

Agenda
XIth Meeting of CAR MCH Forum
8 - 9 April, 2009
Ashkhabad, Turkmenistan
Hotel PRESIDENT

Tuesday, 8 April 2008

08:00 – 09:00 Registration of participants

09:00 – 09:40 Opening session

Objective: Government of Turkmenistan and UNICEF welcome the participants and background and agenda of the XI Forum is explained to the participants.

Outcome: The participants are welcomed, updated on developments in MCH in the region and agree on the agenda.

H.E. Mr. Khydyr Saparliyev, Deputy Prime-Minister of Turkmenistan
or H.E. Mr. Serdarov Ata, Minister of Health and Medical Industry

Ms. Shahnaz Kianian-Firuzgar - UNICEF Deputy Regional Director for CEE-CIS

09:30 – 09:40 Presentation of the Xth CAR MCH Forum recommendations – Mr. Asamidin Kamilov, Deputy Minister of Health, Uzbekistan,

09:40 – 09:55 Background, update on MCH in the region, Objectives and agenda of the meeting – Sanjiv Kumar, UNICEF CEE/CIS

09:55 – 11:10 Plenary sessions

Objective: To present country's progress in maternal child nutrition.

Outcome: Progress in maternal and child nutrition in countries and areas for future directions are presented and discussed by the government counterparts.

Chairperson: Mr. A. Serdarov., Minister of Health and Medical Industry, Turkmenistan

Mother and child nutrition, Development for children; Country progress report

09:55 – 10:10 Mr. Kurban Elyasov, Deputy Minister of Health and Medical Industry of Turkmenistan

10:10 – 10:25 Ms. Akmaral Asatova, Executive Secretary of the Ministry of Health of Kazakhstan

10:25 – 10:40 Mr. Madaminzhan Karatyev, Deputy Minister of Health of Kyrgyzstan

10:40 – 10:55 Ms. Saida Jobirova, Deputy Minister of Health of Tajikistan

10:55 – 11:10 Mr. Asamidin Kamilov, Deputy Minister of Health of Uzbekistan

11:10 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Plenary Session

Objective: To provide comprehensive overview of child nutrition challenges, strategic directions and opportunities and explain the process for obtaining high political interest and engagement for investing in scalable and high impact nutrition interventions and their linkage with child mortality and economic productivity

Outcome: Participants have an understanding of the child nutrition conceptual framework in relation to child survival and development, a notion of the success in Central Asia and the challenges and opportunities to address these. Participants understand the essential requirements and advocacy messages for positioning nutrition as central to development among high level policy makers; an outline of steps is provided for reaching an investment plan with shared ownership across Ministries

Chairperson: Ms. Akmaral Asatova, Executive Secretary of the Ministry of Health of Kazakhstan

Key note speeches:

- The Nutrition Factor: Basic for Achieving the MDGs in CARK and CEE/CIS – Arnold Timmer, UNICEF CEE/CIS
- National Nutrition Policies, Planning & Investment - Jack Bagriaynski
- Multi Sectoral Action - Towards 30th Anniversary of Alma-Ata PHC Declaration:
 - Public delivery of services: Nutrition and PHC – Toregeldy Sharmanov, Kazakhstan
 - PHC in resources-rich and middle-income countries - (TBC)

12:30 – 13:00 Discussions

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 17:00 Plenary Session

Objective: To share and discuss good practices on national nutrition investment plan (Uzbekistan), community nutrition (Kyrgyzstan), monitoring of food fortification (Turkmenistan) and biological monitoring of USI (Tajikistan).

Outcome: Good practices in nutrition are presented and discussed in the plenary. The country specific action in these areas is identified in country specific group work later.

Chairperson: Mr. Madaminzhan Karatyev, Deputy Minister of Health of Kyrgyzstan

Key note presentations of best country practices:

- Uzbekistan National Nutrition Investment Plan – E. Elfimova, Ministry of Economy, Uzbekistan
- Community Nutrition Projects – The Kyrgyz Republic
- Monitoring of food fortification in Turkmenistan – Turkmenistan
- Urine Iodine Assessment Among Children and Pregnant Women - Tajikistan

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee break

Partners views (TBC)

- WHO
- UNFPA
- Other partners (WB, ADB, USAID, etc.)

