

Global Task Force on Cholera Control (GTFCC) Case Management Working Group Virtual Seminar 1: 17th September 2020 Improving access to treatment for cholera: experience from the field

SESSION 1

17th September 2020

10h00 EDT/16h00 CET

90 minutes

At the core of the Ending Cholera: a global roadmap to 2030 strategy are national multi-year, multi-sectoral plans for long term control of cholera (NCP). For case management the primary objective of NCPs is to increase early access to effective treatment to reduce overall cholera deaths. This means ensuring effective treatment is available for patients as close to home as possible.

In this session countries and partners will present some of the steps they are taking and programmes they are implementing to improve access to treatment for cholera patients. It is an opportunity to discuss practical implementation, application to other contexts and make recommendations on if and how the Case Management working group can support countries moving forward.

Welcome: Iqbal Hossain, GTFCC Case Management Working Group Leader

Presentations (12 minutes each):

- Cholera management: the Zambia experience, **Fred Kapaya**, **Zambia National Cholera Program Coordinator**
- Building bridges: a community and branch-based cholera preparedness approach,
 Chris Brewer, IFRC Africa Cholera Coordinator
- Approaches to improving access to cholera case management in humanitarian settings South Sudan experience, **Joseph Wamala**, **WHO Country Office**

Discussion (40 minutes)

- o How can these examples be used or adapted for other contexts?
- o Are there other areas and approaches that are being used in other countries?
- Are there tools that the GTFCC Case Management WG can develop to support countries increase access to treatment?

Summary and next steps: Kate Alberti, GTFCC Secretariat Case Management WG focal point

The 2nd GTFCC Case Management WG virtual seminar will be held on <u>Thursday 1st October 2020</u> at 10 am EDT/16:00 CET. During this session research on the following topics will be presented:

- rehydration of children with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and cholera
- health aspects of targeting community approaches in cholera control
- the potential use of biophages in cholera control