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### African Union Communiqué on Eradication of ARF and RHD

#### Action Group 1 Meeting Minutes

4 October 2016, Skype

Time: 15h00 – 16h00 (South African Time)

1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks** – Mark Engel
2. **Attendees:** Mark Engel (ME), Joris van Dam (JVD) Jonathan Spector (JS) and Janette Lombard (JL)
3. **Apologies:** Steven Justus (SJ), John Musuku (JM) Lwazi Mhlanti (LM)
4. **No RSVP:** Abdi Alisalad (AA)
5. **Summary of meeting**
  - ME will see Abdi Alisalad in Mauritius (WHO regional Consultation - from 15 October)
  - ME met with Dimagi
    - Completed the app in terms of minimal data set we need
    - Suggested that Lwazi could still administer all the sites – individual space for each country
  - ME - Angola
    - Great interest (no registry, no RHD studies and no RHD data yet) keen to come on board
    - Identified a champion to oversee the project (putting grant at end of week, include issued related to app to their grant application)
    - Portuguese language (Possible – Translator available - Aola)
  - JVD: On Language
    - a) Text that is generated by the application (e.g. next page/click this button) Standard language setting
    - b) Text you input yourself (e.g. age of child) Translate yourself - replace text
      - Changing header column, will have same data labels (just different column headers in Portuguese)
      - Able to interpret data, maintains same variable name
  - Need App in French and Portuguese for the continent
  - Razeen (China) made himself available to work with the group
  - Pilot Countries:
    - Many sites joining the Invictus and Remedy Project
      1. RHD project with registry component
      2. Invictus (Not Dimagi) - software based, screen dump of data once a month, to match the fields
    - We don't want Invictus and Remedy sites to be duplicating data, and overloading them (Hand held app was ruled out)
    - Dimagi said it's possible to pull in data from those sites
    - Angola, Tanzania, Egypt and Ethiopia not part of Invictus sites
    - App is simple, we should push for one doctor to use it to manage their patients

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- JS: Suggests keeping the systems clean, keep it separate. (People getting confused with two apps)
  - Lwazi managing both apps
- ME struggling with how they can use Commcare app as service tool
- Patient monitoring tool needs permission from Hospital, not ethics

6. **Next steps, specific tasks:**

- JvD
  - Send Zambian Document to ME (done)
- October Agenda topics:
  - Explore options around web user
  - License agreement
  - Get the minimal data set criteria (AA)
- ME:
  - Mention JS idea to BM
  - Contact 10 sites with new version
  - ME & GN to approach Dimagi end of Oct to explore maintenance of current structure at cost effective rate (March 2017 onwards)
- Schedule monthly meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month 15h00 (South African Time) Next Meeting: **1 November 2016 at 15h00 (CAT)**

7. **Any other business – None**

8. **Closed with thanks**

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