

Report of evaluation Planning Workshop Kurunegala District Sri Lanka: December 2009

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Location: Hotel Blue Sky , Kurunegala, Sri Lanka

- **Participants:**
 - **Prof.Artur Dubrawski – Auton Lab , USA**
 - **Dr.R.M.S.K. Ratnayake – Provincial Director of Health Services
North western Province**
 - **Dr.Laxman Edirisinghe – Assistant Director Planning North Western
Province, Sri Lanka**
 - **Dr. P.S. Hemachandra – Regional Epidemiologist, Kurunegala
District,Sri Lanka**
 - **Medical Officer of Health –
Pannala,Kuliyapitiya,Wariyapola,Udubaddawa**
 - **Medical Officers In charge of the Health Institutions**
 - **Mr.Ravindra Kandage – Vice President Sarvodaya / Director
Shanithi sena**
 - **Nuwan Waidyanatha – Director RTBP, Lirneaisa**
 - **Volunteers of RTBP**
 - **District Crew – Sarvodaya Kurunegala District**

After lighting of traditional oil lamps Mr.P.V. Ariyawansa District coordinator of Sarvodaya did the introduction of participants and the welcome speech.

The Inaugural speech was done by Dr.R.M.S.K. Ratnayake, Provincial Director of Health Services North Western Province. He mentioned that this project is of valuable importance to the Kurunegala District. He requested all Medical Officers In charge of Health Institutions, to give all assistance.



Dr.P.S. Hemachandra, Regional Epidemiologist, spoke about the awareness of the prevailing disease surveillance and notification systems in Sri Lanka. He stressed that all public health issues are looked after by Medical Officers OF Health (MOH) , Public Health Inspectors (PHI) and field health Midwives. All Primary Health care in the North Western Province is being looked after by 5 categories of health institutions namely District Hospitals, Peripheral Units, Rural Hospitals, Central Dispensaries and Maternity Homes.

From 1987 “Quarantine Prevention Disease Ordinance” all preventable, communicable diseases are controlled by this act. In Sri Lanka disease surveillance is being notified through 3 main forms namely “H 544,411and 411 A”. This was done through postal facilities as mentioned by Dr.P.S. Hemachandra.

Finally these reports are sent to National Epidemiological Unit in Colombo and this feedback is published through an Epidemiological Bulletin once in 4 months.



Mr. Ravindra Kandage , Director Shanthi Sena ,Sarvodaya, spoke about the prevailing Sarvodaya community Health Program.

Miss. Pubuduni Weerakoon, Research Assistant of RTBP for Sarvodaya spoke about the data collection with the m-Health Survey.

Prof. Artur Dubrawski Auton lab USA spoke about the T- cube web Interface for data analysis.

Mr. Nuwan Waidyanatha, Director RTBP spoke about the CAP SMS/Email Sahana messaging Module.

Finally the discussion session was conducted by Assistant Director Planning Dr.Laxman Edirisinghe. The main factors arisen were that the T – Cube web Interface was little bit complex for data analysis in Sri Lankan Health sector and was necessary to only focus about the notifiable Diseases of Sri Lanka.

It was also stressed that the Knowledge of Medical Terms of volunteers was not that of standard ,in future a training course be conducted regarding Medical terms to enhance their Knowledge.