

Ministry of Water and Environment Joint Technical Review 2017

Undertaking no. 8

Elimination of cholera in cholera prone districts By Martha Naigaga Sanitation Coordinator

Detail of Undertaking No. 08

- Undertaking No. 8: Develop a strategy to eliminate cholera in 16 cholera prone districts by end of FY 2016/17
- Committee overseeing the undertaking: National Sanitation Working Group
- Chaired by: *Eng. Sam Mutono (WSP/WORLD BANK)*
- Secretariat: *MWE/RWSD*
- (Arua, Hoima, Kasese, Wakiso, Kampala, Butaleja, Mbale, Jinja, Namayingo, Busia, Tororo, Bududa, Sironko, Bulambuli, Kapchorwa, Moroto)

Progress in achieving outputs

- Strategy already developed by MOH/ National Cholera Task force
 - ✓ National Integrated Comprehensive Cholera Prevention and Control Strategic Plan (2017/18-2021/22)
 - ✓ Stakeholders at both National and District level were involved and consulted
 - ✓ Special focus on the cholera hotspots (border districts, fishing communities/landing sites, slums, refugee settlements)
- Reviewed the National Cholera guidelines and also the preparedness and response plan for 2016-17

Planned Actions and Progress

ACTION	TIME LINE	STATUS
Conduct Rapid WASH (Water, Sanitation	By 15 th March	On going (PHS have
and Hygiene) Situation Analysis for the	2017	embarked on the data
prone districts		compilation)
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Carry out water quality monitoring in	continuous	On going
prone districts		
Plan for additional WASH Interventions	By May 2017	On going (Both at
in the prone districts		the district and the
		centre)
Plan for community engagement and	By May 2017	On going
sensitization together with the district		
Conduct Media Campaign to raise	Immediately	Communication team
awareness of the masses		has been contacted
		and briefed
		and offered 4

Related activities / processes

- Inadequate access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene services are major risk factors for cholera out breaks. Interventions to increase access to WASH services contributes to elimination of cholera.
 - Source per village
 - Increased access to safe water through piped schemes
 - Multi stakeholder involvement including engagement of leaders

Opportunities

- Changing focus towards safely managed sanitation services is key in closing the loop
- Recommendations from the recent Sanitation Diagnostic study will be helpful

Key Challenges

- 1. Undertakings are not aligned with the planning cycle
- 2. Many of these interventions are district based thus limited control on the prioritization by the district
- 3. Multi stakeholder involvement which sometimes causes delays