

MISSION REPORT TO DJIBOUTI CONDUCTED FROM 30th September to 2nd October 2009



(Djibouti RBM Partnership works on the Road Map 2010 on 6th October 2009 at MCP Djibouti offices)

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Executive summary

The objective of the mission was to;

1. Meet with the MOH senior management and NMCP staff
2. Catch up with the achievements registered to date
3. Touch base with the RBM in country partnership
4. Follow up with the Country Road Map progress

Timing

The mission in country was from 5th to 7th October 2009

Team composition

Peter Mbabazi- EARN Coordinator

People met

Mr Abdoul Malik Mohamed-UNICEF, Mr Abdallah Fed Poudouf-PNLP, Abdillah Omar Bourner-PNLP, Dr Djibaoli Karim-WHO, Dr.Tharcisse Barihuta-ONUSIDA, Ms Hawa Hassan – PNLP, Mr Hassan Brut-ADDEF, Ms. Kadra Hassan-ADDEF, Mr.Mohamed-ADDEF, Mr Mahdi Abdalillah Mouse-Executive Director CTILSP/PR, Ms Fathia Alwan-IGAD, by Teleconference Dr Zaiten Ahamed –FPM GF.

Major issues

1. Round 6 phase 2 Signature

It was established that GF round 6 phase 2 could not be signed because the new FPM was not fully updated on the clarifications, the teleconference brought the following to bear;

- It was clarified that the malaria grant had been given a conditional Go with issues for action. The programme had addressed all the issues and submitted to GF secretariat which did not respond. It was identified that the FPM was not updated on the current issues of the grant.

2. Roadmap

Djibouti had not attended the Windhoek meeting where other countries were initiated to develop the roadmap, there was need to develop one in country.

3. RBM country partnership

As the programme had missed attending the Windhoek meeting, and the programme had changed management with new staff joining, the EARN coordinator presented historical back ground of RBM and EARN and the need for a strong RBM in country partnership under 3 ones.

4. MIS Report

The MIS report for 2007 was out and is a good reference point, however it was noted that the consultant was Anglophone and produced the report in English. The programme needs it translated so that it can be widely read.

5. Funding

It was realised that there are funding gaps in the Road map even if Round 9 is successful; however, the programme was advised to ignore Round 9 for 2010 targets as the funds will not be in the country then.

6. IGAD

IGAD endemic countries representation on the RBM board

The current representatives Ethiopia and Uganda term will expire in the next December meeting. It was suggested that since the next IGAD Health ministers meeting will be in January, it was prudent to have an e-election of health ministers to represent IGAD.

Need for the IGAD Malaria strategic plan.

On this it was resolved that the IGAD secretariat will initiate a letter of request to EARN for the consultancy to support them develop the IGAD Malaria Strategic Plan.

Way Forward

Round 6 phase 2 Signature

- It was resolved that the Fund portfolio Manager meets the local funding agent in the next day and get updated information, before he can suggest the way forward by 7th October 2009
- Meeting the LFA financial advisor, it was resolved that he seeks a go ahead to verify the budget and report to GF as soon as possible
- In the mean time the programme shall make the disbursement request ready to avoid further delays

RBM country Partnership

- It was agreed that the programme should initiate and support the functioning of a robust in country RBM partnership.

MIS

- A request will be sent to EARN coordinator for Translating the MIS Report. See attached Report.

Funding

- it was agreed that the programme should initiate fundraising campaigns targeting, Government, Bilateral and multilateral partners, Private sector and the public
- The request for the TA for the formulation of IGAD Malaria Strategic Plan and this letter will be ready by end of the week.

IGAD

- The Executive secretary of IGAD need to circulate the letter to all ministers and request for an e-vote, to cater for geographical representation possible candidates were Kenya in the south and Djibouti in the north.
- RBM secretariat to send a letter of introduction to IGAD Executive secretary
- Request for the support to develop the IGAD Malaria strategic plan to be sent to EARN
- Next meeting to take place in Kampala on 24th October 2009

MEETINGS

1. Meeting with the Principal recipient

In attendance: Mr. Mahadi Abidilahi-Executive Secretary and Dr Tharcisse Barihuta-Advisor to the Minister of health, Mr Ismail Said Bouth-Financial Expert Swiss Centre for international Health and LFA, Dr Chakib Said-Director of programmes Ministry of health, Mme. Hawa Gouseme-Programme manager DMCP, and Peter Mbabazi EARN. See below photo



(Djibouti Programme manager, EARN coordinator, LFA Rep, Principal Recipient, Advisor to minister, pose for photo after deliberating the Malaria grant issues)

2. Teleconference with GF FPM

With the facilitation from Richard Carr of the RBM secretariat, there was a teleconference that involved Dr Zaiten Ahamed-the Fund Portfolio manager GF and the RBM Secretariat, Mr Mahidi Abdillahi-Principal Recipient, Dr. Tharcisse Barihuta advisor to the minister, Ms Hawa Hassan the Programme manager and Peter Mbabazi EARN coordinator

Discussed

The current status of GF round 6 phase 2

The newly appointed FPM said that TB and HIV grant were ready for signature while Malaria still had issues with the budget and indicators.

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3. Meeting with the programme staff

Present see attached attendance

Discussed

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4. Meeting with partners/Roadmap development

The Djibouti RBM partnership under the leadership of the Djibouti Malaria Control Programme finalised the Malaria Road Map 2010. The workshop was hosted by the DMCP country offices in their board room. In attendance was Peter Mbabazi from EARN secretariat Kampala, who joined local partners represented by both funding and implementation partners from; WHO, UNICEF and DMCP

Present see attached attendance and photo below



(Djibouti RBM partners developing the Road map)

Discussed

Country Road Map

The EARN coordinator presented the Road map template together with the summary needs to partners as per photo above, they contributed and finalised the road map see attached copy.

5. Meeting with IGAD Health Coordinator

Present was Mme. Fathia Alwan the IGAD Health coordinator and EARN coordinator, in her office in Djibouti

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6. WAY FORWARD

a) Global Fund Round 6

- Financial LFA to seek authority to verify the budget
- EARN coordinator and the PR to contact the FPM and seek guidance on the way forward
- The programme to make a disbursement request ready for submission after signature

b) Road map

- The programme to break down the Road map to a plan of action on monthly basis and keep updating the EARN coordinator

c) Fund Raising

- The programme to initiate fundraising campaigns targeting, Government, Bilateral and multilateral partners, Private sector and the public as soon as possible, drawing on the support of the Minister and the President

d) IGAD

- The request for the TA for the formulation of IGAD Malaria Strategic Plan by end of the week
- The Executive secretary of IGAD to circulate the letter to all ministers and request for an e vote on RBM Board representation, catering for geographical representation
- A letter from the RBM secretariat introducing the RBM board vacancy

7. Attached:

- i. Attendance list
- ii. Final Djibouti Road Map
- iii. Summary of the Djibouti Roadmap
- iv. Djibouti MIS report