GTFCC CHOLERA COUNTRY SUPPORT PLATFORM (CSP) OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

National Cholera Plan (NCP)

DRC:
- The DRC national authorities with support from the GTFCC secretariat have pilotied a new method for identifying priority areas for cholera interventions. The results were presented by the national cholera control programme (PNECHOL-MD) at the GTFCC surveillance working group meeting in April.
- The CSP participated in a review meeting of the 2018-2022 NCP organized by the Veolia Foundation and the Ministry of Planning; this review will provide valuable information to be integrated into the NCP under development for 2023-2027.
- The technical working groups are progressing in collecting and compiling information and data for the next NCP workshop, to discuss and develop the situational analysis.

ZAMBIA:
- The WASH technical taskforce team held a follow up meeting from the NCP workshop that took place in February to agree on priority activities for the WASH sector for the remainder of 2022. Participants included the Ministry of Water, Ministry of Health, Wateraid, UNICEF, and the Zambia CSP Project Manager (CSP PM).
- The Zambia CSP PM is supporting Zambia in their current cholera outbreak response.

NIGERIA:
- Recruitment for a local short-term consultant to support the NCP workshop and subsequent writing of the NCP has been initiated.
- The CSP supported a one-day workshop to orient technical pillar leads on the NCP process.

BANGLADESH:
- The CSP PM has started to meet with Bangladesh national authorities and GTFCC partners.
- With the current Acute Watery diarrhea outbreak, the CSP PM supported the authorities to draft an ICG request for a reactive emergency OCV campaign and supported the IFRC and National Society for a rapid response.
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RESOURCE MOBILIZATION & ADVOCACY

CSP RM & ADVOCACY STRATEGY:

- On 29th March 2022, CSP attended the first in-person GTFCC Advocacy Task Team Meeting in London, sponsored by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), Wellcome Trust and WHO, which brought together key GTFCC partners. The meeting focused on refining GTFCC’s advocacy and communications strategy, and providing a coordination mechanism for partner organizations to work jointly toward key global objectives.
- As a way forward, as well as adapting to the renewed GTFCC’s advocacy strategy from the recent meeting, the CSP aims to increase engagements with active stakeholders within the humanitarian community and beyond to ensure resource and partner coordination at a global and regional level.
- In developing CSP’s RM and advocacy strategy, the following are key priorities; partner mapping and coordination exercise, development of advocacy and communication materials and profiling of CSP globally.

CSP COUNTRY LEVEL RM & ADVOCACY STRATEGY:

- In tandem, CSP is also working to finalise the Country Level RM and Advocacy strategy with a more coherent approach to reflect GTFCC’s objectives.
- The CSP PM together with the RM Senior Officer will continue to develop tailored country RM strategies with a renewed focus on long-term, flexible and unrestricted funding streams for all 6 pillars of the NCP covering Leadership & Coordination, WASH, OCV, Surveillance, Case Management and RCCE.

CSP and IFRC One WASH RM Partnership

- In March, CSP co-financed the IFRC One WASH Senior Officers missions to East Africa and Abuja, Nigeria as part of IFRC’s continued engagement with the Africa region to establish WASH programming as a part of IFRC’s cholera flagship initiative. This coordinated partnership is intended to scale up and augment CSP’s RM efforts.
- Below are the key outcomes of the mission to date:
  - In Nigeria, besides engaging Wateraid and Islamic Development Bank, the One WASH donor mapping exercise was completed, with a key focus on national level RM engagements.
  - While in East Africa, proactive engagements with existing and potential donors in each country together with IFRC Offices were scheduled to identify potential new funding streams.
OTHER ACTIVITIES

• The CSP, the Nigerian RC&RC society and EAWAG deployed the WASH baseline assessment tool in Nigeria in March. A training and a field questionnaire were implemented to finalize the User Acceptance Test of the tool.

• The CSP supported the update of the WASH PMER Tool-Box and additional WASH tools available online https://watsanmissionassistant.org/.

• The CSP contributed to a training session for the WHO cholera hub in Lomé by providing an overview of the NCP process for countries interested to embark in the process.

• The CSP is supporting the training of 3 international experts for OCV campaigns. The training, organised by WHO and CDC, is taking place in Nigeria during the last week of April. The Nigeria CSP PM will attend the meeting in person.

• In collaborating with the GTFCC secretariat, the CSP continues to work on practical tools and guidance to help countries in the development of NCPs. The CSP is reaching out to other GTFCC partner institutions who may wish to contribute to the development of these tools.

Global CSP Engagements

CSP Coordinator and RM Senior Officer attended the GTFCC Advocacy Task Team meeting in London, UK from 29-30 March.

CSP NCP Senior Officer attended the 7th GTFCC Meeting of the Surveillance Working Group in Annecy, France from 20-21 April.
CSP Engagements in Nigeria

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The Country Support Platform is the operational arm of the Global Task Force on Cholera Control (GTFCC), lending support to countries. This includes technical assistance (short, medium and long term), policy and advocacy, resource mobilization and fundraising, capacity building, and implementation of research projects. The Global Task Force on Cholera Control is a partnership of more than 50 institutions, including NGOs, academic institutions, and UN agencies. For more information on GTFCC, kindly visit their website.

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