

**HEALTH SECTOR STRATEGIC PLAN III
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND
RESPONSE STRATEGY**

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Overview
- EPR Strategic/Operational Objectives
- Achievements
- Future Plans
- Challenges/Risks
- Recommendations

OVERVIEW

- Health Sector can be confronted with natural or human made disasters which have medical aspects e.g., various accidents, technological and chemical wastes accidents.
- New threats due to climate change e.g. severe drought, flash floods, environmental degradation tsunamis , tropical storms etc.

OVERVIEW CONTD

- The global threats of emerging and re-emerging diseases of high epidemic potentials e.g. Avian Influenza, Ebola, Influenza H1N1, SARS etc.
- The increased terrorist actions using high sophisticated technology.
- The influx of refugees as a result of political instability in the neighbouring countries.

OVERVIEW CONTD

- All the above threats requires health interventions.
- MOHSW through HSSP III, established an Emergency Preparedness and Response Strategy.
- Responsible for giving technical guidance and develop strategies for emergency and disaster preparedness and response.
- Formed TWG responsible for coordinating emergency and disaster preparedness and response operations at all levels.

EPR STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES

1.0. To establish systems at all levels for immediate emergency preparedness and response to health disasters.

- Preparing for and responding to emergency and disaster situations at all levels in the country.
- Establish/strengthen the Rapid Response Teams on the management emergency and disaster situation in the country.
- Capacity building in terms of training of health workers, community awareness and dissemination of guidelines and protocols for response

EPR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES contd

- Develop communication strategy on emergency and disaster management
- Establish effective surveillance and information system for emergency preparedness and response.
- Provision of necessary resources (human, financial and materials for immediate response to emergencies.
- Establish national and international networking which monitor potential cross border threats

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Responded to various emergency situations eg. Kilosa (Morogoro), Bukombe (Shinyanga) and Chato (Kagera) floods
- Training of Rapid Response teams to first responders from the regions (Morogoro, Pwani, Iringa, Singida, Dodoma, etc)
- Investigate on the environmental pollution by strong acids and heavy metals in the areas surrounding Gold Mine Industry at Tarime, Mara region

ACHIEVEMENTS CONTD

- Provision of antiviral medicines and PPEs for Avian Influenza and Influenza H1N1 to all regions.
- Conducted International Health Regulation (IHR) core capacity assessment in 10 regions to assess the level of preparedness.
- Established 5 Avian Influenza sentinel sites across the country.

ACHIEVEMENTS CONTD

- TWG was formed and constitutes members drawn from the MOHSW, its Institutions, UN Agencies, NGOs, and other ministries, and meets regularly
- Developed its TORs and has been revising them from time to time to accommodate changes.
- Earmarked activities for the period of 5 years
- Developed annual Action Plan for the year 2010-2011 and its financial requirements

FUTURE PLANS

- Deployment of Rapid Response Teams (RRT), to the scenes of emergencies.
- Procurement of medicines, PPE, medical supplies etc.
- Development and distribution of IEC materials
- Develop All Hazard National EPR Plan

FUTURE PLANS

- Review and finalize Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and Disaster Management Guidelines and Protocols.
- Train the Regions on the All Hazard Emergency management.
- Establish/ strengthen and conduct training sessions to the Regional Rapid Response Teams on the management of all hazard emergency management

FUTURE PLANS

- Train the regions in developing their emergency contingency plans
- Conduct supportive supervision to health facilities to evaluate the level of preparedness to respond to emergencies.
- Conduct annual quarterly meetings
- Develop the All Hazard Training Manuals
- Testing of the training manuals

FUTURE PLANS

- Establish effective surveillance and information system for emergency preparedness and response by conducting risk assessment and strengthen early warning.
- Establish regional and international networking, which monitor potential international threats.
- Rehabilitation of post disaster stress disorders to victims of accidents by counseling them.
- Strengthen coordination mechanisms on emergency preparedness and response at all levels

FUTURE PLANS contd

- Document the experiences obtained from responding operations at various levels.

CHALLENGES/RISKS

- Increased occurrence of natural and technological disasters in the country.
- Funds for preparing for and responding to emergencies not adequate.
- Lack of All hazard Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan.
- Shortage of health human resources in health facilities.

CHALLENGES CONTD

- The information management system for Health emergency preparedness and response is either not functional or inadequate.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Allocate adequate funds for preparing for and responding to emergencies at all levels. A total of 641,777,000 Tzs is required to implement the prioritized activities 2010/2011.
- Consider the formation of Public Health Emergency fund.
- Establish a separate account for emergency and disaster preparedness.

RECOMMENDATIONS CONTD

- Provision of adequate communication systems in the country
- Train more human resources on emergency management at all health facility levels.
- Consider the formation of Para Medical Ambulance Services country wide.

THE END

- Thank you for listening.