



GLOBAL TASK FORCE ON  
**CHOLERA CONTROL**

SURVEILLANCE WG — NEXT STEPS

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# MAIN AREAS FOR SUPPORT

- Identification of priority areas for intervention and monitor the progress – Country profiles
- Capacity building of health workers and CHW in surveillance: case detection, data collection and data reporting
- Integrate the laboratory and private clinics, NGOs in the surveillance system.  
Enhance cross-border surveillance
- Support the countries in data analysis and production of epidemiological reports and dissemination among partners
- Monitoring and evaluation of the interventions implemented

# MAIN AREAS FOR SUPPORT

- Preposition RDTs at peripheral levels in areas at increased risk of cholera
- Training and guidance for using RDTs and prequalification
- Provision of supplies and guidance for the collection, transportation and storage of laboratory specimens from health care facilities to reference laboratories
- Strengthen the lab capacity for confirmation and antibiotic resistance testing in hotspots - regular provision of reagents and supplies
- Increase access to molecular testing – shipment of specimens
- Establish agreements with international reference labs- supplies, training, QC

# NEXT STEPS LAB 1/2

## ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE

- **Finalise Guidance note from Public Health perspective** – by annual June meeting. Note to include suggestion to freeze samples during outbreaks for future analysis
  - Revised note to be circulated shortly to the Lab WG for feedback
  - Shared with the WASH WG for feedback as well
- **Research agenda to be developed** – research projects around circulation of VC in environment and its role in transmission

## MOLECULAR TESTING AND WGS

- Position paper on refined definition of *Vibrio Cholerae*, draft by annual June meeting – Nick Thomson

# NEXT STEPS LAB 2/2

## IMMUNE SEROLOGY TESTING

Recommendation to include in research agenda – helpful to refine burden estimates in places

## COUNTRY LAB CAPACITY BUILDING

- **RDTs** - Job aid on RDTs – how and why to use the test (contextual info) – Maryann and Michele CDC
- **QUALITY CONTROL** – need to be formalized with international labs ready to engage to support countries (bilateral relationship) – update to be provided at June meeting
- Desk review on existing networks
- **BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES**- guidance note on shipment of biological samples
  - Draft to be revised and circulated to the Lab WG – by David

# NEXT STEPS EPI WG

- Surveillance guidance document – finalised by June Annual Meeting
- Template for data collection tool - TBC
- Country profiles – content indicators to be shared - TBC
- Concept Note on modelling – objectives, requirements (data sharing) benefits - TBC
- Research agenda - TBC

# SURVEY TOOL - COUNTRIES

Share survey tool for feedback to the group

Follow up in support to countries – in country review based on initial survey

# NEXT STEPS GTFCC SECRETARIAT

- Push manufacturers for RDT PQ – GTFCC to coordinate with PQ team to reach out to manufacturers for application
- Improve dissemination of information to countries ( guidance documents) – update at the Annual GTFCC meeting



**Thank you**

**Together we can  
#endcholera**



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