

Workshop Report

“Strengthen Collaboration between GNDR Tanzania CSO Members and Multi-Sectoral Stakeholders in implementing Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) Programs”



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Acronyms

DMD	Disaster Management Department
EPT	Emerging Pandemic Threats
MNRT	Ministry Of Natural Resources and Tourism
MOALF	Ministry of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries
MOHCDGEC	Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children
NEMC	National Environmental Management Council
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OH	One Health
OHCD	One Health Coordination Desk
OHSP	One Health Strategic Plan
PMO	Prime Minister's Office
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WHO	The World Health Organization

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1. Summary

The United Republic of Tanzania through the Prime Minister's office and with the support of USG agencies and other partners has taken bold steps towards institutionalization of the one health approach by developing a One Health Strategic Plan (OHSP) for the period 2015-2020. The institutionalization process envisages the establishment of the OH coordination Desk (OHCD) to be housed in the Disaster Management Department (DMD) in the Prime Minister's office (PMO). Although both the Government of Tanzania mainland, well as that of Zanzibar, are focused on the OH project which started rolling out in the inline ministries and most of the stakeholders have embraced the One Health approach, it is evident that the old policy dispensation and practices in the United Republic of Tanzania may require review to entrench the OH and drive both practice and compliance into the long term. It is therefore expected that policy and advocacy strategies for OH will facilitate a structured approach to sensitization and stimulation of practical actions by policy/decision makers to ensure the OH Approach is sustainably and systematically embraced at all levels of government. Therefore, establishing the collaboration mechanism of DRR CSOs Networks, i.e. **(NGOs, CBO, Humanitarian Organizations, Faith Based Organizations and influential persons)** will support the ability as the United Republic of Tanzania to be in compliance with Disaster Management Act No. 7 of 2015, while also assisting the country's ability to implement OHSP 2015 - 2030, National Health Security Action Plan and meet requirements of Sendai frame work, International Health Regulations (IHR) and Global Health Security Agenda.

CTECO with the support from the GNDR conducted a CSO sensitization workshop on 01st July 2019 at Uhuru Hotel, Moshi – Kilimanjaro. The workshop drew an estimated 17 participants from the PMO, OHCD, CDC and GNDR CSO Tanzania members. The objectives of the workshop were, to identify key priority areas CSOs can work together with the United Republic of Tanzania to consolidate consensus among sectoral decision-makers for a One Health platform stakeholders into a government wide movement to entrench the One Health Approach into relevant institutional policies and structures, to be sensitized on the Disaster Management Act as the legal structure to be used across all levels whilst the implementation process of OH program and obtain key nodes of the government to entrench multi-sectoral collaboration.

The one day sectoral presentations, discussions and deliberations culminated in participants agreeing on the way forward as: to develop a small group that will spearhead the development of implementation action plan – working with DMD/OHCD experts to be co-opted into the group, to re-examine the institutional arrangements at the National and Local Government's levels required to effectively embrace OH and to conduct an analysis of the existing policies and regulations to identify the gaps that need to be addressed to embrace OH. Participants also agreed to involve Zanzibar Disaster Management Commission in the implementation process, whilst in the implementation process, the formulation of DRR clubs in education institutions (Primary/Secondary Schools and Collages/Universities) should be considered as well especially in combating the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) so as to avoid its massive spread in our communities also training on how to avoid and combat the disease should be considered as well.

2. Introduction

The United Republic of Tanzania started a formal operationalization of the One Health agenda three years ago. Before operationalization of the agenda, OH stakeholders had prepared the National One Health Strategic Plan (2015-2020) with the aim of strengthening OH platforms and multi-sectoral preparedness and response to endemic and emerging threats. With the plan, the OHCD was formed within the Department for Disaster Management (DMD) at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and Four multi-sectoral Technical Working Groups (TWGs) were created namely the Research and Development TWG, Preparedness and Response TWG, Training Advocacy and Communication TWG and Surveillance TWG. The OHCD and the NOHSP were later launched in February 2018.

