuss emergency response to the flood affected districts. • In Acholi and Lango district, in addition to the regular monthly cluster meeting the Health, Nutrition and HIV/AIDS cluster is meeting weekly to coordinate response to the flood <p>Flash appeal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government of Uganda has launched an appeal worth 41 million \$ • Uganda has appealed for 6 million \$ from the CERF fund • CERF has approved 730,000 US \$ for the Health, Nutrition and HIV/AIDS cluster • The health component of the appeal proposal was based on collaboration between partners namely PSI, IRC, UNICEF, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA and WFP • Dr Alistair Robb asked MoH to take its leadership role in Health, Nutrition and HIV/AIDS response to humanitarian effect of the flood and state what the government contribution is. He said this would guide development partners on how to prioritize their contribution to the response. He further said there is need to involve top management of MoH in this discussion. He promised to raise the issue of government commitment in the next HPAC meeting. • The Chair was asked to raise the issue with the PS of MoH through the WR. • Partners were called upon to provide a significant input into the 	<p>Issue of the flood to be raised at the HPAC meeting</p> <p>Issue of the flood to be raised to the PS MoH</p>	<p>Dr. Alistair Robb</p> <p>Dr. Olu Olushayo</p>
--	---	--

proposal.		
<p><u>Minute 2/10/07 (Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRDP; The chair informed members that the cabinet has approved PRDP. However, looking at the PRDP document the health component is not comprehensive, there is need to strengthen it. A consultant from WHO-HQ was here about one month ago to develop a strategy for transition and early recovery. Another consultant from WHO-HQ is expected to come mid this month. The aim of the transition and early recovery strategy is not to duplicate PRDP but to strengthen and help operationalize the health component of it • SAM; dissemination meeting for SAM Lango sub-region was postponed because of the flood situation in the North and North Easter part of Uganda. A new date will be communicated soon. • Mortality survey; plans to conduct mortality survey in Acholi and Lango sub-region has been put on hold because of Marburg fever and the floods. WHO hopes to re-establish discussions with MoH on conducting the survey sometimes in January • CAP 2008; CAP inception workshop was conducted at Hotel Africana, a follow up meeting to identify district priority was held in Lira Hotel. The process of developing CAP sheets is on going. Cluster members are expected to send in their project sheets to cluster lead by 3rd October 2007. Detailed time line for CAP 2008 development has been circulated to members. • HIV/AIDS risk assessment; ToR for risk assessment has been developed and circulated to members for comments • The minutes of the previous meeting was adapted as a true reflection of what transpired in the last meeting 	New date for dissemination of SAM report	Dr. Olu Olushayo
<p><u>Minute 3/10/07 Updates</u></p> <p>HIV/AIDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV/AIDS vulnerability assessment will be conducted in Northern Uganda. UNHCR will take the lead • The venue for the next NACAES quarterly meeting is Pader. The date will be announced later. • NUMAT is planning to conduct rapid assessment of AIDS situation in 9 sub-counties in its area of operation • The HIV/AIDS National Strategic Plan is ready. However, the process of drafting operational plan is ongoing. 	To announce the date for the next NACAES meeting	Joyce Kadowe
<p><u>Minute 4/10/07 Presentations</u></p> <p>ICRC health programme in the North</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICRC is supporting 14 HC in Northern Uganda • In each of the health facilities ICRC has initiated performance based incentive for health workers • Each health centre is asked to set its objective according to target population 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are given incentives based on performance against the set objectives <p><i>Presentation on analysis of Nutrition trend</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on analysis of nutrition trends in Acholi and Lango sub-regions was postponed to a later date. 		
<p><u>Minute5/10/07 (AOB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chair informed members that WHO and Merlin is planning to conduct training on analysis of disrupted health systems in countries in crisis. The training will take place in Tunisia and will be conducted between 22nd Nov to 1st December 2007 • ACF; informed members that following the meeting it top management, it was decided that ACF will continue working in Northern Uganda • VHTs; Members noted that there are many training manuals for VHTs. In some of the manuals Homapac is recommended as first line treatment fro Malaria • Philly Lutaya Day; members were informed that Philly Lutaya day will be commemorated on 17th October 2007 at Mityana. The theme is prevention with Positive. • The venue of Mityana was chosen because the fishing community is being targeted this year <p>The next meeting is scheduled for 5th November 2007.</p>		

	Name	Organization name	Designation	Tel.	Email address
1	Ngabirano Emmanuel	TPO	SPO	0772 577086	engabirano@tpouga.org
2	Namulondo J. Kadowe	UAC	CAPR	0772 590246	jkadowe@uac.go.ug
3	Nkugwa George Abel	Uganda Red Cross Society	Field Coordinator	0772 329261	gnkugwa@yahoo.com
4	Elsa Tsegay	Food for the Hungry International	HIV/AIDS Project Manager	0782 998940	etsegay@fhi.net
5	Uma Palaniappan	ACF	Medical & Nutrition coordinator		acfugmedco@iwayafrica.com
6	James Wanyana	UNAIDS	Programme Officer	0772 565900	wanyamaj.unaids@afro.who.int
7	Dr. Lukwiya Michael	WHO	NPO	077272197	lukwiyam@ug.afro.who.int
8	Ryan Larrance	IMC		0772222845	rlarrance@imcworldwide.org
9	Fraser Bell	Medair		0772770303	cd-uganda@medair.org
10	Alexandra Sopsis	MSF-CH		0774176019	Msfch-uganda-medco@geneva.msf.org
11	Du Mortier Stephene	ICRC		0772221999	
12	Paula Sansom	Merlin		0773161769	paula@merlin.org.uk
13	Antonella Catania	GVC		0782583785	gvcuganda@gvc-halie.org
14	Nakanwagi Ann	WHO	NPO	0772517155	nakanwagia@ug.afro.who.int
15	Dr. Janex Kabarangira	UNICEF	PO	0772449485	jkabarangira@unicef.org
16	Dr. Oliva Sentumbwe Mugisha	WHO	NPO	0772473600	sentumbweo@ug.afro.who.int
17	Muna Shalita	PSI		0782351970	mshalita@psiu.co.ug
18	Dr. Milly Nanyombi Kaggwa	PSI		0772589300	mkaggwa@psiu.co.ug
19	Brian Kironde	UNFPA		0414345600	kironde@unfpa.org
20	Nalwada Ritta	WHO	NPO	0772608428	nalwadar@ug.afro.who.int
21	Martin Ahimbisibwe	WFP	PO	0772711277	Martin.ahimbisibwe@wfp.org
22	Alastair Robb	DFID		0772100018	a.robb@dfid.gov.uk
23	John Musinguzi	UNICEF	PO	0773412979	jmusinguzi@unicef.org
24	Innocent Nuwangira	WHO	PO	0782520499	nuwangirai@ug.afro.who.int
Absent with apology					
1	Ategbo Eric Alain	UNICEF	UNICEF	0773 142741	eaategbo@unicef.org