



GLOBAL TASK FORCE ON
CHOLERA CONTROL

ZAMBIA NCP IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

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1. UPDATE ON CHOLERA SITUATION

- Zambia has **reported 32 cholera outbreaks since 1977** of varying magnitude
- **Magnitude & frequency** have significantly **reduced** since launch & implementation of **MCEP** begun in 2019
- **Latest outbreak** occurred in Lusaka & Nsama districts with 32 and 6 cases respectively in **April 2022** – with no deaths reported; outbreak maintained within 3 weeks through effective multisectoral response
- Received **5.7 million OCV** doses to vaccinate 11 hotspots (~ 2.9 million people)
 - As of June 2022, **9 out of 11 hotspots fully vaccinated** (~ 2.4 million people; 83% of target population)
- Received **CSP PM** to support operationalization of national MCEP
- **Reviewed & updated MCEP** & operational plan to fully align it with new Government's priorities, resulting in renewed political commitment & support
- **Zambian President**, H.E Mr. Hakainde Hichilema accepted role of **Global cholera champion** at WHA; enhanced support to cholera at national level
- **Reviewed cholera hotspot analysis up to ward level** (lowest administrative level); 46 wards in 19 districts as hotspots and shared this with key partners to guide areas for targeted interventions
- **Increased budgetary allocation to WASH sector** (\$129.5 million) & several WASH projects initiated in hotspot districts

2. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND MAIN CHALLENGES

ACHIEVEMENTS AND GOOD PRACTICES	CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS
Enhanced partner engagement & collaboration; shared MCEP and implementation plan resulting in enhanced support to MCEP implementation	Inadequate resources due to impact of COVID-19 Solution: Integrate cholera control activities with COVID-19 response interventions
Strong Governance & coordination mechanism with strong political & partner support enhanced smooth multisectoral implementation of MCEP	Inadequate understanding of the importance of cholera elimination agenda by some key stakeholders Solution: Continued partner engagement
Implemented several cholera preventive & readiness activities including capacity building and pre-emptive OCV with no cholera outbreak for more than 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• COVID-19 pandemic with associated restrictions & myths and misconceptions• Inadequate resources for comprehensive preparedness Solution: Integration and community engagement
75% of ongoing WASH projects are in cholera hotspot districts	Inadequate funding Solution: prioritization of WASH projects based on evidence such as hotspot mapping

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MCEP IMPLEMENTATION (IN PICTURES) – CASE MANAGEMENT



Rehabilitation of isolation facility (CTC) in Mpulungu
(one of the hotspots)

MCEP IMPLEMENTATION (IN PICTURES) - ORAL CHOLERA VACCINATION



Fully vaccinated 9 out of 11 hotspots \approx 2,386,574 people; (av. > 95% coverage) with 1st round of 10th hotspot district concluded



MCEP IMPLEMENTATION (IN PICTURES) - RISK COMMUNICATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



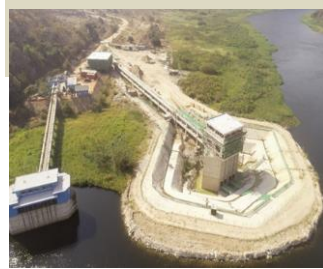
Door to door chlorine distribution and health education at Chilila island

National community Engagement plan developed; Community engagement & sensitizations on-going

MCEP IMPLEMENTATION (IN PICTURES) - WASH

WASH projects currently going on in Zambia

1. Kafue Bulk Water Supply Project in Peri- urban cholera hot spots in Lusaka



- Cost - \$7mil
- Benefit- 200K people
- 70% complete



2. Emergency Works in Peri- urban cholera hot spots in Lusaka



- Cost-\$4.5 m
- Benefit -95k people
- 60% complete



3. Reservoir & Booster in one of the hotspots

Reservoir and Booster Station



4. Water supply project in a refugee camp



3. PRIORITIES FOR 2022-23

PRIORITY ACTIONS	TIME FRAME	POTENTIAL BOTTLENECKS
Finalize development of resource mobilization plan for MCEP	Q3, 2022	Lack of funds to hire consultant to develop resource mobilization plan
Establish Provincial and District cholera elimination Task forces	Q3-4, 2022	Lack of funds
Conduct capacity building in all thematic areas of the MCEP	Q4,2022 & Q1, 2023	Inadequate funds
Enhanced monitoring and evaluation of ongoing rehabilitation & expansion of WASH & solid waste services in the cholera hotspots	Ongoing	Inadequate resources (funds, time & human)
Establish WASH & Solid waste mgt. surveillance, preparedness & emergency response in cholera hotspots	Q4,2022	Inadequate trained & dedicated human resources
Strengthen laboratory capacity for cholera confirmation in 50% cholera hotspot districts	Q1, 2023	Inadequate resources
Preposition basic Cholera supplies in all hotspots	Q4, 2022	Inadequate funds
Advocate for budgetary allocation to MCEP in national budget (engage Parliamentary budget committee, MPs & other partners etc)	Q3,2022	Limited funds in midst of several health priorities (COVID, HIV, cholera etc)

Thank you

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