

CENTRAL FUND FOR INFLUENZA ACTION

PROGRAMME¹ QUARTERLY PROGRESS UPDATE

As of 14th July 2010

Participating UN or Non-UN Organization:	UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)	UNCAPAHI Objective(s) covered:	Objective 6: Continuity under pandemic conditions		
Implementing Partner(s):	All funds disbursed will be managed by selected implementing agencies within UN country teams.				
Programme Number:	CFIA-A16				
Programme Title:	Pandemic Preparedness Small Project Funding Facility for UN Resident Coordinators				
Total Approved Programme Budget:	US\$ 718,470				
Location:	Countries with restricted implementation capacity (humanitarian preparedness)				
MC Approval Date:	5 October 2009				
Programme Duration:	12 months	Starting Date:	5 October 2009	Completion Date:	1 October 2010
Funds Committed:	US\$ 718,470			Percentage of Approved:	100%
Funds Disbursed:	US\$ 442,970.42			Percentage of Approved:	61.65%
Expected Programme Duration:	One year	Forecast Final Date:	1 October 2010	Delay (Months):	

Outcomes:	Achievements/Results:	Percentage of planned:
UN country teams support small projects which make a significant impact in stimulating greater progress in multisectoral pandemic preparedness in low capacity countries.	1. Ghana Strong progress was made during the reporting period.	7 of the 10 projects (70%) have achieved valuable results as at 30.06.2010.
	H1N1 public health campaign: National Disaster Management Organisation (NADMO) of Ghana, in collaboration with the Ghana Independent Broadcasters Association (GIBA) has conducted a mass media health education campaign, consisting of live broadcasts/talk shows, jingles and adverts. These broadcasts covered the whole of Ghana, reaching approximately 70% of total population. The mass campaign strengthened the awareness of H1N1 symptoms, modes of transmission, preventative measures, as well as treatment methods. One of the outcomes of the campaign was an increase of the number of reported suspected cases at health facilities across the country, as reported by The Ghana Health Service. Information Education and Communications (IEC) material:	

¹ The term "programme" is used for projects, programmes and joint programmes.

	<p>To enable dissemination and promotion of knowledge on pandemic influenza, IEC material, including posters, fliers and information brochures were produced and distributed to communities through hospitals, markets, churches, mosques and schools in all ten regions of Ghana.</p> <p>Training of trainers for Directors of Education and Heads of Educational Institutions: In response to a series of outbreaks of H1N1 in schools, NADMO, the School Health Education Programme, (SHEP) of Ghana Education Service and Ghana Health Service have organized a training of trainers (TOT) seminar for policy makers in the educational sector. The seminar focused on hygiene and health education to ensure improvement in environmental and sanitary conditions to prevent further outbreaks. All participants of the seminar pledged their commitment to ensure the provision of hand washing facilities in all educational institutions, as well as to intensify and sustain education on pandemic influenza at schools.</p> <p>Training of Trainers for NADMO staff: A three-day workshop on Pandemic Influenza was organized for NADMO staff from 15th to 18th of June 2010 with the objectives of increasing knowledge on Pandemic Influenza, building capacities to coordinate multi-sectoral response, providing framework for regional pandemic preparedness and response planning, building capacities to develop pandemic communication plans, and improving capacities to assist corporate institutions to develop Business Continuity Plans.</p> <p><i>Expenditure to date: \$99,886.58 (balance: \$113.42)</i></p>	
	<p>2. Nepal</p>	
	<p>Planning Guidelines for Schools Planning meetings in four districts of the eastern region of the country were jointly conducted by UNICEF, District Education Offices, District Health Offices and District Livestock. The purpose of these meetings was to produce education sector guidelines and plans for pandemic preparedness. The technical experts from Government and UNICEF oriented the participants about technical information on Pandemic Influenza and the content of the Non Pharmaceutical Interventions during different pandemic phases. The meetings produced pandemic preparedness planning guidelines for Education sector, focusing on prevention, response and recovery. These planning guidelines will be used as a basis to produce pandemic preparedness plans at schools at village levels.</p> <p>Agreements with NGOs: UNICEF has signed agreements with NGOs in 5 districts: Sunsari, Morang, Ilam, Jhapa, Chitwan. Following the training, these NGOs will be involved with the school education programme on API, and dissemination of IEC material. These NGOs facilitated</p>	

