International Conference on Ebola Recovery

Thematic Discussions

First thematic session: Health, Nutrition and WASH

Date: 09 July 2015

Time: 11:10am-12:30pm

Location: New York Headquarters

Introduction

The thematic sessions on 9 July are designed to give the opportunity for Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone to present their respective Ebola recovery plans in depth, including costs and implementation strategies. The day begins with a complete overview of the plans and then move into four thematic sessions around: 1) Health, nutrition and WASH; 2) governance, peacebuilding and social cohesion; 3) education, social and child protection and basic services; and 4) socio-economic revitalization.

The session on health, nutrition and WASH will focus on an update from the governments of the three affected countries on their national health plans, and discussion of implementation with the support of the UN system, bilateral donor governments, NGOs and other partners. The session is co-led by WHO and the World Bank.

Outcome

The session should result in a better understanding of the priorities for the health, nutrition and WASH sectors, and the partnerships, coordination, technical and financial support required to achieve the desired outcomes of the national plans. The session will also discuss the important role of communities in implementation of the health, nutrition and WASH plans.

Format

- Welcome and introduction of panelists by Dr. Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa
- Opening remarks by Dr. Tim Evans, Senior Director for Health, Nutrition and Population, World Bank
- WHO invites panelists to discuss the national health plans, progress to date and how partners can support implementation and roll-out.
 - o H.E. Mr. Remy Lamah, Minister of Health and Public Hygiene, Guinea
 - H.E. Dr. Bernice T. Dahn, Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Liberia
 - o H.E. Dr. Abu Bakar Fofanah, Minister of Health and Sanitation, Sierra Leone
 - Ms. Mathilde de Caan, Ebola Task Force, Ministère des Affaires étrangères et du développement international, France
 - H.E. Dr. Marshall Elliott CBE, Director of the UK Joint Interagency Task Force on Ebola, UK
 - o Ms. Birte Hald, Team Leader for the Ebola Coordination and Support Unit, IFRC
 - o Mr. Ariel Pablos-Mendez, Assistant Administrator for Global Health, USAID, USA
- Q&A and Plenary Discussion

Closing Remarks by Dr. Moeti