

GTFCC CHOLERA COUNTRY SUPPORT PLATFORM (CSP) OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



National Cholera Plan (NCP)

DRC:

- The CSP together with the DRC national cholera coordination programme (PNECHOL) is preparing terms of reference for the deployment of two technical experts to support 1) the WASH component of their NCP and 2) OCV activities. The consultants shall work in close collaboration with national counterparts to ensure continuity of the work beyond their deployments.
- The technical working groups continue meeting to advance on the drafting of the fourth multisectoral cholera plan for DRC for 2023-2027, accompanied by the CSP country Programme Manager.

ZAMBIA:

- The CSP, together with WHO & Wateraid, supported a workshop led by the Zambia national authorities to review progress of the Zambia Multisectoral Cholera Elimination Plan (MCEP). Overall, 42 multisectoral experts and Zambian cholera leaders participated in the workshop, including the Zambia Permanent Secretary for Health, The Director General of the Zambia Public Health Institute and the WHO country representative. The workshop focused on identifying achievements & gaps, reviewing & updating the implementation plan and identifying priority activities for each of the 6 pillars (coordination, surveillance, case management, vaccination, WASH, and community engagement).
- The CSP was represented by the CSP country Programme Manager, Senior Officer for NCP coordination, and Senior Officer for Resource Mobilisation (RM).
- Following the workshop, the pillars will continue to refine their plans of activity and an additional workshop is foreseen in 8 weeks to validate the plan of action for the remainder of 2022. The CSP had an introductory stakeholder meeting with UNICEF's new WASH Lead. Similar engagements with potential donors will continue to be led by the CSP country Programme Manager.
- *Pictures from the workshop can be found on pg. 3 for reference.*

NIGERIA:

- A workshop to review the National Strategic Plan of Action on Cholera Control (NSPCC) and development of the 2022 work-plan is tentatively scheduled for May, with the involvement of CSP's NCP and RM Senior Officers. The workshop will be targeting close to 60 participants including national cholera stakeholders and partners.
- CSP Programme Manager, Mr. Abel Augustinio attended the Cholera Preparedness, Prevention and Response Training for Stakeholders on 18 Feb 2022, organized by the Federal Ministry of Water Resources in collaboration with UNICEF. During the training, he urged the Nigerian government to show their highest level of commitment towards implementing the NCP. More on the GTFCC CSP's call to action was reflected on The Guardian's online news portal and can be read [here](#).

BANGLADESH:

- The new CSP Project Manager has begun his tenure and will be traveling to Dhaka, Bangladesh where he is posted to be and aims to meet the authorities including the GTFCC partners in the coming weeks.

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

CSP RM STRATEGY:

- The initial CSP RM Strategy has been drafted and shared with the GTFCC Secretariat and BMGF (along with its Philanthropic team) for review and input.
- The strategy reflects our role as the CSP to engage in humanitarian diplomacy and promote the GTFCC as a leader in Cholera preparedness and recovery internationally.
- CSP also highlighted the need to support CSP countries in the field in terms of national level RM strategy development, capacity building, and creation of various toolkits to access the RM capacities of the respective countries.
- As part of this ambition, the strategy highlights some of the key income stream opportunities, logical framework, and the implementation plan.

CSP ADVOCACY STRATEGY

- The GTFCC secretariat & the CSP has convened an ad hoc Advocacy Task Team to advance the policy, advocacy, communications & RM objectives for cholera control and prevention at global, regional, national, and subnational levels.
- The group consisting of technical experts from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, US CDC, Gavi, SDC, UNICEF, WaterAid, PATH, Fondation Merieux, Wellcome Trust, and Global Health Visions – have convened twice and will be attending an in person workshop from 29th – 30th March 2022, in London, UK.

OTHER PROJECTS

WHO AFRO PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TRAINING

- The WHO regional office for Africa has reached out to the CSP and IFRC (among other partners) to contribute to cholera preparedness and response trainings targeted at national authorities from different sectors (Health, Water, Environment) from more than 25 countries.
- The CSP will contribute with an overview of the NCP development process

CRITERIA FOR INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL TO REVIEW NATIONAL CONTROL PLANS

- The CSP and GTFCC secretariat are collaborating to propose a review of the criteria used by the Independent Review Panel (IRP) to assess alignment of country NCPs with the GTFCC Roadmap strategy 2030. This review is done in conjunction with the development of a draft NCP template that can support countries to align their plans to the [GTFCC Roadmap](#) and [NCP guidance](#).

PICTURES FROM CSP'S MISSION TO ZAMBIA (7TH FEB 2022 – 12TH FEB 2022)



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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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