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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

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- **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

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