## Health Sector General Updates

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| **Updating Minimum Package of Essential Health Services (MPEHS):** | - On 24-25 September 2023, the health sector conducted a workshop on developing a Minimum Package to draft the Minimum Essential Health Services Package involving a specialist, medical practitioners, and project managers from the government institutions as partners. The draft from the workshop is the first step in adapting the global standards into a Cox’s Bazar context standard.  
- The health sector SAG will review the draft by the end of October 2023. Thereafter, the package will be forwarded to the Civil Surgeon Office, Bazar, and the RRRC office, for their review and endorsement. The Health Sector is aiming to complete this process by December 2023. | MPEHS workshop Groups are to share their final inputs to the sector by Wednesday, 04th October 2023.  
The Health Sector will share with SAG for review and final endorsement.  
Partners to share any suggestions or feedback regarding MHEHS with the Health Sector. |
| **Workshop with CICs:** | The health sector participated in a consultative workshop with CICs organized by ISCG. Some issues were raised and discussed in the meeting by the CICs,  
- Family planning. It was suggested that community-based awareness focuses on engaging the decision support mechanism in the community, this includes male partners, mothers-in-law, and other relatives. Currently, the CHW may not be proactively reaching these subgroups with the FP awareness hence the low uptake. | SRH WG and CHW WG to sit together for the Improvement of Family Planning awareness.  
Partners to send their nominations and join the Disability Inclusive Humanitarian Action training.  
Partners to send their facility-relevant staff to the Camp-level General Health Card Orientation. |
| **Disability Workshop:** | There is an upcoming training from the ISCG and ADTWG in collaboration with Handicap International on Disability Inclusive Humanitarian Action training for Sector Partners, the link for nomination has been shared and partners were encouraged to join. |  
| **General Health Card:** | The camp-level orientation on the General Health Card is ongoing and will continue next week, partners are requested to send their facility doctors to the orientation, the orientation will be short and will take between 30 to 45 Minutes. |  
| **Communicable Diseases Update:** | - **Circumcision:** 8 new centers were established in June 2023. So far, 505 circumcisions have been done at these centers.  
- **Anti-Snake Venom (ASV):** Anti-Snake Venom is currently available at Cox’s Bazar Sadar Hospital (60 Vials), Ukhia and Teknaf Upazila Health Complexes (5 Vials each) and Turkish Field Hospital (42 Vials).  
- 50 vials are planned for distribution to other facilities  
- **Hepatitis C Treatment Center:** Two additional Hep C centers will be established (on top of the existing two), in the first phase planning to treat an additional 1000 HCV-positive patients. Hep-C drug procurement is in process, Nov –Dec 2023 WHO plans to organize Hep-C Surveillance orientation.  
- The Entomological survey for mosquitoes in camps will be happening this month.  
- **Non-Communicable Diseases Update:**  
  - NCD Data Mechanism: NCD data is currently recorded in the DHIS-2 FDMN server and 4W which only captures the total number which is not sufficient for the impact measurement as it does not differentiate old vs new cases. To add these required fields in DHIS-2 and digitize the NCD data, discussion is ongoing with govt. and key Health Partners.  
  - **NCD Patient Book:** NCD Patient Books for health facilities of Rohingya are to refer snakebite patients to the facilities with available Anti-Snake Venom (at least 10 Anti-Snake venoms in stock are required to start treatment for one patient, currently not to refer Ukhia and Teknaf UHC before the stock update), WHO will send confirmation once available.  
  - **NCD core partners to join NCD core group meeting.** |  

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### Notes:

- **WHO Updates**
- **Health Sector Coordination Meeting**
- **Meeting Notes**
- **Date: 04/10/2023**
- **NCD core Group**: ToR for the NCD core groups under the Health Sector has been revised and the meeting is planned for October 2023.
- **PEN training**: 2 batches of WHO PEN training is planned for November-December 2023 for health sector partners. Facilities with untrained staff will be prioritized.

### Laboratory Update:
- **Lab mapping in Camps**: Lab mapping in camps has been done, PHCs with full Lab support (30) and PHCs with only RDT support (15) as per the MPEHS have been identified. 8 HP extended its support by providing lab services going beyond MPEHS.
- **IEDCR field Lab**: In the final stages of expansion beyond Diphtheria and COVID-19. HCV confirmation, AMR sample testing, Cholera Culture, and HIV EQA/retesting are in the expansion package.
- **WHO** has procured HbA1c machines and will provide these with reagents to all PHCs, FHs, and certain HPs to screen and control diabetic patients.

### Community Healthcare workers WG:
- A low facility-based delivery rate has been observed in Camp 11 (47%). IRC explained the reasons, IRC PHC was the only PHC in Camp 11 which was burned in the March 5 fire incident, reconstruction is still in process, and currently not providing delivery services and referring patients to the Friendship PHC. GK showed interest in supporting delivery services in their facility.
- **MDA for Scabies**: Training has been cascaded down to the CHWs level, and all the CHWs have been trained. Interpersonal communication with communities and Advocacy meetings with community leaders are ongoing.
- **CHW coverage mapping will be updated in December 2023**.

### Epidemiology WG:
- **Dengue Outbreak**: Cases continue showing decreasing trends. Serotyping results (n=11): DENV2 – 73%, DENV1 – 18%, DENV3 – 9%
- **Scabies MDA (1st round) tentative Schedule**: Start Date: 22 October 2023, First dose: 22-32 October 2023, Second Dose: 5-13 November 2023.

### Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) WG:
- Maternal and Child Health Card will be piloted in a few PHCs, already reviewed by the health sector and SAG.
- SRH WG is conducting an inter-agency facility assessment for ASRH services in the camps during October 2023. Feedback on the assessment will be shared with respective partners and major findings will be shared with the SRH-WG.
- **MPMSR update**: The number of maternal deaths till the end of September 2023 is 62. MPMSR draft action plan is developed, reviewed, and finalized and will be submitted to Health Sector SAG for endorsement.
- **Perinatal death audit**: Currently active and going. Support required. Requested partners to support.

### Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) WG:
- World Mental Health Day 2023 will be celebrated on 10th Oct 2023. The theme of this year is “Mental Health is a Universal Human Right.”
- Data verification of the 4W data for clinical mental health consultation is ongoing.
- Some agencies were observed to report for MHPSS in the Health Sector 4W, but not attending MHPSS WG meetings and activities, requested those
partners (AWARD, CIS-Mercy Malaysia, DBC, DCHT, Global One, GUSS, HAEFA, MSF OCP, SALT FLI) to join the monthly meeting and show their presence in MHPSS service mapping.

- No MHPSS camp focal point in camp-17 and Transit Centre. Partners are requested to support.
- There are two camps 8W and 16, where two focal one from health, another from protection.

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- **Weather update**
  - As per the forecast, lots of rain is supposed to happen. MMT task force partners are requested to keep an eye on the situation.

**Next Meeting:** Tentative Date- 18 October 2023, Tentative Time- 10:30 am- 12:30 pm **Location:** TBA