

# GTFCC CHOLERA COUNTRY SUPPORT PLATFORM (CSP) OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



## NATIONAL CHOLERA PLAN (NCP)

### DRC:

- On 29 July, the NCP Task Force conducted a workshop in Mbanza Ngungu, Bas Congo, on hotspot validation and simultaneously reviewed the first NCP draft.
- The final steps to hire a national WASH consultant to move forward the planning and implementation of the NCP are being finalised. The national consultant will work closely with the international CSP WASH consultant who initiated this work in June.
- A consultant to participate in the OCV training held in Kinshasa in October 2022 and subsequently support the country to develop their preventive OCV strategy has been contracted.

### ZAMBIA:

- The CSP supported and co-facilitated a workshop in Livingstone from 12 - 16 September to finalize the revision of the Multisectoral Cholera Elimination Plan (MCEP) and operational plans. The workshop was attended by the NCP Taskforce and partners. During the workshop, GTFCC partner MM Global Health (MMGH) presented the 'Investment Case' methodology, which is currently being piloted before broader implementation.
- The CSP Programme Manager together with the NCP Taskforce held an official meeting with the Director General of the Zambia National Public Health Institute (ZNPHI), Professor Roma Chilengi, to discuss upcoming plans for the MCEP implementation.
- An M&E International and National consultancy has been advertised to support Zambia in reviewing and updating their M&E framework.

### NIGERIA:

- On 11 August, the NCP Task Force conducted a workshop to validate the structure and format of the operational plan for the NCP. All 9 sectoral pillars represented by at least 9 government agencies participated in the meeting.
- On 1 September, the NCP Task Force had its second Pillar Heads Technical meeting focused on the NCP implementation plans to draft activities.

**BANGLADESH:**

- On 27 and 28 July, the NCP review workshop was held in Dhaka together with the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) and Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS), with 55 participants from 14 different organisations contributing to the discussions. The CSP Delegation from the Geneva Office led by the CSP Coordinator and NCP Senior Officer supported the workshop.
- A series of multi-stakeholder advocacy meetings with more than 450 Health Managers were conducted between the month of July - August in 5 divisions namely, Dhaka, Sylhet, Rajshahi, Khulna, and Barishal, focusing on Case Management & NCP.
- As part of strengthening in-country multisectoral coordination, CSP Bangladesh co-facilitated the NCP Partners meeting in Dhaka on 20 September organised by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and GTFCC.
- CSP Bangladesh has developed a first version dashboard for the national stakeholder mapping. Once finalized, the mapping will be integrated in the official website of the DGHS.
- The 'Food & Water Borne Diseases Clinical Management' guideline are being updated to be printed and disseminated for all public health institutions in Bangladesh.
- A meeting with the Management Information System (MIS) department under the DGHS has been scheduled to include 'level of dehydration' on the current Acute Watery Diarrhea surveillance, which would facilitate applying the suspected surveillance case definition for cholera.
- The CSP is recruiting a consultant to support the identification of Priority Areas for Multisectoral Intervention (PAMI, previously known as 'hotspots').

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## RESOURCE MOBILIZATION & ADVOCACY

**GTFCC Advocacy Task Force (GATF):**

- A sub-committee has been established by the GATF to focus advocacy efforts on the *Asian Conference on Diarrheal Disease and Nutrition (ASCODD)* event taking place from 11 - 13 November in Kolkata, India.
- The CSP will be represented by our Bangladesh Programme Manager together with the GTFCC Secretariat during the event.
- The CSP will also continue to support the GATF alongside key partners such as BMGF, Wellcome Trust and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), who are involved in the event.

**Country Level RM & Advocacy Strategy:**

- The CSP is working alongside GHV to bolster in-country cholera advocacy efforts by holding a focus group session with Country Programme Managers to refine and finalise the draft RM and Advocacy strategies and working plans for the coming year.

# CSP Country Engagements



DRC - NCP Taskforce in attendance for the Hot spots validation and first NCP draft review.



Nigeria - The NCP Task Force consisting all 9 sectoral pillars in attendance for the NCP review workshop.



Nigeria -Technical NCP Pillar Heads in attendance for the meeting focused on Implementation Plan.



Nigeria - Ongoing group work during the technical NCP Pillars' Head meeting.



Zambia - Day 1 of the NCP Taskforce Technical Workshop on 12 September.



Zambia - Day 3 of the NCP Technical workshop with groupwork focusing on validation of the Revised MCEP.



Bangladesh - Opening of the NCP Multistakeholder workshop organised by DGHS, in partnership with CSP and BDRCS.



Present to show support were the CSP Coordinator and CSP NCP Senior Officer with the Bangladesh Delegation.



The Bangladesh workshop brought together multiple stakeholders to revisit the NCP plan.



CSP Bangladesh co-facilitated the NCP Partners meeting in Dhaka on 20 September organised by the BMGF and GTFCC .



Dr. Duncan Steele, Deputy Director & Strategic Lead For Enteric Vaccines from BMGF addressing partners in attendance.

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### **GTFCC COUNTRY SUPPORT PLATFORM (CSP)**

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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