Understanding the Global Health Sector Strategy for Viral Hepatitis: Driving National Policy Change

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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HOW TO USE POLICY DOCUMENTS TO DRIVE NATIONAL CHANGE

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Urges Member States to: (3) promote the involvement of civil society in all aspects of preventing, diagnosing and treating viral hepatitis.

Resolution WHA67.6 / action 1.3
Poll

“Have you ever used policy documents in your national advocacy activities?”
WHA MEMBER CASE STUDY

Bisi Bright,
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How the effective use of policy documents in my area has led to meaningful political change

- 1 in every 12 Nigerians are infected with hepatitis B or C
- 2010 resolution helped convene a High-Level Strategic Focus Group Discussion (SFGD) in 2013
- Meeting included high-level policymakers and civil society discuss approaches to develop a national plan on viral hepatitis
- The main outcomes of SFGD were
  - A communique which called for action on hepatitis awareness, screening and treatment
  - Viral Hepatitis Committee
- As a result of these efforts, a draft Viral Hepatitis Policy in Nigeria and a Technical Working Group was established
Current Situation

- Technical Working Group (TWG) on Hepatitis had its first sitting last week with the Network of National Viral Hepatitis Coordinator in attendance

- More needs to be done. TWG needs to be strengthened with WHA members and others in the field of the hepatitis

- The 2010 resolution has led to positive changes
GOVERNMENT CASE STUDY

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Institute of Medicine: Hepatitis and Liver Cancer A National Strategy for Prevention and Control of Hepatitis B and C

- IOM advises the US government on matters of science and health
- Evidence-based and inclusive process for decision making
- Recommendations for Viral Hepatitis
  - Surveillance
  - Knowledge and Awareness
  - Immunizations
  - Services for Persons Living with Viral Hepatitis
IOM Identified Underlying Issues of Concern.....
that impede current prevention efforts:

- Lack of National Planning
- Lack of Public Awareness
- Lack of resources
- Lack of Provider Awareness
U.S. Viral Hepatitis Action Plan
Priorities

- Educating Providers and Communities to Reduce Health Disparities
- Improving Testing, Care, and Treatment to Prevent Liver Disease and Cancer
- Strengthening Surveillance to Detect Viral Hepatitis Transmission and Disease
- Eliminating Transmission of Vaccine-Preventable Viral Hepatitis
- Reducing Viral Hepatitis Cases Caused by Drug-Use Behaviors
- Protecting Patients and Workers from Health-Care-Associated Viral Hepatitis
The $ amounts for FY 2016 are tentative.
IOM Task -2016
A National Strategy for the Elimination of Hepatitis C and Hepatitis B

- Incidence
- Mortality
- Time frame
- Critical success factors and stakeholders
WHAT IS THE GLOBAL HEALTH SECTOR STRATEGY FOR VIRAL HEPATITIS?

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Sustainable Development Goals

- **Goal 3**: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

- **Target 3.3**: By 2030, end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected tropical diseases and combat hepatitis, waterborne diseases and other communicable diseases
Disease Elimination - Post-2015 Agenda

Concrete targets for HIV, TB, Malaria
Draft WHO Global Health Sector Strategy on Hepatitis

- **Vision:** “A world where viral hepatitis transmission is stopped and everyone has access to safe, affordable and effective treatment and care”

- **Goal:** Eliminate viral hepatitis as a major public health threat by 2030

- **Framework:** Universal health coverage and continuity of services
Impact Targets for Elimination

90% reduction in new cases of chronic HBV and HCV infection

65% reduction in deaths from chronic HBV and HCV

6-10 million infections (in 2015) to 900,000 infections (by 2030)

1.4 million deaths (in 2015) to under 500,000 deaths (by 2030)
Key Interventions for Scale Up

- Hepatitis B vaccination (including birth-dose)
- Safe injection practices and safe blood
- Harm reduction for injecting drug users
- Safer sex (including condom promotion)
- Hepatitis B treatment
- Hepatitis C cure
Next Steps

- Endorsed by WHO Executive Board – Jan 2016
- Agenda item of World Health Assembly – May 2016
- Garnering support from Member States
- Implementation!
Poll

“What will you contact your government ahead of the Assembly to ask them to adopt the GHSS?”
How to ask a question

You can submit a question by typing it in the Questions section in your meeting control panel

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