GLOBAL TASK FORCE ON CHOLERA CONTROL

ZAMBIA

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OBJECTIVES AND TIMELINES General objective:

to control the current outbreak and reduce morbidity and mortality due to cholera (short term goal), and eventually achieve cholera elimination in Zambia (long term goal – by 2025)



SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- 1) Establish a multi-sectoral cholera control program to improve coordination between health and other stakeholders at all levels
- 2) Enhance cholera surveillance activities at all levels
- 3) Strengthen laboratory capacity to detect and confirm cholera cases at national and subnational levels
- 4) Improve case management and infection control protocols at health facility level
- 5) Enhance environmental control and WASH measures for cholera prevention and control
- 6) Strengthen outbreak response and endemic cholera control through the use of Oral Cholera Vaccine in areas affected by the current outbreak and in identified cholera hotspots
- 7) Strengthen social mobilization and community engagement
- 8) Ensure continuous effective monitoring and evaluation of cholera preparedness and response

IMPLEMENTATION

Generally organized along the three axes of the Global roadmap on cholera control:

1. Early detection and response to contain outbreaks at an early stage

2. A multi-sectoral approach to control cholera in hotpots

3. An effective mechanism of coordination for technical support, resource mobilization and partnership at local and global levels.

The implementation plan is along key thematic areas of:

- Leadership and coordination;
- Surveillance and laboratory;
- Water Sanitation and Hygiene;
- Social mobilization;
- Case Management;
- Oral Cholera Vaccination

Development of a National Action Plan backed by legislative framework supported by strong political will, with a focus on multi sectoral approach, earmaked resource allocation from both domestic revenue and donor funding and establishment of strong institutions to match budgets

CAPACITIES AND GAPS

I. Training/Reseach

Increased data / epidemiological analytic capacity

Orientation of frontline healthcare workers in IDSR

2. Laboratory capacity

• Establishment of Public Health Lab network

Biobank for isolates & other samples

3. Information Management

- Central database & repository for historical surveillance data
- IT infrastructure to support data capture & sharing across all levels (eIDSR) (The China CDC model)
- Community-based surveillance (for early warning)

4. Funding for WASH

5. OCV