



Minutes, DPG Health meeting Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019, UNICEF

**Present**

1. Meaghan Byers	Canada	DPG H Chair
2. Leticia Rweyemamu	WHO	DPG H Secretariat
3. Fin Poulsen	Denmark	Member
4. Giampiero Baldassari	GIZ	Member
5. Pascal Kanyinyi	KfW	Member
6. Hyunsun Kim	KOICA	Member
7. Hiltruda Temba	PEPFAR	Member
8. Kande- Bure Kamara	WHO	Member
9. Dr. William Mwengee	WHO	Member
10. Adrian Fitzgerald	Irish Embassy	Member
11. Dr. Peter Nyella	Irish Embassy	Member
12. Kim Mwamelo	Irish Embassy	Member
13. Thomas Teuscher	Swiss Embassy	Member
14. Nina Sierget	P4H	Member
15. Nelson Msuya	Global Fund	Guest
16. Dan Brun Peterson	MOHC DGEC	Guest
17. Dr. Brenda Dmello	CCBRT	Guest

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introduction of members
2. Presentations: Building Capacity To Reduce Maternal and Newborn Deaths in an Urban setting: CCBRT's Maternal and Newborn Healthcare programme in Dar es Salaam
3. Adoption of the Minutes, Agenda and Matters arising
4. Updates on SWAp events
5. Critical issues from TWGs/Thematic Areas
6. The future of Results Based Financing (RBF)
7. Updates on key events/ Upcoming events, missions
8. AOB
9. Next DPG H meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**ACTION POINTS:**

- **Next consultative meeting:** DPs to send any proposed urgent issues for discussion by email to the DPG H Secretariat.
- **Preparations for HRH high level dialogue:** A DPG H meeting to be scheduled early next week or the following week to prepare for the dialogue.

**1. Welcome and Introduction of members**



The DPG H Chair welcomed all members to the meeting followed by round of introductions.

## **2. Presentation:**

### **Building Capacity to Reduce Maternal and Newborn Deaths in an Urban setting: CCBRT's Maternal and Newborn Healthcare programme in Dar es Salaam**

The presentation was made by CCBRT to inform DPs on their maternal health program in Dar es Salaam. Dar es Salaam has a total of 163 facilities as at 2018 with 94% facility delivery rate. Most women prefer government own facilities for delivery. Several challenges were noted in health facilities in Dar es Salaam as far as maternal health is concerned. One facility may deliver 10,000 women per year. This kind of facility needs not less than 25 obstetricians and gynecologists. So the issue is not about access but quality of care. CCBRT has recently introduced quality improvement approach to increase quality at dispensaries and health centres as per standards based management and recognition introduced by JHPIEGO. They started with 9 facilities, they have now expanded to 22 facilities. Collectively all the 22 supported facilities perform 85,000 deliveries per year. The program use best practices and lessons learned to improve care. The gaps that have been noted on the overall program include serious congestion at the middle and upper facilities whereby mothers are discharged between 6-10 hours post-delivery, which is likely that neonatal deaths at home are missed. The presentation suggested that training is not enough, on job coaching is needed due to regular shifting of the staff. The presentation can be found at the DPG H website: [http://www.tzdp.org.tz/fileadmin/documents/dpg\\_internal/dpg\\_working\\_groups\\_clusters/cluster\\_2/health/DPG\\_H\\_Meeting\\_Documents\\_2019/20190502\\_CCBRT\\_MNHC\\_DPG.pdf](http://www.tzdp.org.tz/fileadmin/documents/dpg_internal/dpg_working_groups_clusters/cluster_2/health/DPG_H_Meeting_Documents_2019/20190502_CCBRT_MNHC_DPG.pdf)

## **Discussions:**

During discussions, DPs wanted to know whether the real problem is access or quality of care. It was responded that Dar es Salaam has many facilities, the gap is on the comprehensiveness of the facility. A further inquiry was made on what would be a recommendation to a donor who wants to support the CeMOC/BeMOC program. It was replied that CCBRT has developed a ten steps process to new site start up and quality improvement which may guide the process.

## **3. Adoption of the Minutes, Agenda and Matters Arising**

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and Agenda for this meeting adopted.

## **4. Updates on SWAp events**

### **Feedback from April monthly consultative meeting:**

- Updated Health Policy English version on process.
- The discussion on Community Health Workers (CHW) is ongoing, focused on models that are funded outside the wage bill and are sustainable. Dr. Ntuli Kapologwe from PORALG will present on Community Based Health Systems during the HRH High Level dialogue which will allow discussion about community approaches, including CHWs. The



HRH meeting is confirmed for 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in Dodoma.

- Approval process for family planning SOPs particularly messaging is underway. DP concerns with timelines for approval of messaging was relayed and noted.
- Installation of video conference facility at the MOHCDGEC is on-going.
- Next consultative meeting is planned for 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in Dodoma. DPs are requested to send proposed issues for discussion by email.

