

# World Health Organization Polio Eradication Initiative

## 5th Meeting of the Technical Advisory Group on Polio Eradication in the Horn of Africa Countries, Nairobi, Kenya

8 - 9 March 2010.

### Provisional Annotated Agenda

#### **Day 1: 8 March 2010**

##### **Opening**

Welcome and Introductions

Opening remarks

Objectives of meeting and review of agenda

Status of implementation of recommendations of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the TAG

#### **Session 1. Overview of Polio eradication in the Horn of Africa countries**

##### **Presentations/Overviews**

1. Global context and key developments in the PEI (HQ)
2. Regional initiatives to interrupt Polio transmission in the Horn of Africa countries (EMRO/AFRO)
3. Country Specific Overviews (Kenya, Sudan-northern/Sudan southern, Ethiopia, Uganda, Chad)- where they had polio cases in 2009
  - a. Status of AFP surveillance
  - b. Status of routine EPI routine in high risk areas
  - c. Supplementary Immunization activities for PEI
  - d. Strategies and plans to ensure sustainability of the progress ( maintaining certification level surveillance and population immunity in areas with gaps and at high risk for spread in event of importations
4. Brief overview and updates on PEI in Somalia /Yemen/ Eritrea/ Djibouti
5. Presentation on the Short Interval Administration Initiative (SIAD) implemented in Kenya
6. Report on Cross border coordination plan for the HOA countries in 2010 including summary of planned activities and priorities in correlation with the 2010-2012 milestones of the GPEI.

***Expected outcome:*** *The TAG will be informed of the status of all polio eradication activities and be briefed on the successes, constraints and challenges to achieve- polio free status, maintain certification level AFP surveillance and efforts to increase population immunity in the Horn of Africa countries and the challenges posed by the continued risk of importation from polio endemic countries or areas with persistent transmission of wild polio virus. The TAG may requests additional information or updates from the secretariat which may be required for the TAG deliberations during the closed sessions on Day 2.*

## **Day 2.: 9 March 2010**

### **Session 2. Closed Meeting of the Technical Advisory Group**

1. Presentations /clarifications from Secretariat if requested by the TAG.
2. Issues for discussion by the TAG
  - a. Sustaining high level advocacy and commitment for PEI activities in the HOA countries
  - b. Addressing surveillance gaps country
  - c. Improving cross-border coordination activities
  - d. Addressing surveillance gaps: Implications of long-chain transmission of wild polio viruses
  - e. Maintaining population immunity in the context of HOA countries

#### ***Expected outcomes:***

- (a) The TAG will review the situation and progress of polio eradication in countries of the Horn of Africa and neighbouring countries;*
- (b) The TAG will identify any areas or situations of concern which may need to be addressed, in particular those related to the risk of importation of wild poliovirus, which may affect more than one country in the area and make technical recommendations on appropriate strategies to ensure the maintenance of polio free status in the Horn of Africa and neighbouring countries and appropriate strategies to maintain certification level AFP surveillance.*

### **Session 3: Conclusions and Recommendations of the TAG**

1. Presentation of conclusions and recommendations
2. Discussion
3. Closing remarks