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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)
 - Many papers on prevalence on woman/men and outcome – but not much on pregnancy and contraception
 - 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)
 - 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
 - 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)
 - 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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- Viewed statements from WHO for other areas. They have information on reproductive health, contraception and RHD (but not divided by gender) Found nothing on diagnosis
 - AOM will use a paper that was recently in CVJR (attached in 1st draft AOM sent)
 - In this case: Diagnosis – we will move away from RHD and view diagnosis in general (as we need evidence to make a statement)
 - AOM looked at several ways on how WHO drafted a statement – AOM met people in Mauritius that can help if Dr Nkurunziza unavailable
- 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:
 - Wants to Skype with BM to discuss format of paper (Sunday 23 October at 19h30 - CAT)
 - Will work separately with JL (by email and Skype)

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

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

6. Any other business

- MSK in Canada from November 6 – 19

7. Closed with thanks

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