

REPORTING FORM ON SITE VISITS/MEETINGS WITH SUB-RECIPIENTS (SRs)

Dear CCM Secretariat. This is a result of the meeting with Lilit Ghazaryan, Deputy Director of Scientific Center of Drug and Medical Technology Expertise of the MoH of RA, discussions with the SR, review of evaluation documents and SR's reports

1. Purpose of the Oversight

To find out of how the Capacity building in procurement and supply of medicines and commodities for addressing priority diseases was organized and whether it reached its targets, as well as in what extent implementation of the project contributed to the improvement of the current of a system for procurement and supply management.

2. Findings from the visit

Goal:

Global Fund funded the "Capacity building in procurement and supply of medicines and commodities for addressing priority diseases" component of the "Scaling up HIV Prevention, Treatment, Care and support in Armenia" project through the Round 8 Health System Strengthening Program. This component was implemented by the Scientific Center of Drug and Medical Technologies Expertise (SCDMTE) to promote the rational use of medicines intended for the treatment of priority diseases (TB).

The planned activities include

- Organizing a campaign among population and health professionals to promote the rational use of antibiotics
- Organizing meetings devoted to strengthening the monitoring system of adverse drug reactions
- Developing a database on the consumption of antimicrobials based on WHO classification

The meeting was held with Principle Recipient (PR) and SR on July 18, 2014 to make reference to discuss the project activities and further to clarify the details.

Lilit Ghazaryan introduced the implemented activities within the project implementation period. The main topics that were discussed included strengthening of system for the containment of antimicrobial resistance, awareness raising activities for physicians on the risks of antimicrobial resistance, importance of complaint mechanism and creation of pharmacovigilance system.

In addition to the meeting with PR, OB developed its report based on the provided project documents such as SR's reports and meetings' minutes.

OB appreciates very much cooperation and support of CCM Secretariat and PR in preparation of this report.

Project overview

The project consisted of 4 phases. Each phase of the project had a specific objective although some of the activities were implemented simultaneously and contributed to the following:

- The Surveillance on Antibiotic consumption was conducted, which was considered by WHO as a key step in fighting the antibiotic resistance.
- The database also provided an opportunity to make a comparative analysis of antibiotic consumption in Armenia with other countries.
- The National Antibiotics Registry was created with about 2347 names of medicines, out of which 1643 were registered drugs, the other 704 were received through humanitarian assistance.
- The Guideline for collecting and registering information was developed.
- Information on consumption of 2347 antimicrobials were collected, including local manufactured medicinal products.
- The project materials for strengthening the monitoring of adverse drug reactions were prepared
- The 2nd phase was intended to build skills of professionals to use the database and raise awareness of professionals and population about the risks and non rational use of antibiotics, antibiotic resistance and side effects. More than 40 meetings were organized to discuss the database and promote the prudent use of antibiotics.
- Meetings with pharm companies, Natali Pharm, Alfa Pharm, Gedeon Richter and Eskulap and 80 pharmacists to present the database and Antibiotic Resistance risks, as well as create a feedback mechanism for prevention of risks.
- The information was spread through media and meetings were organized in different marzes to promote the knowledge of population and health professionals and hence prevent risks.

The PR mentioned that the organization did not face any technical problems.

Conclusions

The created Database is very important and plays a key role in preventing the antibiotic resistance in Armenia and predicting the risks in the next 10 years.

Recommendations to the Armenian CCM

Continue raising knowledge of specialists on the presented issue to prevent the risks.