

Minutes of the District Review Meeting on Leprosy Control Activities

Hambantota District- 1st September 2016

The district review meeting 2016 in Galle district was held at the Auditorium of the RDHS Office-Hambantota with the participation of the following officials on 1st 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.S.M Amarasekera MO-ALC
District Participants	Dr.Krishantha RE/Hambantota District Dr AIU Jayalath MOH Hambantota Dr MRAM Rifai MO DGH Hambantota Chief Pharmasist DGH Hambantota, Physiotherapist DGH Hambantota SPHIs, LCPHI, FAIRMED representatives

Dr.Krisantha RE Hambantota 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 Hambantota district.

ALC seriously concern on very poor participation of Consultant dermatologists, Relevant invited Medical officers Nursing officers and MOOH for the review meeting on Leprosy control activities in Hambantota district. RDHS Hambantota, Director, GH- Hambantota, MS, BH-Tangalle and Consultant dermatologists should be responsible to instruct and release relevant officers for the review meeting which is conducting once a year.

ALC stressed to all relevant parties to understand the leprosy as it is a disease, yet among top priorities in communicable disease in Hambantota district. Teamwork of preventive and curative groups as well as collaboration among them is crucial to reach leprosy elimination targets.

Event	Issues/Suggestions	Actions to be taken	Responsibility
1. Hospital presentation- GH Hambantota Dr MRAM Rifai MO	No PHLTs 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/ Hambantota Director/GH Hambantota
2. Hospital presentation- BH Tangalle	PHI-LC presented clinic statistics	ALC highlighted the importance of a representative from the hospital for the review meetings conducting once a year.	RDHS/ Hambantota Director/GH Hambantota MS, BH –Tangalle Consultant Dermatologists GH Hambantota and BH – Tangalle
	No issues were raised for discussion		
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	Very poor participatipn of MOOH	ALC suggested to discuss Leprosy situation of each MOH area at review meetings	RDHS/ Hambantota RE All MOOH
	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/ Hambantota 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 Tissamaharamaya, Ambalantota Sooriyawewa	Extension of community screening programs among vulnerable groups in the selected high endemic areas	RDHS/ Hambantota 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	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
	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/ Hambantota PHI-LC MOOH SPHI/Range PHI
	Satellite clinic in BH Tissamaharamaya is not conducted properly	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, Hambantota MS Thissamaharama Consultant Dermatologist/BH Hambantota RE/ PHI-LC

	FAIRMED assistance will stop from next year	Utilize routine healthcare facilities as well as social services to minimize the impact on patients and control activities.	RDHS/ Hambantota RE MOOH/ 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.Krishantha RE/ Hambantota district.