

**COMMUNIQUE OF NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES (NTD)
STAKEHOLDERS MEETING HELD AT THE ROCKVIEW HOTEL, ABUJA, 19TH
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The NTD stakeholders' meeting was held on the 19th of May, 2015 at Rockview Hotel, Abuja. In attendance were representatives of WHO, the Carter Center (TCC), RTI/ENVISION, UNITED Consortium, Sightsavers, Health and Development Support Programme (HANDS), Mission To Save The Helpless (MITOSATH), Malaria Consortium, AMEN Health Foundation, Evidence Action, SCI, eHealth Africa, The END Fund, Basic Health Foundation, Global Network, ACCENTURE, The Leprosy Mission Nigeria, UNICEF, Vitamin Angels as well as Heller Keller International (HKI). Also present were National and Zonal Officers from the Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Division. The stakeholders' meeting was chaired by Prof. Uche Amazigo, ex-Director, African Programme for Onchocerciasis Control (APOC).

There were presentations and discussions on status of NTD programme implementation in Nigeria, status of NTD mapping, NGOs support for NTDs in Nigeria, and scale up plans for PC-NTDs, gaps and priority areas. Advocacy issues as well as strengthening IDM and zoonotic -NTDs Interventions were also discussed.

At the end of the meeting the following recommendations were made:

1. Federal and State governments should utilize dedicated budget lines to adequately fund NTD programme activities as outlined in the master plan ensuring timely release of funds.
2. The Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) in collaboration with the Global Trachoma Mapping Project (GTMP) should complete mapping of Trachoma, Schistosomiasis/Soil Transmitted Helminthes and Lymphatic Filariasis in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States using the GTMP funds
3. FMOH should liaise with relevant partners to complete delineation mapping in 51 Onchocerciasis hypo-endemic LGAs in 11 States and conduct RAPLOA surveys in 338 LGAs of 21 States.

4. The NTD Programme should integrate mapping results into the national database for effective planning and decision-making.
5. FMOH should develop and share with partners detailed NTD activity implementation gaps by LGA
6. Programmes in Nigeria need to distribute medicines for PC-NTDs during the dry season (between January and April). All processes, national and international such as application for drugs, drug delivery, etc, should work to have the medicines in the country by December of the year preceding the treatment cycle. The NTD Programme should liaise with partners, WHO and the relevant pharmaceutical companies to ensure early arrival of medicines.
7. Partners should encourage operational research as an active component of NTD programme implementation in line with international and Paris Declaration of committing 5-10% of health support to research. They should also encourage translation of appropriate research findings into actions and publications.
8. To determine the funding gaps in Nigeria that will occur with the closure of APOC, WHO should get information from APOC management on its support to Nigeria (including capital equipment) over the last 3 years in collaboration with NGDO coalition. Utilizing the information provided FMOH and partners should assess support gaps and develop plans to bridge them.
9. In view of the gap created by the reduced funding of APOC to projects and the need to scale up activities, a high powered advocacy team should approach the in-coming administration using advocacy kits which highlights NTDs burden in the various States and success achieved, challenges and responsibilities to solicit for funding of NTD programme activities.
10. FMOH should increase the profile of Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention (MMDP) in planning and implementation of NTDs. NTD activity reports should always include IDM and other non- PC NTDs.
11. The NTD Programme should plan NTD stakeholders meeting to be held once a year, alongside one of the Steering Committee meetings.

12. Partners are encouraged to support the national office with office equipments (laptops, desktops, scanners etc) and logistics to enhance its oversight and supervisory functions. The meeting noted with appreciation the commitment of partners to provide support in the following areas:

- a. The Carter Centre and Sightsavers in addition to the States they support would provide support for the Onchocerciasis Elimination Committee.
- b. RTI/ENVISION and UNITED will continue to support the NTD Steering Committee meetings as bundled in the present format.
- c. RTI/ENVISION will support M& E and supervision components of FMOH NTD activities (including strengthening of the zonal offices).
- d. The END Fund will support NTD programme activities in Ekiti State through MITOSATH and hopes to extend its scope of support.
- e. e-Health Africa will strategically support M& E where there is need.
- f. Global Network will support national NTD Steering Committee advocacy effort and State level where appropriate. It will also consider advocacy to the private sector and community based organisations.

The meeting expressed its appreciation to the Federal Ministry of Health and partners for providing the needed support for the session.

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