

Minutes of the District Review Meeting on Leprosy Control Activities

Galle District- 30th June 2016

The district review meeting 2016 in Galle district was held at the Auditorium of the Regional Training Center of RDHS Office-Unawatuna, Galle with the participation of the following officials on 30th June 2016.

Participants were as follows

Anti-Leprosy Campaign	Dr.M.L.S.N.Fernando Director- ALC Dr.Supun Wijesinghe, Consultant Community Physician-ALC Dr Priyani Rathnasekera MO-ALC, Dr.S.M Amarasekera MO-ALC
District Participants	Dr.C. Sirithunga RDHS Galle District Dr.Binari Wijenayake, Consultant Dermatologist/TH Katrapitiya Dr. TDP Lokunarangoda, Consultant Dermatologist/BH Balapitiya. Dr.Wenura Kesingarachchi RE/Galle District Dr Kaushalya Gurusinghe AMOH, Dr R jayathilaka AMOH Dr.NP wijesekera AMOH Gonapinuwala, Dr VCD Kudagama AMOH Udugama, DrWADM Perera AMOH Bope Poddala Dr HWC Mendis MO Dermatology, Dr, HD Attanayake AMOH Akmeemana, Dr. M Danthararayana MOH Akmeemana Dr. J Hettiarachchi MO Dermatology TH Karapitiya, Dr. NH Ubeysekera MO Planning, Dr.KJR Lankeshwara AMOH Baddegama MOOH, SPHIs, Mr OMS Jayaweera LCPHI, In –Charge Nursing Officers, Infection Control Nursing Officers, Pharmacists, PHLT’s, HEO, Physiotherapists.

Dr.C. Sirithunga RDHS Galle District 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 Galle district.

Dr.Binari Wijenayake, Consultant Dermatologist/ Teaching Hospital Karapitiya presented a lecture on clinical features, disability assessment and management of leprosy to raise awareness on early recognition of the disease.

Event	Issues/Suggestions	Actions to be taken	Responsibility
1. Hospital presentation- TH Karapitiya	Lack of Medical Officers and the need of at least 01 more medical officer for dermatology unit	Take necessary actions to get a MO immediately from the next appointments list.	RDHS/ Galle Director/TH Galle
	Difficulty in maintaining of leprosy registers with routine workload.	Allocating leprosy case handling, clerking and register updating for a designated MO who will be handling all leprosy cases.	Consultant Dermatologist MO Dermatology
		Physiotherapists/ Occupational therapists can assist to fill some follow up assessment tables in the Patients File.	Consultant Dermatologist MO Dermatology Physiotherapists Occupational therapist
		ALC highlighted the importance of team work and involving all stakeholders in patientcare.	All staff at dermatology Clinics
2. Hospital presentation- BH Balapitiya	Lack of Medical Officers in the dermatology clinic.	Take necessary actions to get a MOO immediately from the next appointments list.	RDHS/ Galle MS BH Balapitiya
	No trained MLT/PHLT for SSS	PHLT's will be trained by ALC in their next training programme.	ALC RDHS MS/ BH Balapitiya

	No proper training or awareness programme on filling IPF for MO	Training for filling IPFs were conducted during the district review meetings. Special training programme can be arranged if necessary.	ALC
4. Hospital presentation BH Elpitiya	Not presented		RDHS Galle
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 Mr.OMS Jyaweera PHI LC	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 MC Galle, Hikkaduwa, Baddegama	Extension of community screening programs among vulnerable groups in the selected high endemic areas	RDHS/Galle 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
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 NO in charge

	Under reporting of leprosy cases in the district.	Emphasize on the need of community surveys, house to house surveys and contact screening in the district.	RDHS/ Galle RE PHI-LC MOOH SPHI/Range PHI
	Satellite clinic in BH Udugama not conducted properly	BH Udugama will conduct a satellite clinic weekly with the assistance of new Dermatologist of BH Deniyaya	RDHS, MS Udugama MS Deniyaya Consultant Dermatologist/BH Deniyaya RE/ PHI-LC
	MDT not available at BH Udugama	Immediately make MDT available in BH Udugama	ALC RDHS RMSD/ 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.Wenura Kesingarachchi RE/Galle District.