	<p>the planning meeting with District Education Offices to develop pandemic preparedness plan. They will be conducting orientations in two village development committees in each district where they will develop school preparedness plans at village levels.</p> <p>Advocacy & Messaging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNICEF has developed a poster and a comic book using the famous character Meena to promote safe behaviour to prevent pandemic influenza. This has been printed and disseminated to be used in schools. Flex posters have also been printed as training materials for teachers and social mobilisers. • The radio messages, developed in four languages on H1N1 were disseminated through more than 87 FM radio stations spread across the country. • TV spots informing people about key behaviours to follow to prevent pandemic influenza were broadcast through more than 6 TV channels over a period of seven days. <p>Coordination</p> <p>UNICEF and WHO are closely coordinating all activities. Furthermore, programme is coordinated well with NHEICC (Government body responsible for all health related messages), who has close ties with the Ministry of Education and the Department of Education. At sub national levels, there is strong coordination with District Health Offices, District Livestock Offices and District Education Offices. Involvement of Ministry of Home Affairs and OCHA in these activities has further strengthened the coordination capacities for the pandemic preparedness.</p> <p><i>Expenditure to date: \$58,218.34 (balance: \$11,781.66)</i></p>	
	<p>3. Vietnam</p>	
	<p>Implementation of this project has been delayed due to a decrease in interest on multi-sectoral pandemic planning, preparedness, and response efforts, caused by the mildness of H1N1, as well as delays in ASEAN's project on assessment of national multi-sectoral pandemic efforts. Currently, the project plans to recruit consultant(s) who will conduct multi-sectoral government consultation on pandemic preparedness and facilitate a dissemination workshop that would present the findings, provide an opportunity for further discussions, and identify the next steps to advance multi-sectoral preparedness.</p> <p><i>Expenditure to date: \$0 (balance: \$64,241)</i></p>	
	<p>4. Madagascar</p>	
	<p>The Ministry of Health has completed its Business Continuity Plan (BCP). Two workshops for national actors on BCP took place in Antananarivo, focusing on reinforcing capacities and further assistance in finalizing the BCPs. It was agreed that the completed BCPs should be submitted to the National Disaster Management Organisation by the end of June.</p>	

	<p>Support was provided to the Central Bank of Madagascar through training of senior management on BCP processes and methods of identifying the essential functions necessary to maintain the provision of services during major disruptions.</p> <p>A regional workshop on the “Whole-of-Society” and BCP was organized in Fort Dauphin, a region of highest economic importance, attended by local authorities and the private sector.</p> <p><i>Expenditure to date: \$60,418 (balance: \$14,582)</i></p>	
	<p>5. Lebanon</p> <p>The Pandemic Influenza Preparedness for Palestine refugees in Lebanon programme continued to progress well.</p> <p>Development of the Preparedness Plan Mapping of health providers was finalised in June. Five volunteers working for the Health Department explored Ein El Hilweh Camp and visited new organizations. The mapping has built a solid database of health providers in the camps. The UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNWRA) Health Department plans to finalise the preparedness plan over summer.</p> <p>Implementation of a Communications Campaign The schoolchildren “H1N1 competition” on health and hygiene promotion was implemented in all 67 UNRWA schools, and successfully concluded with 6 schools. The activity proved to have a positive impact on strengthening the students’ knowledge of pandemic influenza, as well as strengthening the awareness of hygiene and health safety in the schools.</p> <p>The animation film on pandemic influenza was finalized in April and shown in schools as part of educational activities. The Mobile Health Information Unit (MHIU) travelled throughout Lebanon from 22nd of April until the end of June, targeting two main groups within the Palestine refugee community - school children and women. The MHIU visited all 12 camps and main gatherings, raising awareness on preventive measures for pandemic influenza and on general health-related behaviours. These sessions were conducted in schools, health centres, women’s centres and Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) hospitals. The cooperation with implementing partner “Right to Play” ensured that the health messages were delivered in an innovative and effective way, engaging the audience and testing the impact to ensure that the messages were understood.</p> <p>Hygiene Preventive Measures One third of the purchased liquid soap (2,255 gallons) as well as 43 liquid soap dispensers are being stored in the warehouse planned to be distributed in the coming</p>	

