



Report of the Trans-Zambezi Cross-border Victoria Falls Communities Consultative Meeting held at the Elephant Hills Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, on 03 February 2011

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SARN Secretariat





Introduction

The SARN Secretariat with funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, organized a one day consultative meeting of the TZMI business/local communities which was held on day three of the of the TZMI RMCC consultative meeting at the Elephant Hills Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Since the establishment of the TZMI in 2006, attempts have been made on two occasions in 2008 and 2009 to get funding from the Global Fund (GF) but the proposals failed. Following a thorough review of these failures plus lessons learned from the Lubombo Spatial development Initiative (LSDI), it was agreed that the TZMI district health authorities, business community, local communities should be organized to form committees that will mobilize resources with the support of the NMCPs, SARN Secretariat, SADC Secretariat, RBM Secretariat, local/regional/global partners to start implementing activities and then submit proposals to potential funding agents for additional resources. Thus, the TZMI RMCC agenda was designed to include the TZMI-Victoria Falls community meeting. The Victoria Falls community meeting would be used as a pathfinder for establishment of TZMI district committees in all the 16 districts. Representatives from the 16 districts committees will form the joint TZMI Committee which will assume overall control implementation of activities in the districts.

Participants (see Table 1)

The participants were made up of the TZMI – Victoria Falls business and local community representatives (Hotel Industry, Banks, Safari Operators, National Parks, District health officials, Private Clinics, City Council health officials, International Federation of Red Cross-Zambezi River Basin Project, MACEPA, HEDEC, WHO-Country Office (Zimbabwe), WHO-IST-ESA, WHO-GMP, Global Health Group (GHG)-Califonia, Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), Sanofi-Aventis, Reagent Laboratories, Research and Academic Institutions Military, Police, Immigration and Customs, Print Media, Malaria Program Managers; Military Malaria Managers, SADC Secretariat, SADC Military Malaria Program Coordinator, SARN Secretariat, SARN Steering Committee Members and RBM Secretariat.







Group Photo of participants of the TZMI Business Community and partners Consultative Meeting at the Elephant Hills Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (03 February 2011)

Objectives and expected outcomes

General Objective

To contribute to the implementation of the SADC Malaria Control and Malaria Elimination Initiative and the SARN work plan through establishment of the TZMI business/local communalities, district health workers and partners committee a joint TZMI Action Plan and participation of the TZMI partners and communities





Specific Objectives

- 1. Mobilize the TZMI-Victoria Falls business and local communities to participate and contribute towards implementation of the joint TZMI action plan and the SARN work plan
- 2. Review the inclusion/role of the TZMI-Victoria Falls business/local communities in the TZMI organizational structure
- 3. Use the established TZMI-Victoria Falls committee as a pathfinder for establishment of similar committees in all the 16 districts
- 4. Find out activities in which the TZMI-Victoria Community is already participating and types of resources they are already contributing
- 5. Establish collaboration with the international federation of the Red Cross-Zambezi Valley Project

Expected outcomes

- 1. TZMI-Victoria Falls business/local community/partners/district health workers committee
- 2. Composition/roles/activities of the TZMI-Victoria Falls Committee
- 3. Collaboration between TZMI and IFRC-Zambezi Valley project

Main Outcomes

- 1. TZMI-Victoria Falls business/local community/partners/district health workers committee coordinators, roles and activities
- 2. TZMI-Victoria Falls business/local communities commitment to participate and contribute resources to TZMI
- 3. Partners (in-county/regional/global commitment to support TZMI
- 4. TZMI-Victoria Falls committee activities to be included in the TZMI action plan and business plan
- 5. Activities for collaboration with the IFRC –Zambezi River Basin Project
- 6. Participation of TZMI-Victoria Falls committee in SARN Secretariat organized teleconferences
- 7. Similar committees to be established in all TZMI 16 districts
- 8. District committees representatives to participate in the TZMI meeting to held in Kasane, Botswana, in April 2011.

It was established that the TZMI-Victoria Falls community is already contributing towards IRS by providing funds to the district health authority for spraying their business premises and workers quarters. Failure to access ACTs and malaria diagnosis was emphasised as the major bottleneck encountered by the TZMI-Victoria Falls community. The community also expressed failure by the district health authority to organize and share information with them. Participants agreed that the community will now organize a committee and support the establishment of similar committees in all the districts starting with the neighbouring Kazungula (Zambia) and Chobe (Botswana) districts.

Follow up Action

- Establishment of the TZMI-Victoria Falls committee and similar committees in all the 16 TZMI districts
- Inclusion of the TZMI communities activities in the TZMI action Plan and business plan





- Inclusion of representatives of district representatives in the TZMI administrative structure to reflect a multi-sectoral composition
- Inclusion and participation of TZMI districts committees representatives in the inter-districts consultative meeting in Kasane, Botswana in April 2011
- TZMI collaboration with the IFRC-Zambezi River Basin Project





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