

Minutes of the District Review Meeting on Leprosy Control Activities

Matara District-09th September 2016

The district review meeting 2016 in Matara district was held at the Auditorium of the RDHS Office-Matara with the participation of the following officials on 09th September 2016.

Participants were as follows

Anti-Leprosy Campaign	Dr.M.L.S.N.Fernando Director- ALC Dr.Supun Wijesinghe, Consultant Community Physician-ALC Dr Subha Registrar in Comm.Medicine Dr.S.M Amarasekera MO-ALC
District Participants	Dr.ADU Karunarathne RDHS Matara Dr ATND Patabendige DRDHS Matara Dr.PDBL Yapa Consultant Dermatologist GH Matara Dr.S Galappaththi Consultant Dermatologist BH Kamburupitiya Dr. MTD Jayaweera RE/ Matara District Dr Sharan Amarasiri MO Leprosy Dr NKPN Nanayakkara MO BH Kamburupitiya Dr.WNAS Rohana AMOH Matara Dr.RMUK Rathnayake MO Dermatology GH Matara Dr Ruwani Jayasinghe AMOH Athuraliya Dr APS Wijesekera AMOH Thihagoda and MOO MOOH of Matara District Chief Pharmasist DGH Matara, Nursing officers, Physiotherapist , Occupational Therapist DGH Mr HW Vijitha LCPHI, SPHIs

Dr.ADU Karunaratne RDHS Matara District started the session with a welcome speech and brief introduction on objectives of the meeting.
 Dr Nilanthi Fernando Director ALC addressed the meeting with brief introduction on Leprosy status and objectives of Anti Leprosy Campaign
 Dr Supun Wijesinghe CCP- ALC presented leprosy situation of the country and Matara district.

Event	Issues/Suggestions	Actions to be taken	Responsibility
1. Hospital presentation- GH Matara	MLTs are doing SSS Rate of positive SSS is low	Need to improve accuracy of SSS, MLTs can be trained at ALC training programmes	RDHS/ Matara Director/GH Matara
	Consultant Dermatologist GH Matara asked to train a Medical officer to do SSS	ALC can accommodate MO for SSS training on their request	ALC RDHS/ Matara Director/GH Matara
2. Hospital presentation- BH Kamburupitiya	Registers not used	ALC advised to use comprehensive Leprosy register instead of informal registers/books Its freely available	RDHS/ Matara Director/GH Matara MS, BH –Kamburupitiya Consultant BH – Kamburupitiya
3. Hospital presentation- BH Deniyaya	Nursing Officer of the skin clinic presented clinic statistics		
5. Dr Supun Wijesinghe CCP- ALC	Presented details regarding the new IPF format and Leprosy disease surveillance system, and forms and registers used in leprosy surveillance		

6. District leprosy situation Dr.Krishantha	Drop NCDR in 2016(Up to now)	ALC strictly advised not to soften control activities until it is confirmed whether a true drop or not	RDHS/ Matara RE All MOOH All PHII
	Mismatch of statics received to the ALC with district statistics.	ALC stressed more attention needed in maintaining patient records, files registers and returns	RE, MO Dermatology, PHI-LC
	High endemic MOH areas Matara, Weligama, Devinuwara, Dickwella	Extension of community screening programs among vulnerable groups in the selected high endemic areas	RDHS/ Matara RE MOOH/ PHI-LC
	Routine notification (H-544) data need to be strengthened.	Need more attention on filling H -544 form by Dermatology MO, ALC stressed the importance of routine notification in contact tracing	Consultant Dermatologist RE MO Dermatology Nursing officer in charge SPHI/ ICNO/ PHI-LC
	Reactions not shown in statistics as leprosy registers were not maintained properly	Advised to update those details in registers	Consultant Dermatologist, MO Dermatology NO in charge
7. Discussion	Patients compliance significantly reduce due to economic restrains Need of giving an allowance/incentive for patients	Utilize routine healthcare facilities as well as social services to minimize the impact on patients and control activities.	ALC RDHS/ Matara RE MOOH/ PHI-LC
		Matara will become a FAIRMED district by next year and may benefitted with much financial assistance	

	Need to reduce defaulter numbers	MDT can issue more than one month once on requirement	RDHS/ Matara Chief Pharmasist, PHI-LC
		Issue MDT for patient card irrespective of their registered place	
	Under reporting of leprosy cases in the district.	Emphasized on the need of community surveys, house to house surveys and contact screening in the district.	RDHS/ Matara PHI-LC MOOH SPHI/Range PHI
	New satellite clinics in BH Akuressa and BH Urubokka started	Clinic should function as a normal skin clinic even though the primary target is to catch and treat leprosy patients effectively improving their compliance	RDHS, Matara MS Akuressa/MS Urubokka Consultant Dermatologists RE/ PHI-LC
	Influence of social stigma for patients affected with leprosy	Emphasized on more awareness and educational programs in the district.	RE / MOOH PHI-LC HEO
	Keeping patient's confidentiality during PHI home visits.	Educate and train PHI's in ensuring privacy and confidentiality.	RE SPHI-D PHI-LC

The meeting was adjourned following the vote of thanks by Dr Sharan Amarasiri MO Leprosy Matara district.