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MALI: YELLOW FEVER

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The situation

Forty confirmed cases of yellow fever and 19 suspected deaths have been reported in the region of Kayes, Mali. The tests confirming the cases were carried out at the National Reference Laboratory in Mali and later confirmed at the regional reference laboratory in the Institute Pasteur, Dakar-Senegal.

The most affected are children between 16 and 18 months due to lack of vaccination in this region. This is mainly due to the lack of nation wide immunization campaigns of yellow fever in Mali over the past two decades. It is noted that the country's last immunization mass campaign took place in 1987 with a backlog action in some high risk zones in 1997. The emergency has prompted the government, through the Ministry of Health and its partners, to launch a mass vaccination campaign targeting 300,000 people. Isolated cases have also been noted in other regions.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action taken so far

The Federation Secretariat in Geneva and the West Africa regional delegation in Dakar are coordinating with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Médecins San Frontières (MSF) in order to assess the situation. A Plan of action has been developed with the Mali Red Cross¹ to respond to the epidemic in the most affected areas with the support of a medical doctor deployed from the region.

The Plan of Action is mainly to carry out sensitization activities within the next 3 months in 400 villages for the benefit of about 1 million people in Kayes region. It will consist of:

- Strengthening the coordination mechanism for discussion between the Ministry of Health (MoH) and other partners.
- Organizing six training sessions for 1000 volunteers and 65 supervisors for the sensitization campaign.
- Providing aprons and T-shirts for Red Cross visibility during the campaign.
- Conducting sensitization campaigns for 3 months- supported by some radio programmes.
- Providing technical and financial support to the sensitization teams.
- Contributing to the setting up of an emergency management plan.

The needs

The best way of fighting the epidemic is the mass immunization campaign accompanied by sensitization campaigns. Despite the mass vaccination campaign that started on 11 November 2005, there is still a gap to be filled. This implies mobilization and training of volunteers to carry out the sensitization campaigns so as to encourage a full participation in the immunization campaign. In order to ensure the affected population is well reached, there is also a need for a platform for discussions with all stakeholders. The required resources include:

- Trained volunteers and personnel;
- Sensitization materials;
- Megaphones;
- Aprons and other dressing for campaign;
- Communication materials;
- Transportation.

It is important to note that there is a lack of qualified medical staff to carry out the immunization campaign. Besides, to date, there is no task force to tackle the crisis.

Coordination

A vaccination campaign is ongoing in the districts of Bafoulabé, Kadiolo, Kolondiéba, Sélingué and Yanfolila where more than 300,000 persons have so far been vaccinated. On MoH's request, an additional dose of yellow fever vaccine and auto-destruct syringes are being provided by the International Coordinating Group on Vaccine Provision for Yellow Fever Control and the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) from their emergency stockpiles. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is targeting the population of Bafoulabé and six other surrounding at risk districts (Kangaba, Kati, Kayes, Kéniéba, Kita and Yanfolila) by shipping the vaccine for 9 months.

WHO, with support from the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO), is sending a team from the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network comprising of two epidemiologists, two virologists and a logistician to help with the outbreak investigation and response and the establishment of a surveillance system for adverse events following the vaccination campaign- refer to http://www.who.int/csr/don/2005_11_16/en/index.html

Plan of Action

Goal: To contribute to reduce the rate of yellow fever prevalence in Mali.

Objective 1: Strengthening the operational capacity of the government vaccination structure.

¹ Mali Red Cross- refer to <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=112>

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Objective 2: Sensitization of the population for vaccination against yellow fever.

Objective 3: Dissemination of messages on the prevention of yellow fever.

Expected Results:

- Population is well informed about yellow fever;
- Population is mobilized to go for vaccination;
- Targeted population has been vaccinated.

Activities

- Mobilization and training of 1,000 volunteers and 65 supervisors.
- Mobilization and sensitization campaigns in the affected and high risk villages.
- Dissemination of messages on yellow fever prevention and vaccination.
- Involvement of volunteers in the epidemiologic surveillance system through case finding and referral to medical structures.
- Strengthening of the capacity of the community to care for the sick.
- Social mobilization and communication on behaviour change.
- Actions against the carrier (impregnated mosquito nets provided by the MoH being distributed).
- Coordination of resource mobilization, supervision of activities and evaluation of the management of the epidemic.
- Active participation in the coordination meeting with partners.

Budget outline

Refer to the attached budget.

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Budget

Designation	C/U (CFA)	Quantity	No.	Estimated Total Cost
Activity 1: Training				
Training of 65 team leaders	2,500	65	1	162,500
Training of 20 supervisors	3,000	20	2	120,000
Training of 1,000 volunteers	2,500	1000	1	2,500,000
Per diem for 4 trainers	10,000	4	3	120,000
Stationery	600	1085	1	651,000
Sub Total 1 (Training)				2,902,500
Activity 2: Sensitization				
Information and sensitization sessions in 400 villages	15,000	400	1	6,000,000
Discussions in community radios	10,000	20	1	200,000
Transportation (Fuel)	405	300		121,500
Transportation (Per diem- Driver)	7,500	15	1	112,500
Sub Total 2 (Sensitization)				6,434,000
Activity 3: Visibility of Mali Red Cross				
1,100 T-Shirts for Red Cross Volunteers	1,250	1100	1	1,375,000
Sub Total 3 Visibility				1,375,000
Activity 4: Monitoring/Evaluation				
Support Mission from the Federation			1	3,400,000
Evaluation Mission from the Federation			1	1,000,000
Sub Total 4 Monitoring/Evaluation				4,400,000
Total (without administrative costs and PSR in CFA)				15,111,500
Activity 5: Administrative and Management Costs				
Administrative/Management costs of the Malian RC				377,788
RD Federation's Technical Coordination Support				2,116,000
Sub Total 5 (Administrative Costs)				2,493,788
Total (without PSR in CFA)				17,605,288
PSR Geneva 6.5%				1,144,344
Total (CFA)			CFA	18,749,631
Total (CHF)			CHF	45,000