

Minutes of the Eastern Province Review Meeting on Leprosy Control Activities –2016

Trincomalee and Batticaloa District Review

Ampara and Kalmunai District Review

The provincial review meeting 2016 of Eastern province was held at the Auditorium of RDHS office-Batticaloa with the participation of the following officials on 12th ,13th July 2016.

Anti-Leprosy Campaign	Dr.M.L.S.N.Fernando Director- ALC Dr.SupunWijesinghe, Consultant Community Physician-ALC Dr. Gayan Piyasena MO ALC, Dr.S.M Amarasekera MO-ALC
Provincial/District Participants Trincomalee/ Batticaloa	Dr S Arulkumaran CCP Eastern Province Dr. LM Navarathnam DRDHS Batticaloa Dr. N Thamilvannan Consultant Dermatologist/TH Batticaloa, Dr. MMM Munaz RE/ Trincomalee Dr. D Kantharuban RE Batticaloa Dr. S Ilango MO Leprosy Dr.STM Nagendran MOH Oddamawadu Dr.R Ravichandran MOH Dr.K Wijayakumaran MOH Trincomalee Dr T Indramathy MOH Uppuweli Dr C Sivapirashanth MOH Vaharei Dr. CR Jayaruban MO Dermatology TH Batticaloa Dr. KKIS Kaushalya MO Dermatology TH Batticaloa Mr. MSH Mohommad PPHI EP Mr S Manokaran PHI LC MOOH, SPHIs, LCPHIs, In –Charge Nursing Officers, Chief Pharmacist-RMSD, Pharmacists, PHLT’s, HEO, Physiotherapist

Dr. RDHS Batticaloa started the session with a welcome speech and brief introduction on objectives of the meeting.

Dr Supun Wijesinghe CCP- ALC presented Leprosy situation of the country and Eastern Province

ALC appreciated commitment and cooperation of Dr S Arulkumaran CCP Eastern Province on leprosy control activities of eastern province

Event	Issues/Suggestions	Actions to be taken	Responsibility
1. Hospital presentation- TH Batticaloa	High incidence rate of relapses	Sending patients for further care and investigations to CLC.	ALC Dermatologists
	Difficulty of Deformity management	Need more advanced facilities at dermatology clinics and multidisciplinary approach.	ALC, RDHS Batticaloa Consultant Dermatologist Batticaloa
	Special attention given for leprosy patients by the Consultant Dermatologist allocating separate day for Leprosy patients and having inward facilities for dermatology unit appreciated by ALC.		
	SSS done was few in number	Training can be arranged on request from ALC	RDHS Batticaloa Director /TH Batticaloa RE
2. District Presentation/ Batticaloa District Mr S.Manokaran PHI-LC	Presentation was done PHI LC	RE shall do the presentation. RE should lead and supervise the team for leprosy control activities under the guidance of RDHS	RDHS Batticaloa
	Statistics were not compatible with true figures	ALC stressed to pay more attention to collect much accurate data from existing notification system by strengthening it.	
	Case detection rates were much less than predictable rates	Need more community surveys/ screenings in areas as Kalawanchikudi. ALC pointed out the importance of focused screening programmes	
	Need of rewards/ commendation to	Local/International training opportunities	ALC

	motivate staff		
		It will consider to include Batticaloa as FAIRMED district	ALC
	MO Leprosy underutilized	Leprosy control activities should be the assigned primary duty of MO leprosy.	ALC RDHS Batticaloa
4. District Presentation/ Trincomalee District	Need of more community surveys and Screening programmes	ALC will facilitate for required screening programmes.	ALC RDHS Batticaloa
	Fund allocations not sufficient for activities	ALC noted the matter for future allocations	ALC RDHS Batticaloa
	Issues with mismatch of statics received to the ALC with district statistics	ALC highly concerned on accuracy of data and statistics presented	ALC RDHS Batticaloa RE
Manthive Leprosy Hospital visit	Only two patients currently stay They are willing to come to Hendala	It will be cost effective and comfortable if those patients shift to Hendala Leprosy Hospital	
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		

The meeting was adjourned following the vote of thanks by Dr S Arulkumaran CCP Eastern Province

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6. District leprosy situation Ampara District Dr. CS Wickremasinghe RE Ampara	Need trainings for staff MLT/PHLT	Will include for next available training programme	ALC RDHS Ampara RE
	Large number of cases on extended treatment	Need of notifying exact details/ statistics on extended treatments to avoid MDT shortage	RDHS Ampara RE PHI LC
	High endemic MOH areas Dehiattakandiya, Uhana, Ampara	extension of community screening programs among vulnerable groups in the selected high endemic areas	RDHS Ampara RE 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	RDHS Ampara RE PHI LC
District leprosy situation Kalmunai District Dr N Ariff RE Kalmuai	Difficulties with available transport facilities	ALC understand the fact and urged attention of relevant authority.	PDHS Eastern province RDHS Kalmunai
	Case detection rates less than expected	Need more attention on contact examinations, community survey and community screening programmes	RDHS Kalmunai RE Kalmunai PHI LC
7. Discussion	Patient Files used only at the first visit and not updated in subsequent visits	ALC highlighted that Patient Files were prepared with expert contribution for affluent record keeping hence the importance of updating it.	Consultant Dermatologist, MO Dermatology ICNO

	Influence of social stigma for patients affected with Leprosy	Emphasized on more awareness and educational programs in the district.	ALC RDHS 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