

NNN8 DMDI Workop session 3.3: Dakar, Senegal, Thursday Sept 28, 2017 16:00 – 17:30

“How do we assess severity, select appropriate DMDI interventions and assess their outcome and impact?”

Introduction

Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) affect more than a billion people globally, lead to significant morbidity and chronic disability and trap individuals, their families and communities in a cycle of poverty. Their combined Disability Adjusted Life Years (DALYs) equal or exceed those of Malaria, TB or HIV/AIDS, and there is considerable evidence that they are significantly underestimated when other consequences, such as mental health, are taken into account. In addition to the crucial global challenge of prevention and elimination, NTDs thus have distinct public health and patient care dimensions for those already affected. However, dimensions of “Disease Management, Disability and Inclusion” (DMDI) are widely lacking or relatively weak in most NTD programs.

Using practical case presentations and facilitated group discussion this participatory workshop provides an opportunity for participants to familiarize themselves with DMDI resources and tools.

Workshop outline (90 minutes): 16:00-17:30

1. Introduction of the workshop and the speakers • <i>DMDI relevance for comprehensive and inclusive NTD work</i>	Martin Kollmann, Moderator	10 min
2. Overview: DMDI NTD Database and Tool Kit • <i>NTD DMDI Database</i> • <i>NTD DMDI Toolkit</i>	<i>Linda Lehman</i> <i>Wim van Brakel</i>	10 min
3. Case presentation and application of NTD DMDI database and toolkit: • No. 1: Women with lymphedema with difficulty walking • No. 2: Girl with BU depressed because of is disfigurement • No. 3: Man who lost his job due to leprosy • No.4: Man with visual impairment due to onchocerciasis	Facilitators: <i>Wim van Brakel and Linda Lehman</i> • <i>Gail Davey</i> • <i>Christian Johnson</i> • <i>Joseph Chukwu</i> • <i>Elizabeth Elhassan</i>	40 min
4. Parallel group discussion using Cases Presented to answer the following questions (each group choose a reporter to record group): a) What do we mean with outcome and impact at the <u>patient</u> level? b) What impact would we like to demonstrate at <u>community</u> level? c) What impact would we like to demonstrate at NTD <u>programme</u> level? d) What impact would we like to demonstrate at <u>society</u> level?	Facilitators: <i>Wim van Brakel and Linda Lehman</i> Group leads: • <i>Case-presenters</i>	15 min
6. Plenary feedback, discussion and conclusions	<i>All</i>	10 min
7. Closure of the workshop	<i>Martin Kollmann, Moderator</i>	5 min

Expected outcomes

Participants will:

- Understand that people with NTDs may have impairments(physical and mental), activity limitations, participation restrictions that require interventions (medical and psychosocial) to assure “well being”.
- Be aware of assessment tools, databases and resources that are available to help resolve issues with the management of disease, disability and inclusion in NTDs.
- Understand that the NNN DMDI-Working Group provides a platform for shared learning which can support and guide National Programs and partners in planning, strengthening and implementing DMDI within NTD programs, health systems and research.