	<p>school year.</p> <p><i>Expenditure to date:</i> \$70,583 (balance: \$28,927)</p> <p>6. Guinea Bissau</p> <p>The project implementation is progressing well.</p> <p>National Pandemic Planning The Director of Public Health Services and Environmental Hygiene has drafted a schedule of technical working sessions for the International Health Regulations and other normative instruments to be adapted to Guinea Bissau. A national multi-sectoral pandemic simulation workshop was conducted in May 2010 attended by 20 professionals from the Government, the UN, the Red Cross and NGOs. The workshop demonstrated the need for an integrated whole of society approach to pandemic planning and preparedness, and provided the participants with a practical opportunity to work together in multi-sectoral groups.</p> <p>Regional Pandemic Planning WHO is working with the Ministry of Public Health (MINSAP) on organising regional epidemic management committee planning meetings in 6 regions (out of the total of 11) – underlining the importance of influenza management. These meetings will define the roles of the epidemic committees – including for planning and monitoring, resource mobilisation, behaviour change communication, stock management and the development of regional preparedness plans. The regional epidemic management committees will be composed of the Governor, security officials (such as the police), community representatives, regional directorates of health, agriculture, education and planning, NGOs and the private sector.</p> <p>Communication and Social Mobilisation UNICEF is working with the communications sub-committee of the National Inter-Ministerial Committee for Epidemic Management (CNMGE) to develop a national communications plan for pandemic influenza, with participation from MINSAP, the National Institute of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Social Communication, Network of Community Radios, NGO Palmerinhas and WHO. The committee has agreed to implement a series of communication activities for pandemic influenza including training and awareness raising kits, production of communication materials, such as posters, leaflets and comic books, training and capacity building, including for health workers, community health workers, educational supervisors, immigration and border guards, journalists, traditional authorities and NGOs, as well as community meetings in high risk areas.</p> <p>Capacity development for pandemic prevention and treatment</p>	
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	<p>Training of health personnel on prevention and clinical management of influenza is scheduled, in collaboration with the Cuban Medical Brigade, under the framework of the physicians training project.</p> <p><i>Expenditure to date: \$75,702 (balance: \$24,298)</i></p>	
	<p>7. Jamaica</p> <p>The project in Jamaica is progressing at a steady pace.</p> <p>Action Plan and Monitoring & Evaluation The implementing committee consisting of Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Office of Disaster Preparedness (ODPEM), Bureau of Tourism, UNICEF and PAHO/WHO have prepared the plan of action and a budget.</p> <p>Information material on prevention, detection and containment of the virus The Inter-sectoral Communications Working Group spearheaded by the Ministry of Health has agreed the detailed action plan to implement a range of communications activities to address behavioural changes, with the following objectives: 1) To identify the knowledge, attitudes, practices and beliefs of communities across Jamaica through diverse focus groups (age, gender, high-risk groups) in the parishes with both higher and lower incidence of influenza; 2) To create partnerships with key stakeholders for sustainability of strategies employed; and 3) To create audio-visual and printed material for different target groups, including radio jingles developed by writing and performing arts students, as well as of a hand-washing/preventative measures booklet.</p> <p>Inter-sectoral community-based and national Pandemic Preparedness The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) has been tasked to design guidelines for the Private Sector for preparation of Business Continuity Plans (BCP). ODPEM have conducted two BCP trainings targeting both private and public sector entities that are identified as essential service providers in a pandemic. The purpose of the trainings is to inform the participants about pandemics and existing local plans for pandemic preparedness, and encourage them to create continuity plans enabling them to maintain critical operations during the pandemic.</p> <p>Information on prevention, containment and treatment The Ministry of Health and its partners are developing a website on influenza and other diseases. The objective of the website is to provide readily accessible information to the general public in Jamaica and overseas about influenza and other illnesses. The website will be designed in a 'child friendly' manner for</p>	

