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

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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Agenda

Topic

- How to use policy documents to drive national change
- WHA member case study
- What is the global health sector strategy for viral hepatitis?

Speaker

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- Stefan Wiktor

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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
How to ask a question

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WHAT IS THE GLOBAL HEALTH SECTOR STRATEGY FOR VIRAL HEPATITIS?

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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
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
Disease Elimination - Post-2015 Agenda
Concrete targets for HIV, TB, Malaria
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

“Will you contact your government ahead of the Assembly to ask them to adopt the GHSS?”
SUMMARY AND CLOSE

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