African Union Communiqué on Eradication of ARF and RHD

Action Group 6 Meeting Minutes

17 May 2017 | Time: 16h00 – 17h00 (South African Time)
Venue: Skype Conference Call

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Chris Hugo-Hamman
2. Attendees: Chris Hugo Hamman (CHH), Sherri Schwaninger (SS), Jeremiah Mwangi (JM) and Janette Lombard (JL)
3. No RSVP: Steven Shongwe (SS), Frank Edwin (FE)

4. Summary of meeting

- Zambian Training Module
  - CHH thanked SS (Novartis) for the slide-set template (Training Module) that was adapted to be used as tool for all countries
    - Tool will be made available through PASCAR Website
    - CHH comments to adapted version:
      - Heading should be changed to: Training Module for field workers/nurses
      - We should mention on Slide 12 that BPG injection is very painful
        - Pain can be reduced when BPG (powder form) is diluted with 1% lignocaine instead of water
        - Use Dr Geoffrey Madeira publication as reference on lignocaine
  - CHH asked JM to look at module and provide feedback in two weeks (1 July)
  - SS reviewed the Sudan RHD training module compiled by Dr. Sulafa Ali (SS) – Module intended for physician training
    - SS emailed SA notifying her that we are drafting a non-physician training flipchart (might save that team some time and effort)
    - Next step for the Sudan team is to draft a healthcare worker training program
**PASCAR Small Grant Program**

- PASCAR sent Request for Proposal Letters out on 28 April & 9 May
- We received 1 application so far; Azza Abul-fadl (Egypt) and 3 countries showed interest:
  - Charles Mondo (Uganda)
  - James Russell (Sierra Leone)
  - Charles Yankah (Ghana)
- We agree that countries can apply for both small grant programmes (PASCAR & RHD Action)
  - Countries will only be rewarded for 1 project (can submit different projects)

5. **Next steps and specific tasks**

   - JM: Provide feedback on Zambian Training Module to SS (by 1 June)
   - JL:
     - Send SS Lignocaine publication (done)
     - Send Sulafa Ali our Training Module
     - Send CHH spreadsheet of countries that sent letters to MoH and provide feedback/responses from MoH
     - Provide information and send regular communication on Sudan Heart Congress, 8 - 11 October
     - Schedule next meeting when proposals will be adjudicated: Thursday 15 June - 16h00 (CAT)

6. **Any other business – None**

7. **Closed with thanks**