

## Minutes of the District Review Meeting on Leprosy Control Activities in Gampaha District- 27.06.2016

The district review meeting 2016 in Gampaha district was held in RDHS office auditorium with the participation of the following officials on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

Anti Leprosy Campaign	Dr. M.L.S.N. Fernando , Director- ALC Dr. Supun Wijesinghe, Consultant Community Physician-ALC Dr. N. P. Rathnasekera, MO-ALC
Local Participants	Dr. A. L. Fareed – RDHS Gmpaha Dr. W. Warnasooriya – Consultant Dermatologists CNTH- Ragama Dr. Niranjan Ariyasinghe- Consultant Dermatologists DGH Negambo Dr. Nayani Sooriyaarachchi- Country Coordinator/FAIRMED Dr. Manjula Arachchi- RE/MO Epidemiology MOO Dermatology MOOH, AMOOH Physiotherapists SPHII & Range PHII

Mrs. Mayadunne/ PHI-Leprosy Control of Gampaha District started the session with the welcome speech.

Dr. A. L. Fareed the Regional Director of Health Services gave a brief introduction on objectives of the meeting.

Dr. Supun Wijesinghe Consultant Community Physician-ALC presented a lecture on Leprosy Statistics in Gampaha District. In his presentation he stated that greater proportion of leprosy patients are from Western Province and there is a huge burden from Gampaha District.

Dr. Manjula Arachchi RE/ MO Epidemiology Regional Epidemiologist presented the leprosy data, hospital details related to the control of leprosy and the financial progress of the Gampaha district.

Issue/Suggestion	Action to be taken	Responsibility
Dr. Niranjan Ariyasinghe Consultant Dermatologist DGH Negambo stated that there was shortage of drugs at the beginning of the year.	Director- ALC highlighted the importance of sending data on extended treatment in order to prevent drug shortage in the future. She also mentioned that there is no current shortage of drugs and stocks have been received by WHO.	LC-PHI/ Pharmacists

<p>Second issue discussed was the reliability of SSS. Both Consultant Dermatologists from CNTH- Ragama &amp; DGH Negambo stated that sometimes SSS reports are not reliable. Consultant Dermatologists – CNTH Ragama stated the importance of refresher training programme for PHLTs.</p>	<p>ALC agreed to provide one day refresher training programme for PHLTs. ALC also requested that all newly appointed PHLTs to be sent for 3 day SSS training programme conduct by ALC. ALC also suggested to send MLTs for respective training as a separate group in both hospitals.</p>	<p>ALC/ RE/ LC-PHI</p>
<p>The third issue discussed was the difficulty of obtaining the drug Minocycline which is needed for leprosy patients who have developed reactions to Dapsonse.</p>	<p>ALC agreed to discuss with MSD and keep a buffer stock of Minocycline at ALC.</p>	<p>ALC Chief Pharmacist /ALC</p>
<p>Allocating a fixed date for contact screening. (Saturday)</p>	<p>ALC appreciated this and also suggested to keep fixed date for contact screening at all MOH offices in the district in line with LPEP and all other districts.</p>	<p>RDHS/RE / LC-PHI MOOH</p>

In addition to that ALC appreciated the overall performances of Gampaha District.

The meeting was adjourned following the vote of thanks by LC PHI- Gampaha District.