

GTFCC CHOLERA COUNTRY SUPPORT PLATFORM (CSP) OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



NATIONAL CHOLERA PLAN (NCP)

DRC:

- The CSP will be deploying a senior WASH expert to support national authorities in refining the Situational Analysis of the next NCP covering the period of 2023-2027, with a particular focus on WASH. In addition to technical support, the consultant will be supporting the continuous engagement of WASH stakeholders in country, to ensure their contributions are captured within the next NCP.

ZAMBIA:

- In an on-going effort of prioritization, the CSP Programme Manager (PM) facilitated the National Cholera Task Force meeting to outline the annual priority activities for the NCP, with key stakeholders.

NIGERIA:

- The CSP supported a multisectoral workshop in June 2022 to initiate the development of Nigeria's second NCP covering the years 2023-2027. The workshop focused on reviewing the current achievements and challenges of the different cholera pillars and to draft an outline of the Situational Analysis. Additionally, the stakeholders in the meeting agreed on their broad national goal and proposed pillar specific strategic objectives. A timeline and milestones for the development of the NCP has been proposed, aiming to submit the NCP for review by the Independent Review Panel before the end of the year.

BANGLADESH:

- Along with the Bangladesh Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), GTFCC and institutional partners, the first round of the OCV campaign was conducted in Dhaka between 26 June and 2 July 2022 that targeted close to 2.3 million people.
- With National authorities and key stakeholders, the CSP is organising a workshop in Dhaka at the end of July 2022 to expand the current NCP and to further align it with the Global Roadmap 2030.

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION & ADVOCACY

High-Level GTFCC 2022 Event on #Cholera:

- On 25 May 2022, the GTFCC Secretariat organized a high-level event focused on cholera, in observance of the World Health Assembly (WHA) which was hosted at the IFRC headquarters in Geneva. The event witnessed participation from 10 countries, including six Ministers of Health, representing an all-time high for the side event.
- Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of WHO, delivered the opening address, while Jagan Chapagain, IFRC's Secretary General, and Xavier Castellanos, IFRC's Under Secretary General for National Society Development and Operations Coordination delivered speeches on behalf of IFRC.
- In a high-profile example of political commitment, His Excellency Hakainde Hichilema, the President of Zambia, announced his appointment as a Cholera Control Champion.
- To maintain momentum from the WHA side event for a robust partnership and collaboration – the GTFCC Secretariat and CSP is in the process of requesting partners to “recommit” to the Advocacy task force, intended to scale up global advocacy initiatives.
- For more information, the high-level event recap and press release can be found on GTFCC's [website](#).

Profiling of the CSP during the GTFCC 2022 Annual Meeting:

- At the GTFCC June 2022 Annual Meeting in France, the CSP Coordinator had the opportunity to present an overview of the operational arm since its inception in 2021, and its achievements and challenges over the past year. In addition, CSP's RM & Advocacy focal point co-presented recent development of the GTFCC's advocacy strategy together with the GTFCC Secretariat focal point.
- As part of a series of side meetings, the CSP was also involved in the 'Country Investment Case Meeting', to take the initial steps with country representatives to review and complete an initial “investment case tool” led by Consultants from the Global Health Vision (GHV) and MM Global Health (MMGH).
- The CSP was also involved in a “Round Robin” Advocacy discussion, as CSP is part of the GTFCC Advocacy Task Team.

Country Level RM & Advocacy Strategy:

- Together with Country PM, the RM & Advocacy Senior Officer has developed country level RM strategy which reflects 3 objectives: 1) To secure sustainable resources for all pillars to achieve the NCP roadmap implementation, 2) To achieve full political engagement in cholera control from relevant partners and 3) To increase funding for long-term WASH in cholera hotspots. An action plan is being refined before country-level roll out.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

WASH and Health Cluster meeting:

- On 29 April, the CSP hosted a meeting with WHO and UNICEF which involved the GTFCC and the Global WASH and Health Cluster coordinators, with the objective to reinforce collaboration of the CSP and the Clusters for WASH preparedness.

OCV training in Nigeria:

- In April 2022, WHO, US CDC and GHV organised an OCV training in Abuja, Nigeria.
- The objective of this training was to strengthen the capacities of health professionals in enhanced OCV implementation by training key ministry of health officials, key in-country partners, and independent individuals (consultants) on the preparation, implementation, and monitoring of OCV campaigns.
- The CSP supported the training of three consultants, one was deployed in June to Pakistan to support a preventive OCV campaign.

GTFCC & CSP retreat:

- Soon after the GTFCC Annual Meeting and to maintain momentum, the GTFCC and CSP held the second annual retreat on 30 June. Achievements and challenges were discussed to iron out better coordination between both entities. This follows the first retreat which was held in October 2021. A similar retreat focused solely on CSP was held on 1 July.

Global CSP Engagements



CSP Country Engagements



The CSP team's courtesy visit to meet the Director-General (DG) of the Nigeria CDC, Dr Ifedayo Adetifa, during a mission to Abuja in June.



Together with NCDC, the CSP hosted a multisectoral NCP workshop in June 2022 with key cholera stakeholders in Abuja.



DG of the NCDC, Dr Ifedayo Adetifa, addressing the press during the media briefing at the Abuja workshop.



Together with WHO and the GFCC partners, an OCV training was held in April, in Abuja for public health officials.



In June, an OCV Campaign took place in Dhaka with the support of Bangladesh Red Crescent (BDRCS), IFRC & the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).



The 4th advocacy meeting on Acute Watery Diarrhoea took place on 21 June in Rajshahi, Bangladesh, with the support of Rajshahi Health Division and BDRCS.

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The Country Support Platform is the operational arm of the *Global Task Force on Cholera Control* (GFCC), 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 GFCC, kindly visit their [website](#).

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