

REPORT ON IMMUNIZATION WORKSHOP AT LIRA MEDICAL CENTRE:
(FROM 03/03/2008- 07/03/2008)

It was on Mon.03/03/2008 that we went to Lira Medical Centre for the training on immunization which took five days (1 Wk). We were received by the Hospital Administrator who handed us over to the facilitators of the programme.

The training workshop was finished successfully though there was some hindrance by some participants (sickness).

At 3:00 the programme was opened with prayer which was led by one of the participant, followed by individual introduction. Starting with the participants and then concluded with the facilitators.

Thereafter participant's expectations were asked, where we came up with the followings;

1. Getting everything concerning immunization.
2. To know how to order for vaccines.
3. To know how to write reports on immunisation.
4. To know how to immunise.
5. To know how to sensitize the community on immunisation.
6. To know how vaccines are kept.
7. To know all about cold chain system and how it works.
8. To know what causes low immunisation coverage.
9. To know why we should immunise.
10. To know who to consult about immunisation.

In that respect therefore full session begun where topics listed below were covered, but before pre –Test was given and the Questions were:

1. What is immunisation?
2. What is immunity?
 - (a) How many UNEPI target diseases are there?
 - (b) List them.
3. Which are the vaccines responsible for each target disease.
4. What is Vit A? Why is it important?
5. Give the schedules for T.T Vaccine.
6. What is Cold Chain System?
7. What is UNEPI in full?
8. Describe the schedules for routine immunisation.
 - (a) What is meant by Static?
 - (b) What is meant by out reach?

TOPICS DISCUSSED WERE:

Day 1 & 2

Immunity. (with the above)

UNEPI target diseases which were listed as,

- 1-Poliomyelitis (polio)
- 2-Tuberculosis (T.B)
- 3-Diphtheria
- 4-Measles
- 5-Whooping cough
- 6-Tetanus
- 7-HepatitisB
- 8-Haemophilus Influenza B

We were able to tackle the above topics into details including the following areas:

- Definition of the Disease
- Modes of Transmission
- Incubation periods
- Signs and Symptoms
- Management
- Complications
- Preventive measures

Day 3: COLD CHAIN SYSTEM:

Defn; A recommended system of handling vaccines during transportation and storage at different points from the manufacturer to the consumers/Recipients (child/mother) when the vaccines are still potent and have correct temperature.

We went to Lira Regional Hosp to see part of the cold chain system.

COMPONENTS OF COLD CHAIN:

- Personnel
- Transport
- Finance
- Logistics/Equipments

Day 4:FIELD VISIT AT LIRA REGIONAL REFERRAL HOSPITAL:

We were taken to see the actual immunisation session at the referral Hospital. From there some of us were able to participate in administering vaccines to mothers and children.

Day 5: CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP:

On the fifth day we had the closing ceremony with the guest of honour being the Director of Lira Medical Centre who was delighted by the DDHS-Lira.

NAMES OF HEALTH UNITS THAT PARTICIPATED ARE:

1. IAA CLINIC LIRA
2. IAA CLINIC GULU
3. MARIE STOPE
4. CHARIS HEALTH CENTRE III
5. LIRA MEDICAL CENTRE

NAMES OF THE FACILITATORS AND THEIR POSTS IN THE DISTRICT:

1. Mr Isaac Ogwal (DCCT) District Cold Chain Technician
2. Sr Vento (Asst DHV) District Health visitor

REMARKS:

It was a nice training workshop since towards the end it became more practical. And I hope with the knowledge got, we can work now very hard to emphasise on preventive measures (immunisation health Education) than the curative means.