Minutes of the Teleconference Meeting held with Namibia NMCP on 31st January 2013 from 12:32 to 13:09 Hours

SARN

Gaborone, Botswana
PRESENT

1. Namibia NMCP : Dr. Petrina Uusiku
2. SARN Secretariat: Col. (Dr.) Kaka Mudambo : Mr. Daniso Mbewe

2.0 APOLOGIES

2.1 There were no apologies.

3.0 AGENDA

3.1 Welcome Remarks
3.2 SARN mission dates
3.3 Development of a business plan
3.4 In-country PPP round table meeting (PS and CEOs)
3.5 Development of 2013 Roadmap
3.6 Gap Analysis
3.7 GF Bottlenecks
3.8 TA Plan
3.9 Program Management
3.10 Closing Remarks
4.0 WELCOME REMARKS

4.1 The meeting was chaired by Col. (Dr) Kaka Mudambo who called the meeting to order at 12:32 hours and welcomed all participants.

4.2 The Chairperson informed the meeting that SARN and RBM Secretariat were holding teleconferences with program managers and had already held already TCs with Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the development process of 2013 roadmap, gap analysis, TA plan, business/operational plan that would be used to mobilize support from donors/partners, GF bottlenecks, SARN mission to Namibia and other issues in the agenda.

5.0 SARN MISSION DATES

5.1 Since Namibia was busy with implementation of GF RCC Phase I grant which would end in June 2013, it was agreed that the mission to Namibia would take place after June 2013 and Namibia would communicate dates of the mission to SARN.

6.0 DEVELOPMENT OF A BUSINESS PLAN

6.1 Namibia will carry out mid-term review of the Malaria Strategic Plan in July/August 2013 after which Namibia Business Plan (3 year plan) will be developed.

6.2 The Business Plan development would be informed by the GMAP (page 193), the concept note, gap analysis and MSP.

7.0 IN-COUNTRY PPP ROUND TABLE MEETING (PS AND CEO’S)

7.1 Since Ministry of Health has a new Permanent Secretary, SARN will send briefing notes to the PS on PPP by Monday, 4th February 2013 so that he takes the leading role in the meeting to be held during the SARN mission.

8.0 DEVELOPMENT OF 2013 ROADMAP

8.1 Namibia had already started the process of development of 2013 roadmap and a draft would be ready by March 2013. The roadmap will cover 2013 and 2014.

9.0 GAP ANALYSIS

9.1 Gap Analysis for Namibia was ready and will be reviewed in Nairobi. Namibia will participate in gap analysis meeting 13 – 15 February 2013 in Nairobi, Kenya.

10.0 GF BOTTLENECKS

10.1 GF undertook a mission to Namibia in December 2012 during which CPs for RCC Phase I and RCC Phase II proposals were discussed.

10.2 Namibia concluded clarifications on queries raised by GF on RCC Phase II proposal and implementation of RCC Phase I activities and were submitted but no feedback has been received to date.
10.3 Namibia RCC grant was rated B2 by GF because of under utilization of funds in implementation of activities for RCC Phase I grant and yet the GF did not disburse funds during the period in question. Namibia expressed that this system of rating grants by the GF is not fair. These funds have now been released but the implementation time is limited.

10.4 SARN will follow up with the RBM GF focal point and the Fund Portfolio Manager on the above mentioned issues.

11.0 TA PLAN

11.1 Namibia informed the meeting that their TA plan would be finalized by March 2013 and will be part of the 2013 roadmap.

11.2 Namibia informed the meeting that they would need technical assistance for development of the surveillance guidelines.

12.0 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

12.1 Namibia informed the meeting that M&E Officer will be recruited during implementation of RRC Phase II once approved by GF. The position will be transferred to government after one or two years.

12.2 PSM issues are handled by Central Medical Stores and Pharmacy and the NMCP is working with them and they supported and provided PSM activities during the development of RCC Phase II proposal.

13.0 CLOSING REMARKS

13.1 The Chairperson thanked Dr Uusiku for her participation and contributions in the TC and the meeting was closed at 13:03 hours.