



# GLOBAL TASK FORCE ON **CHOLERA CONTROL**

## **Evidence to Action**

### ***Countries and Communities Driving Adaptive, Evidence-Informed Approaches to End Cholera***

**Virtual Event on 20 May 2021  
15:00 Geneva time**

The Global Task Force on Cholera Control (GTFCC) side event aims to highlight progress made by cholera-affected countries and to reinforce commitments from country decision-makers and partners currently engaged in cholera control. This event is organized in observance of the 74th World Health Assembly (WHA), which is scheduled to take place virtually from 24 May-1 June 2021. This year, the side event will focus on how countries and global partners utilize evidence to drive actionable change to achieve cholera elimination.

**Opening** by Dr. Frew Benson, Chair of the GTFCC Steering Committee

*Short video message from Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, WHO*

- I. Dialogue One: The Critical Importance of Cholera Surveillance as a Basis for Action, moderated by Marc Gastellu-Etchegorry, Epicentre**
  - *Dr. Chikwe Ihekweazu, Nigeria Centre for Disease Control*
  - *Myriam Henkens, Medicines Sans Frontiers*
  - *Dr. Chris Braden, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*
  
- II. Country Spotlight: Democratic Republic of Congo – Resilience in the Face of COVID-19**
  - *Hon. Dr. Jean-Jacques Mbungani Mbanda, Minister of Health, Democratic Republic of Congo*
  
- III. Dialogue Two: Evidence and Experience in Implementing Pre-emptive OCV Campaigns, moderated by Dr. Charlie Weller, Wellcome Trust**
  - *Dr. Seth Berkley, Gavi (video message)*
  - *Dr John Rumunu, Ministry of Health, South Sudan*
  - *Mr. Wiseman Chimwaza, Ministry of Health, Malawi*
  - *Dr. Stephen Sosler, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance*
  - *Dr. Godfrey Bwire, Ministry of Health, Uganda*
  - *Dr. Carole Mable Tevi-Benissan, Immunization Agenda 2030, WHO*

**IV. Country Spotlight: The Multi-Sector Approach in Action – Zambia**

- *Dr. Fred Kapaya, Ministry of Health, Zambia*
- *Pamela Chisanga, WaterAid Zambia*

**V. Dialogue three: WASH and Community Engagement in Cholera Hotspots – Bringing Evidence to Action in Households, Healthcare Facilities and Communities, moderated by Dr Firdausi Qadri, IcdDr,b**

- *Tim Wainwright, WaterAid*
- *Simone Carter, UNICEF*
- *Dr. Aninda Rahman, Government of Bangladesh*
- *Christine Marie George, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health*

**VI. Country Support Platform: A Mechanism for Bringing Evidence to Action**

- *Dr. Emanuele Capobianco, IFRC*
- *Altaf S. Musani, WHO*
- *Duncan Steele, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*
- *Stuart Vallis, Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation*

**Closing remarks** by Frew Benson, GTFCC Chair of the Steering Committee