

## The Second Project Steering Committee meeting (June 5, 2013)



The second Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting was held on June 5, 2013 at the KEMRI Boardroom.

PSC is a forum that was established under the umbrella of the Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) meeting. The aims of the PSC meeting are to discuss and monitor progress of each activity within the project. The project is headed by the Director of Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), various counterparts in Kenya, such as the Head of KEMRI-Production Department, Director of KEMRI-Alupe Centre, the Head of Arbovirus/Viral Hemorrhagic Fever (VHF) Laboratory at KEMRI-Centre for Virus Research, and the Head of the Division of Disease Surveillance and Response (DDSR) at the Ministry of Health.

The first PSC meeting took place with the project kick-off meeting on June 8, 2012. For this second PSC meeting, approximately 10 people attended, including Dr. Mpoke, the Director of KEMRI, other project managers, and JICA Experts. Dr. Mpoke chaired the meeting and participants reviewed the minutes from the first JCC meeting. Managers of the project presented the progresses for each activities of the project since the last JCC meeting, and discussed challenges and plans going forward.

The meeting confirmed that all activities were on course and implemented as planned. As for Output 3: “establishing the disease outbreak alert system model,” the outbreak alert system was developed and pilot implementations will be conducted this year. Baseline surveys will be conducted in July. Therefore the participants expect to find out the outcomes of the baseline survey in the next meeting.

The second JCC meeting will be held in November.