

## Minutes of the District Review Meeting on Leprosy Control Activities in Kurunegala District- 22.07.2016

The district review meeting in Kurunegala district was held at RDHS office Auditorium with the participation of the following officials on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016.

Anti Leprosy Campaign	Dr.M.L.S.N.Fernando Director- ALC Dr.SupunWijesinghe Consultant Community Physician-ALC Dr.N. P. Rathnasekera MO-ALC Dr. Sujeewa Amarasekera- MO-ALC Miss. Inoka –DO/ ALC Mr.S. M. Jameel PHI-ALC Mr. Nuwan Mahindaratna- PHI ALC
Local Participants	Dr. Champa J. Aluthweera- RDHS Kurunegala Dr. V. G. Abeywickrama- Consultant Dermatologist/ Kuliypitiya Dr. H. K. Gamage- Consultant Dermatologists/ Nikaweratiya Regional Epidemiologist- Kurunegala District MO- Dermatology/TH Kurunegala / BH Kuliypitiya / BH Nikaweratiya MOOH AMOOH MO-Planning SPHI PHII PHI-LC DO- RE Unit Infection Control Nurses Nursing Officers Physiotherapists Occupational therapists

Dr. Champa J. Aluthweera the RDHS of Kurunegala District started the session with welcome speech and a brief introduction on objectives of the meeting.

Dr.SupunWijesinghe Consultant Community Physician-ALC presented a lecture on Leprosy Statistics in Kurunegala District comparing it with the country.

Dr Abeywicrama, Consultant Dermatologist, BH Kuliypitiya presented a lecture on clinical features, disability assessment and management of leprosy to raise awareness, knowledge and skills of the audience.

MO- Dermatology from TH Kurunegala and BH Nikaweratiya presented hospital presentations.

After hospital presentations Dr Supun Wijesinghe, CCP-ALC presented a lecture on leprosy disease surveillance system and introduction of new IPF.

Dr. Chandrika the Regional Epidemiologist of Kurunegala district presented the leprosy data and hospital details related to the control of leprosy in the district.

Last presentation was done by Dr. Nilanthi Fernando- Director ALC on importance of relapse in leprosy.

Issue/Suggestion	Action to be taken	Responsibility
1. Consultant Dermatologist of BH Nikaweratiya and BH Kuliypitiya discussed the reliability of SSS. They stated that some SSS reports are not reliable.	ALC agreed to provide 01 day refresher training programme related to SSS for PHLTs. In addition to that Director – ALC stated that they can send samples to CLC.	ALC Consultant Dermatologists MO- Dermatology
2. MO- Dermatology of TH Kurunegala suggested adding two columns to the leprosy register (One column for biopsy and the other for the referrals).	CCP-ALC stated that it was included in the patient file. However, ALC agreed to consider this recommendation in their next revision of the register.	ALC
3. Dr. Abeywickrama – Consultant Dermatologists of Kuliypitiya hospital stated that in District presentation the information on biopsy reports are incorrect. He suggested to take the information from the clinic.	RE and PHI- Leprosy Control agreed to his suggestion.	RE PHI-Leprosy Control
4. During District Presentation ALC identified Polpithigama as a high endemic area and suggested to conduct a programme.	RE agreed to conduct an awareness programme and a community screening programme in the area.	RE / PHI- LC
5. Director – ALC stressed that PHI- Leprosy Control's attendance to MOH monthly conferences is not satisfactory.	PHI- Leprosy Control agreed to participate monthly conferences in future and target is to cover up all MOH monthly conferences in a calendar year.	PHI-LC

<p>6. Occupational therapist from TH Kurunegala requested that he can demonstrate how they can help in managing disable patients affected by leprosy. He further stated that other hospitals can also refer patients to him.</p>	<p>Director- ALC advised RE to arrange awareness programme for PAL and staff.</p>	<p>RE PHI-LC – Get down PAL for workshop (include Grade 1 disability patients)</p>
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The meeting was adjourned following the vote of thanks by Mr. Wanasinghe PHI- Leprosy Control Kurunegala.