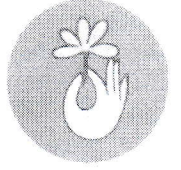


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**Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly review meeting on Leprosy control activities held**  
**on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

I would like to thank you for your extended support and highly appreciate the contribution of all involved parties in preventive & curative sectors on leprosy control activities.

Herewith I am sending you the minute of the above meeting along with the problems and solutions discussed at the meeting.

Thank you,

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 Dr. M. L. S. N. Fernando  
 Director  
 Anti Leprosy Campaign  
 Ministry of Health

**Dr. Mrs. M. L. S. N. FERNANDO**  
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## Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Review Meeting on Leprosy Control Activities held on 14.07.2016

The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Review Meeting 2016 on Leprosy Control Activities was held in New Ministry of Health building auditorium of ALC with the participation of the following officials on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016. It was chaired by Dr. Sarath Amunugama (DDG-PHS1).

### List of participants

Ministry of Health	Dr. Sarath Amunugama, DDG – PHS1
Anti Leprosy Campaign	Dr.M.L.S.N.Fernando , Director- ALC Dr.SupunWijesinghe, Consultant Community Physician-ALC Dr. Gayan Piyasena – MO –HI/ ALC Dr.N. P. Rathnasekera, MO-ALC Dr. Sujeewa Amarasekera- MO-ALC Dr. Renuka Rupasinghe- RMO-ALC
Participants from Districts	Regional Epidemiologists Leprosy Control – PHII
Absent	Badulla district & CMC

Dr. Nilanthi Fernando – Director, ALC started the session with the welcome speech and gave an introduction on objectives of the meeting and it was chaired by Dr. Sarath Amunugama-DDG-PHS1.

Regional Epidemiologists of the districts and Leprosy Control PHI of the district presented the district data on leprosy control activities for the quarter.

<b>Issues discussed and suggestions given by Dr. Sarath Amunugama- DDG-PHS 1</b>	
<b>Issue/Suggestion</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
1. Importance of decentralization of activities and the importance of allocating duties to LC- PHI by REs especially in community screening to detect leprosy cases. REs agreed to utilize LC-PHI for community screening activities.	RE

<p>2. In some districts there was no proper contact tracing system and coverage of contact tracing is insufficient and he stated the importance of establishing contact tracing system in order to maintain the sustainability of the programme. In addition to that he stated that coverage of contact tracing should be 100%.</p>	<p>RE/ LC-PHI MOH</p>
<p>3. Suggested to establish a satellite clinic at Kataragama and ALC agreed to give support to establish a satellite clinic.</p>	<p>ALC RDHS RE-Monaragala LC-PHI Monaragala</p>
<p>4. Suggested Ratnapura RE to conduct 6 community screening programmes in her district during 2016 since there are 6 high endemic GN divisions. RE stated the need of support from PHMs for these programmes and the difficulty of getting support of the PHMs. He requested the RDHS- Ratnapura to make necessary arrangement to provide human resources for community screening programmes.</p>	<p>RDHS RE/LC-PHI MOH</p>
<p>5. Underutilizations of services of physiotherapists in the districts were discussed and instructed ALC to conduct a meeting for College of Dermatologists and Leprosy Study Group and invite him for this meeting. ALC agreed to participate this meeting.</p>	<p>ALC</p>
<p>6. Lacks of awareness about leprosy among Aurvedic practitioners were discussed and he suggested to send a letter to Aurvedic practitioners indicating the need of training and organize a training programme. ALC agreed to send a letter and organize a training programme for Aurvedic practitioners.</p>	<p>ALC</p>
<p>7. There are delayed presentation of leprosy patients and disable cases. He stated the importance of analysis of these data in order to find out the reasons for delayed presentation at district level.</p>	<p>RE/ LC-PHI</p>
<p>8. Advised the RE to couple screening programmes in Polonnaruwa district with “Pibidemu Polonnaruwa mobile programmes”</p>	<p>RE/ LC-PHI</p>
<p>9. Regarding lack of awareness among community about leprosy he suggested to print one million leaflets and distribute these leaflets among general public before screening programmes.</p>	<p>ALC RE</p>
<p>10. Non FAIRMED funded districts did not include an expenditure slide for their presentation and he stated that all districts should include an expenditure slide. All REs agreed to include an expenditure slide.</p>	<p>RE</p>

11. Issues in the online data base system related to data entry was discussed and advised to complete the online data base and enter online data from the district level and get necessary IT support for development	ALC
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<b>Other issues discussed at the meeting</b>	
1. In the Colombo district presentation there was no action plan for next 5 years. Director –ALC & CCP-ALC stressed the importance of having an action plan.	RE/ Colombo
2. In Karapitiya hospital there are no PHLTs and MLTs are doing slit skin smears.ALC agreed to conduct a training programme for MLTs in Karapitiya hospital.	ALC RE- Galle

The meeting was adjourned following the discussion.