Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) meeting was held in Honiara on 21 Feb to review the progress of the Project during the second year and to discuss on the next year operational plan. Participants are various representatives from MHMS, VBDCP, HCCHO, GPHO, NRH, and JICA. The meeting was started with welcome speech by the Chairman of the JCC, Dr.George Malefoasi, the Permanent Secretary/Special Duties, Ministry of Health, followed by introduction of 2nd year activities done by the Project including a series of Trainings, production of Curriculums and Training Materials, Community-Based malaria prevention activities and so on.

The revision of Project Design Matrix (PDM) was also discussed during the meeting. Some recommendation were also proposed including a) Vision of effective management of malaria cases, b) Communication between health facilities, d) Coordination between VBDCP and First-Line Clinics, e) Monitoring, Evaluation and Supervision System, f) Coordination with other donor agencies, g) Utilization of the data from SIMIS (Solomon Islands Malaria Information System) and HIS (Health Information System) for alert system of malaria outbreak. Both the Solomon Islands government and JICA strongly sworn their cooperation and support on malaria control in the Solomon Islands for the remaining period of the project. The meeting was successfully ended with closing remarks by Dr. Malefoasi.

Japanese Advisory Study Team in Honiara

The Japanese Advisory Study Team organized by JICA and headed by Dr. Kishio Ono visited the Solomon Islands from 18 - 22 February 2008 with the purpose of the review the progress of the Project, discussion for the solutions of the issues raised and advice for the remaining period of the project. During the stay, the Team exchanged views and had a series of discussions with the Solomon authorities concerned with the Project.
Training for Malaria Management Improvement at Health Facility Level in HONIARA CITY & MARAU REGION

The Project has conducted a series of trainings in HCC and Guadalcanal province since August 2007. In January 2008, there were two trainings conducted, in SIMTRI for East, North and Central Guadalcanal and in Marau for West and South Guadalcanal. The participants stated that the training is vital especially for the frontline health providers, because some nurses do not equip adequate knowledge to comply with different forms of malaria. So with this new skills and knowledge acquired, frontline health facilities will be able to diagnose, treat, and implement quality education for malaria prevention in health facilities.

VOICE FROM TRAINING PARTICIPANT

One of the participants of PSMC trainings is the microscopist of Totongo RHC, Mr. Raymond Sasalu. He explained malaria is the most common disease in Totongo area. About 75% of patients coming to the health facility are fever suspected malaria. When diagnosed, most are with high parasite count, of which some are drug resistance to chloroquine. While there are limited manpower and resources in Totongo, the demand for malaria diagnosis and treatment are high. “I thank JICA for their support by placing a technical team (PSMC) from Japan in the country inputting new knowledge and skills to diagnosis, treat, and prevent individuals and communities in GP from malaria. Now I have new ideas to solve malaria related problems in my health facility and community and even the nearby communities.” says Mr. Raymond. He hopes the other provinces of Solomon Islands also adopt this new knowledge and skills, so that malaria can be a minor problem in the whole country. He believes the same knowledge will be disseminated to all parts of the country as soon as possible.

VOICE FROM TRAINING FACILITATOR

Mr. Francis Oto (GP Regional Supervisor, Lambi Region) stated that his responsibility is to make sure proper function of microscopist in his region, PCD monthly report to SIMTRI, to coordinate residual house spraying in epidemic areas, and to promote better relationship between microscopist and nurses in AHC, RHC, and NAPs. Problems identified in his region are, a) in some health facilities the communication between nurses and microscopist are not adequate each other, b) lack of communication between health personals and Communities. He believes the problems that he experienced would decrease with new knowledge and skills input by PSMC in his region.
SICHE School of Nursing which was established purposely for the improvement of health status of Solomon Islanders recruits 60 new intakes (students) every year (from Next year the number will be decreased). The Project figures SICHE School of nursing as one of the counterpart of the Project. The Project experts with the staff of SICHE, especially Ms. Verzilyn Isom (Director) worked closely to develop Student Textbook, namely “Student Work Book” and “Lesson Plan for Teacher”. As a result of tight cooperation, the materials were completed in February 2008 and printed for 60 intakes and 60 probations. In addition, 10 of “Lesson Plan for Teacher” are also handed over to SICHE. The Director highlighted when looking at the materials, these materials are useful resources for the SICHE School of nursing and health study students and lecturers because during the past years of the institute, malaria was not thought to students in details. Ms. Verzilyn Isom, the Director of School of Nursing SICHE said that these materials will be distributed to the students and lecturers starting from this year 2008.

Training on Basic Malaria Epidemiology, Data Management, Epidemic Alert System

**Date and Venue**

1) 12 November at SIMTRI in Honiara: Participants: 8 RN, 8 NA and 5 microscopists from Marara, Rove, Mataniko and Kukum areas.

2) 13 –14 November at DonBosco Training Centre in Grove: Participants: 3 RN, 5 NA and 3 microscopists from Grove and Aola areas

3) 15 -16 November at Pastoral Centre in Tangarare: Participants: 5 RN, 1 NA and 4 microscopists from Tangarare areas

The curriculum and training materials contain a wide range of information on data management skills from basic to advanced level. In the training on epidemic alert system, the trainers had the participants use data from each health facilities, and had them create range curve graphs for their respective facilities. Because most of participants could not complete their graphs, the trainers asked the participants to complete theme later back home. The Project officers will follow up on the results of range curve graphs at the AHC meeting as well as at the field visit of the supervisor.
This is to introduce our products used for various training courses and community workshop. Those materials were handed over during training session or workshops. A set of training materials and survey report were also distributed to each of 8 AHC in Honiara.

**Text Books**
- Care of Malaria Diagnostic Equipment
- Stock Management of Medical Supplies
- Malaria Treatment Guidelines
- Education for Malaria Prevention
- Basic Malaria Epidemiology, Data Management and Epidemic Alert System
- Management and Nursing Care for Malaria Patients (Students Workbook)
- Management and Nursing Care for Malaria Patients (lesson Plans)

**Survey Report**
- Community Based survey on residents Satisfaction and Malaria Prevention

**Calendars**
- 2008 Calendar Type A & B

**Poster**
- Home-based Malaria Prevention and Clinical Record

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