African Union Communiqué on Eradication of ARF and RHD

Action Group 3 Meeting Minutes

21 October 2016

Venue: Skype Conference Call

Time: 14h00 – 15h00 (South African Time)

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Ana Mocumbi

2. Attendees: Ana Olga Mocumbi (AOM), Amam Mbakwem (AM), Maylene Shung King (MSK), George Nel (GN) and Janette Lombard (JL)

3. Apologies: Karen Sliwa (KS – another meeting), Triphonie Nkurunziza (TN - tried connecting through Adobe Connect)

4. Summary of Meeting

   • Draft on Technical Paper/Statement:

     ➢ AM: Epidemiology: What is available (Specific complications, maternal issues)

        o Many papers on prevalence on woman/men and outcome – but not much on pregnancy and contraception

        o Will look at older papers (AOM suggests we use references we have; and make a list of what we don’t have and send to JL to get more references from UCT)

        o AM spoke to Liesl Zuhlke in Rome (on contraception data in the REMEDY study) LZ said AM should send her a proper query - LZ will help us with data

        o AOM: Suggests AM to get in contact with LZ (get all information on pregnant woman, contraceptive detail) after AM finished with general review (Then we can do a sub-analysis from there)

        o AM: Suggest a needs-assessment survey (what kind of contraceptive advise - family planning/gynaecologist/practises give) Get any data available (AOM: patient stories could be useful – must do for next step)

     ➢ AOM: Diagnosis
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MSK: Summarise Aspects from Master Student thesis (Sub-Sahara Systemising Review) – Introduction of paper

- Master Piece – looked at appropriate parts at the thesis to include in the summary – orientated around the major gaps were in maternity services in Sub Sahara Africa
- Comprehensive review – her focus of review was on disabilities. Still enough general overview that can contribute to the introduction of the paper
- MSK extracted all the relevant sections – will summarise and send around
- Paper outline feedback
  - MSK see one gap in the questions in terms of the actual health services and health system issues - all questions focus on clinical aspects/clinical interventions
  - Should add a final question, example: “What is the current state of the health services and health system as a whole, to be able to respond to woman with RHD and equip them”
  - We should highlight the service system aspects in the paper
  - AOM: please feel free to add your questions/comments to the 1st draft

5. Next step, specific tasks

- AM:
  - Send LZ a proper query (get all information on pregnant woman, contraceptive detail)
  - Make a list of references we don’t have and send to JL to obtain from UCT
  - Send all references and information to JL

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• AOM:
  o Wants to Skype with BM to discuss format of paper (Sunday 23 October at 19h30 - CAT)
  o Will work separately with JL (by email and Skype)

• All:
  o Give feedback/information in colours and extract text on initial draft by Wednesday 26 Oct
  o All to collect scientific information and evidence, share through JL
  o Weekly meetings in November: Mondays at 15h00 – 15h30 (CAT)
    ▪ If unable to attend, please send comments and queries beforehand
  o We will shape the technical paper/statement in December

• JL:
  o JL Start listing all the references
  o Put everything together, revert to AOM

6. Any other business
  • MSK in Canada from November 6 – 19

7. Closed with thanks