African Union Communiqué on Eradication of ARF and RHD

Action Group 6 Meeting Minutes

27 September 2016

Venue: Skype Conference Call

Time: 16h00 – 17h00 (South African Time)

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Chris Hugo Hamman

2. Attendees: Chris Hugo Hamman (CHH), Sherri Schwaninger (SS) and Janette Lombard (JL)

3. Apologies: Jeremiah Mwangi (JM), Steven Shongwe (SShongwe), Frank Edwin (FE)

4. Introduction of Sherri Schwaninger
   - Currently in Zambia
   - John Musuku in China (ministry of Health trip) – He recently got role as National co-ordinator for Cardiology

5. Summary of meeting
   - PASCAR writing letter – need final sign off before sending to MoH of African Countries
     - E.g. John Musuku should send letter to their MoH, reminding their minister their Head of State is signatory to the AU Communiqué - inviting him to launch a national programme for the prevention and control of RHD and ARF in that country
     - Letter could be altered (Comprehensive template)
     - On PASCAR Letterhead with WHF logo and Society logo + address

   - Technical Paper
     - Number of countries who wrote protocol/guidelines for their National prevention programme
     - Reach WHF Document – Quick Tips (great to use as template)
     - We formally asked permission to use this as template. Rosemary Wyber agreed, provided us the Quick Tips word format
- Draft 2nd letter to all Societies introducing the Quick Tips in usable format & to give acknowledgment if they use it

- Funding (JM)
  - (CHH) Group would benefit from some financial support from WHF & it would be an activity WHF would look upon favourably
  - Through workshops

- 14 - 16 January 2017, Egypt Meeting in Cairo
  - BM will have a discussion on this event (small groups & platform on Agenda)
  - [http://www.pascar.org/taskforces/entry/rheumatic-heart-disease](http://www.pascar.org/taskforces/entry/rheumatic-heart-disease) under NEWS/EVENTS

6. Next step, specific tasks

- JL:
  - Put letter on PASCAR Letterhead, with WHF logo on it, send back to CHH
  - Distribute letter to MoH of all African Countries after final sign off
  - Asks GN on the write up of the funding sent to JM
  - Send SS drafted Agenda on the Cairo meeting in January 2017
  - Give feedback to all on discussion of Cairo meeting (BM, LZ, ME, DW)

- JM:
  - Provide WHF Logo to JL
  - Provide more information on possible funding from WHF (we’re waiting for further instruction on funding)

- CHH:
  - Resend JL the “Word Format” of the Quick Tips
  - Draft 2nd letter to all Societies introducing the Quick Tips in usable format

7. Any other business – None

8. Closed with thanks