**Human Resource for Health (HRH) High-level dialogue preparation:** the team comprises of MOH, PORALG, DPs and NGOs. Meetings were held before Easter to prepare for the meeting. A follow up meeting will be held next week. The team agreed to have a short list of recommendations for the HRH. The expected presentations will include an overview of the situation, key gaps, a fiscal space analysis to be presented by UNICEF in collaboration with the World Bank and recommendations for discussion. The team will make three groups of recommendations that focus on: the high level cadre (Regional Referral Hospitals), middle level cadre (Health Centres and Dispensaries) and Communities. These will be both short and long term solutions.

For the short-term HRH recruitment, the MOH has developed plan for filling 70% of the existing gap based on the staffing norms. Facility based staffing needs is what UNICEF and WB will develop a fiscal space analysis of so that MoHCDGEC, MoF and POPSM are aware of the costs. The Ministries that will be invited to the dialogue by MoHCDGEC are: President's Office Public Service Management (POPSM), Ministry of Finance (MoF) and PORALG. DPG H Troika will circulate the Agenda and presentations once shared by the MOH. DPs agreed that there is a need to listen to what the government says on CHW taking into account the current concern on the wage bill, and advise accordingly. A DPG H meeting will be scheduled early next week or the following week to prepare for HRH high level dialogue.

**Updates on Mid-Term Reviews (MTRs) – HSSP IV, One Plan II and HBF:** HSSP IV and One Plan II MTRs are on-going, GFF questions have been incorporated. Health Basket Fund MTR is still pending.

#### **5. The future of Results Based Financing (RBF)**

RBF discussion postponed to June 2019 DPG H meeting.

#### **6. Technical Working Groups/Thematic Areas Updates**

TWG updates not received.

**Family planning:** the meeting is taking place today.

**Health Financing:** Providing for Health (P4H) will support development of Improved Community Health Fund (ICHF) manual.

**Health Basket Fund (HBF):** The contract for HBF Mid Term Review is finally being approved.



**DPG AIDS:** The deadline for submission of PEPFAR COP is 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019, to be implemented in October 2019.

**Global Fund (GF):** TB & Malaria/RSSH grants: Reprogrammed budget approved. As for the HIV grant, the list of health products (LOHP) approved, and the reprogrammed budget not yet approved. About US \$ 0.5 million of the VAT that was to be refunded back to GF Geneva, has been disbursed by the government. There is high level of expiries on 2017-18 commodities in the country, which is approximately 3% of the total procurement for the last 2/3 years. About \$11.1m of the commodities expired at the MSD level, whereas bulk of it is on ARV lab commodities. A meeting will be held on 3 May 2019 with MOH Chief Pharmacist on the redesigning of supply chain. There is also a need to see how the country can manage to conduct stock redistribution on the short life span commodities (e.g. lab commodities).

**DPG Nutrition:** National Multi-sectoral Nutrition Action Plan (NMNAP) Mid-Term Review kick-off meeting was to be held in April 2019. Data register books for CHW that will be applied to the formal CHWs cadre is currently being reviewed. DPs working at community level have been contacted to provide their inputs.

#### **Disease updates:**

**Malaria day** was held in Lindi due to its prevalence rate in that region. **Vaccination week** was held last week with media seminar informing the country on the measles rubella. **Ebola** situation is still not good in DRC, WHO Officer was killed last week. Resource mobilization for the country preparedness (Tanzania) continues with DPs including WFP and DFID. **Cholera** cases are still being reported in one region-Tanga. The river Pangani is contaminated, household treatment is a challenge. One new region-Singida has reported **dengue** fever cases in addition to Dar es Salaam and Tanga regions. **Anthrax:** human anthrax is over, WHO will soon close it. **Rabies:** 136 cases of dog bites and 2 deaths have been reported, USAID and FAO provide support. More information on the diseases' updates can be found at the DPG H website: [http://www.tzdp.org.tz/fileadmin/documents/dpg\\_internal/dpg\\_working\\_groups\\_clusters/cluster\\_2/health/DPG\\_H\\_Meeting\\_Documents\\_2019/EVD\\_situation\\_preparedness\\_02052019.pdf](http://www.tzdp.org.tz/fileadmin/documents/dpg_internal/dpg_working_groups_clusters/cluster_2/health/DPG_H_Meeting_Documents_2019/EVD_situation_preparedness_02052019.pdf)

**Discussion:** It was reported that there are also rabies cases in Uvinza DC in Kigoma region. WHO will follow up on this. Ebola cases in DRC are increasing so the risk is very high in Tanzania hence, preparedness is very crucial. Most of the new contacts are not in the contact list that is why cases are popping up because it is difficult to trace them.

#### **7. Updates on key events/Upcoming events**

- **MOHCDGEC Budget speech** to be held from 7 – 8 May 2019 in Dodoma. DPs are requested to confirm their participation by today. Received confirmations so far are from WHO, CDC, PEPFAR and GIZ.
- **SUN global gathering** is planned for November 2019.
- **Women Deliver Conference** on the rights and well-being of women and girls to be held



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on the first week of June 2019 in Vancouver, Canada. Minister for Health will attend as well as several Tanzanian CSO delegates.

8. **AOB**

No any other business.

9. **Next meeting:**

Next DPG H meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019** as **June 5<sup>th</sup>** will be holiday-  
**Eid El Fitri.**