	<p>accessibility to children, it will contain audio visual and written material and information on influenza and other flu-like illnesses, pages with information concerning tourism & education, links to other agency websites; and links to other related articles.</p> <p>The contractor will ensure that information for the website is being kept up-to-date, based on the information and project reports provided by the Ministry of Health, as well as provide daily updates of MOH Jamaica H1N1 website</p> <p><i>Expenditure to date: \$46,352.85 (balance: \$43,647.15)</i></p> <p>8. Indonesia</p> <p>Good progress has been reported in Indonesia, despite some coordination constraints caused by the delays in finalising the hosting arrangements for the National Zoonosis Commission.</p> <p>IMCAPI Hanoi Conference: A nine member delegation from Indonesian Ministries of Health and Agriculture attended the IMCAPI global conference in Hanoi where they presented the key results of the Bali Five Country Conference on best practices for prevention and containment of H5N1/HPAI.</p> <p>Good collaboration with ASEAN has been further strengthened in the planning meeting in Jakarta (April) for the regional event that will be held in Cambodia in August. This event will be a capacity-building opportunity for Indonesian multi-sectoral team, building their experience in simulations and emergency responses. Likewise, bilateral conversations have been held with ASEAN regarding a Business Continuity Planning Event on July 6-7 in Hanoi.</p> <p>Hyogo Framework: Work has progressed in preparing a Hyogo Framework for Emerging Infectious Diseases for Indonesia.</p> <p>Rabies Outbreak: After the initial report of rabies outbreak in Bali, Indonesian authorities have reported further outbreaks in 24 of Indonesia's 33 provinces. To address the situation, the UNDP have organized and facilitated two inter-agency meetings on rabies situation assessments. The second meeting included the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) and the Bali Animal Welfare Association (BAWA), as well as donors. Also UN Staff Advisory on Rabies was finalised in consultation with WHO, FAO, UNDSS and UNDP which was distributed to all staff and incoming visitors requesting security clearances</p> <p>Mainstreaming of Pandemic Influenza and Emerging Infectious Diseases: Technical, preparatory and implementation support was provided to two missions conducted by UNDP Crisis</p>	
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	<p>Prevention and Recovery Unit (CPRU), to further conceptualize and develop mainstreaming/disaster risk reduction concept for emerging pandemic threats. Interviews were conducted in Jakarta, Semarang, Bali and Kupang with key government and UN stakeholders, as well as NGOs and civil society organizations.</p> <p><i>Expenditure to date: \$31,809.65 (balance: \$65,079.35)</i></p>	
	<p>9. Bolivia (UNDP)</p>	
	<p>The project is still in a preparatory phase, following the delays experienced due to recovery activities in the aftermath of flood and drought.</p> <p>As part of multi-sectoral preparedness work, the Vice-Ministry of Civil Defence (VIDECI) has conducted discussions with several prioritised sectors, including tourism and production. Presently, the VIDECEI is elaborating the plan of action. The work is anticipated to be focused on the cities of La Paz and Santa Cruz and will include 5 civil society institutions in each city.</p> <p>The discussions with the National Committee on Influenza concerning the production of communications material are underway.</p> <p><i>Expenditure to date: \$0 (balance: \$16.050)</i></p>	
	<p>10. Bolivia (WFP)</p>	
	<p>Implementation of this project has been delayed, as the funding has not yet been transferred to the country office. Efforts are being made between WFP, UNDP and OCHA to resolve this issue, so that the programme implementation could commence.</p> <p><i>Expenditure to date: \$0 (balance: \$6,780)</i></p>	

<p>Qualitative achievements against outcomes and results:</p>
<p>Solid progress is reported on majority of projects. Majority of activities focuses on “The Whole-of-Society”, business continuity planning, strengthening communications on prevention of influenza-related diseases, as well as strengthening multi-sectoral coordination mechanisms in the countries.</p> <p>It is hoped that the funding transfer issues will be resolved soon, so that the projects in Bolivia can enter the implementation phase. Similarly, it is envisaged that the newly recruited consultant will help move the project forward in Vietnam.</p> <p>PIC/OCHA regional Planning Officers (RPOs) continue to provide their technical assistance and support to UN country teams and Governments in implementation of the projects.</p>