19:00 Official Reception

09:00 – 09:40 Plenary Session

- Objective: To present the experience of nosocomial spread of HIV in children and lessons learned in South Kazakhstan Oblast, Kazakhstan and Osh Oblast, Kyrgyzstan.
- Outcome: The experience of pediatric nosocomial spread of HIV/AIDS infections in South Kazakhstan Oblast, Kazakhstan and Osh Oblast in Kyrgyzstan is shared with participants with main focus on lessons learned. The key message for the participants is that prevention and treatment HIV outcomes cannot be achieved without strengthened health systems and ensuring quality of care.

Chairperson: Ms. Saida Jobirova, Deputy Minister of Health of Tajikistan

09:00 – 09:20 Nosocomial Spread of HIV in Pediatric Hospitals: Lessons Learned – Ruslan Malyuta, Jadranka Mimica, UNICEF CEE/CIS

09:20 – 09:30 Discussion

09:30 – 11:00 Group Work

09:30 – 09:35 Objectives of Group Work

Group #1. Inter-sectoral approach to nutrition: Nutrition Policy and Action Plan for CA countries

Facilitator: Jack Bagriansky, Ursula Truebswasser

- Objective: Group to define analysis, actions and partnerships to develop comprehensive national investment plans aiming to improve nutrition status of women and children.
- Outcome: Country specific action points related to development and implementation of nutrition policy and action plan are identified and agreed for follow up.

Group #2. Development and implementation of infant and young child nutrition strategy

Facilitator: Sanjiv Kumar

- Objective: Group to discuss infant and young child nutrition challenges especially low exclusive breastfeeding and poor complementary feeding practices. The group discusses the current measures and how these can be strengthened and expanded at community, systems and policy levels.
- Outcome: A rough outline for a country-based action plan with interventions that can be scaled up, and a plan to discuss this plan with at national level with various stakeholders.

Group #3. Quality of Care and HIV/AIDS.

Facilitator: Ruslan Malyuta / Jadranka Mimica

- Objective: The group to discuss the issues and lessons learned and come up with country specific recommendations to identify actions that will be taken in their countries.
- Outcome: The country teams discuss the issues, including (i) Existing treatment protocols including over treatment and over hospitalization facilitate infection spread and should be changed, (ii) Community's demand for invasive treatment procedures should be addressed through community and health workers' education. (iii) Unnecessary use of blood and blood products needs revisiting, (iv) unsafe injection practices contribute more than blood transfusion, (v) There is a need for greater involvement and leadership of pediatric services in prevention of HIV and also in care and treatment of children exposed/infected with HIV. Based on the above discussion, country level follow up actions are identified to contain nosocomial spread of HIV infection among children.

Group #4. Scaling up micronutrient interventions.

Facilitator: Arnold Timmer

Objective: The group work reviews current status of interventions to reduce micronutrient deficiencies, the challenges to scale them up and make them sustainable.

Outcome: Refined action points for addressing challenges for micronutrient interventions and opportunities such as generation of support, inter-country exchange, capacity building, etc

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:00 Continuation of Group Work

12:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session

Chairperson: Mr. Asamidin Kamilov, Deputy Minister of Health of Uzbekistan

Group work presentations;

12:00 – 13:00 Group work presentations followed by discussions
(10 minutes each presentation)

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch.

Working lunch with heads of country delegations on drafting forum resolution

15:00 – 16:30 Closing Session

Chairperson: Mr. Ata Serdarov., Minister of Health and Medical Industry, Turkmenistan

15:00 – 16:00 Presentation and endorsement of the forum declaration

16:00 – 16:30 Closing remarks and handing the CAR MCH banner to the next country (Kazakhstan)