TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP 7 DISEASE SPECIFIC PROGRAMS

A presentation to the Technical Review meeting of 2011 Annual Joint Health Sector Review

ATM, NCDs and NTDs

Presentation Outline

- Background
- Progress and Milestones Updates
- Challenges
- Way forward

Background

- Institutional/organizations participating in the TWG includes
 - Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS),
 - Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (MOHSW)
 - National AIDS Control Programme (NACP),
 - National TB and Leprosy Programme (NTLP),
 - National Malaria Control Programme (NMCP),
 - Non Communicable Diseases (NCD),
 - Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD),
 - National Institute of Medical Research (NIMR),
 - World Health Organization Tanzania (WHO-TZ) and
 - Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI).

Progress and milestones updates

TB and leprosy

- A total of 63,457 all forms TB cases were notified in 2010
- TB treatment success rate =88% in 2010 (Global target=85%)
- MDR-TB management at Kibong`oto National hospital: 25 patients on initial phase,5 patients died and 35 on continuation phases at community level
- All regions with the exception of Rukwa, Mtwara, Dar es salaam and Lindi still have attained leprosy elimination global targets (1 in 10,000 population)
- A total of 4406 People affected by leprosy received protestive footwear and 48 cases received prosthesis in 2010

HIV/AIDS

- HIV prevalence rate = 5.7% (THMIS 2007/08)
- PMTCT services coverage at RCH clinics is 92%
- About 70% of all HIV positive pregnant women and 57% newborns received ARVs prophylaxis
- 1100 (20%) of all health facilities provide care and treatment services
- A cumulative of 749,909 PLHIV have been registered at CTCs of which 390,320 (52%) are on ART

HIV/AIDS

- Its estimated 66% of all PLHIVs attended at the CTCs have been screened for TB
- 33% of HIV positive TB patients are receiving ART
- Isoniazid Preventive Therapy(IPT) for eligible PLHIVs have been initiated in 18 selected pilot sites
- Remarkable reduction of syphilis prevalence among ANC attendees from 8.4% in 2000 to 4.2% in 2008

MALARIA

- 57% of pregnant women slept under Insecticide Treated Nets (ITN) in 2010 versus 26% in 2007;(Goal is 80% by the end of 2013)
- 64% of all children under five years slept under ITN in 2010 compared to 35% in 2007; Goal is 80% by the end of 2013
- Indoor residual spraying(IRS) household coverage in the lake zones is at 94% versus global target of 85%
- About 18% of all children under five years in the country had malaria parasitaemia in 2010
- Scale up Larviciding project in DSM City from 15 wards to cover all 90 wards and Bio-larvicide factory is under construction in Kibaha Coast region

Non - Communicable Diseases (NCDs)

- NCD organogram in place and steering committee formed and started to meet
- Stakeholders' meeting to develop NCD Action Plan conducted in November 2010
- Zero draft of the NCD Action Plan 2011-2015 in place
- Activities for year one of the Action Plan in the 2011/12 MTEF

Other NCD developments

- Establishment of NCD Steering Committee November 2010
- Finalized draft of the National Cancer Strategy (2010)
- National Tobacco regulation strategy (2010)
- National Nutrition Strategy –(2010)
- National cancer strategy (2010)
- Launching of 4 years national diabetes program
 January 2011
- Zero Draft Alcohol policy guidelines (2011)
- STEP wise survey funded (2011)

Neglected Tropical Diseases(NTDs)

- The group involve five preventive chemotherapy targeted diseases: Lymphatic Filariasis, Onchocerciasis, Trachoma, Soil Transmitted Helminthiasis and Schistosomiasis
- A total of 75 councils in 12 regions have been reached by Mass Drug Administration by 2011 as compared to 36 councils in 5 regions in 2009.
- Zoonoses E.g Rabies, Plague, Human African Trypanosomiasis (HAT) and Tick Borne Relapsing Fever also referred as NTD.

Challenges:

- Shrinking Government contribution to support programs activities and logistics. This has bearing on sustainability.
- Weak laboratory services; lack of lab. Strategic plan, weak EQA and lack of skilled staff to run new diagnostic technologies.
- Staff shortage especially in NTD and NCDs.

Challenges (cont'd)

- Not all Councils incorporate disease control program activities into their CCHPs.
- Low awareness on NCD and NTDs within the health and other sectors and community to effect behaviour change.
- Weak routine HMIS to address M&E needs of disease specific programmes.
- Lack of a comprehensive approach for community based interventions to support disease specific programmes.

Way forward

- Develop priority areas to guide funding allocation for disease specific programs.
- Engage the M&E TWG to ensure needs of disease specific programmes are addressed in the M&E Strengthening initiative (MESI).
- Need for continuous mobilization & advocacy programmes to increase awareness and appropriate utilization of all recommended interventions.
- Advocate for a higher visibility of laboratory services in the SWAP process.
- Develop a comprehensive approach for community based interventions to support disease specific programmes.

Way forward

- Step wise survey on NCD risk factors will be conducted with support from DANIDA and WHO.
- Conduct need assessment to identify gaps in implementing NTD and NCD strategic plan.
- Advocate for the Regions and District TWG to include NCD and NTD priority areas in the CCHP planning guidelines.
- Orientation of RHMTs and CHMTs on new malaria diagnostic and treatment guidelines.
- Expansion of MDR TB services.
- Scale up of Male Circumcision as an HIV prevention strategy in 7 regions.

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MILESTONES

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Milestone for 2010/2011

NCD/NTD implementation plans endorsed by MoHSW senior management and human resource capacity of the MoHSW sections strengthened by June 2011.

Milestone for 2010/2011 Process action plan:

- Draft ToR for developing implementation plans for NCD(November 2010)
- Request funds and engage consultant for NCDs(Decemeber 2010)
- Submission of implementation plans to senior management for NCD(feb.2011)
- Dissemination of implementation plans for NCDs(MArch 2011)
- Appointment of 4 staff each to strenthen NCD and NTD sections
- 6. Finalize NTD M&E framework and appropriate tools through support from a consultant(April 2011)

Milestone for 2010/2011 Indicators:

- NCD implementation plan in place
- 2. NTD and NCD established with adequate staff
- 3. M& E frame work and appropriate tools for NCDs in place and functional
- 4. Assumptions
 - Timely funds for engaging consultant
 - Allocation of staff

Milestone for 2010/2011 Progress Update

NTD

- 1.NTD strategic plan was completed and endorsed in 2010. the Plan is eing revised to comply with WHO guidelines
- 2.M&E framework for NTD is not completed but tools are ready (recording and reporting tools)
- 3. Proposal of staffing for NTD submitted to management approval

Milestone for 2010/2011 Progress Update

NCD

- 1. Action plan 2011-2015 is completed and first year activities are included in the MTEF 2011/21
- 2. Action plan is yet to disseminated. Will be dissemented electronically
- 3.M&E framework is included as part of the Action Plan
- 4.2 out 4 staff required have been allocated to NCD. Waiting for management to allocate the rest

Proposed Milestones for 2011/2012 Progress Update (needs discussion, suggestion: we pick one or

two areas from Challenges/wayforward)

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