Since its inception, the OHCD has coordinated a number of multi-stakeholder activities. These include (i) OHSP having been reviewed and stakeholders sensitized accordingly; (ii) preparation of yearly OH action plans ; (iii) formulation of multi-sectoral response system to anthrax outbreak in Selela, Arusha region and, execution and review of “after event” plans; (iv) formulation of multi-sectoral response to HPAI threat and preparation of contingency plans; (v) mounting of One Health facilitative leadership training workshop for OH stakeholders; (vi) prioritization of zoonoses in Tanzania ; (vii) mapping of the OH stakeholders; (viii) organization and staging of Policy and Advocacy (PA) workshop for multi-sectoral technical working groups; (ix) development of an inter-sectoral MOU and TORs for institutional organs and core staff; (x) development of the National One Health Resource Mobilization Strategy (NOHRMS) for sustainability of one health activities; (xi) development of two-year action plan, (xii) development of OH framework for M&E to support monitoring OH activities implementation also has held a number of EVD simulation exercises hence making relevant adjustments to achieve the objectives as set in the NOHSP.

The Desk also participated in the development of the costed National Action Plan for Health Security, the roadmap for the National Anti-Microbial Resistance Action plan; Rabies Control Action Plan and the National Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR) Action Plan etc.

It is evident that for many years much of the effort in DRR programs thus far has been at the National level where policies and guidelines are created and shared among the same ministries and officials, but not much has been done at the Sub -National Levels including but not least of having a clear picture of OH stakeholders or key players at local levels i.e. Village/Shehia as known in Zanzibar, in emergency preparedness and response to endemic and emerging emergency threats.

3. The Community Resilience Symposium Sensitization Workshop:

In view of the above, CTECO GNDR member and East Africa Regional Advisory Group (RAG) Tanzania representative of Tanzania CSOs, the UN Environment Assembly accredited NGO Observer, accredited CSO observer of COP for the UNCCD and the National One Health Program NGO representative, in collaboration with PMO-DMD organized a 1-day workshop, at Uhuru Hotel – Moshi, Kilimanjaro. The workshop brought together PMO-DMD and multi-sectorial stakeholders to explore avenues for joint collaboration efforts to address disasters in the United Republic of Tanzania communities.

The workshop consisted of two dynamic components; thus **the effectiveness of managing community resilience programs and the consortium of both parties (Government DRR inline ministries and CSOs) working together to reach-out to the common man in the Tanzania communities**. The content of the workshop was a National Coordination Community resilience Symposium of multi-sectorial stakeholders to assimilate with the governments' priority needs to address programs as per the DRR legal policies and structural frameworks in our country.

3.1. The objectives of the workshop;

The goal of the workshop was to facilitate a joint institutionalization of the CBDRM programs and giving priority to the OH approach through buy-in from policy/decision makers, and entrenchment into existing and evolving policy and institutional structures and processes and **the main purpose was to provide technical assistance for the assessment of a joint institutional and policy environments plus the collaboration of stakeholders to drive the advocacy for the joint institutionalization of the OH approach**. The specific objectives of the workshop included but not limited to:

- ✓ **Meeting with GNDR CSO members, government DRR inline ministries, Development Partners, other Civil Societies Networks and know what each other does in the Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM);**
- ✓ **Agreeing on the priority areas for CBDRM;**
- ✓ **Brainstorming on focused areas to be included in the next GNDR strategy plan, and;**
- ✓ **Facilitating a joint OH approach implementation key nodes of the government to entrench multi-sectoral collaboration.**

3.2. Methodology;

During the workshop, there were presentations from DMD/OHCD on overarching goals of the One Health Strategic Plan, how the goals align to support the Mission and Vision of One Health in Tanzania and, on the status of accomplishing strategic objectives identified in the strategy by **Dr. Jubilate from MOHCDGEC and Dr. Justine Assenga from MOALF both under the OHCD and the Disaster Management Act by Mr. Ally Mwatima from PMO**. There were also sectoral presentations from the multi-sectoral i.e. CDC and GNDR CSO members. The intention was to share the key areas regard as a **consortium by both DMD and CSOs, these include:**

- 1) What are the overarching two (2) priority areas to focus on as CSOs? and;
- 2) The policies that guide a joint implementation of priority CBDRM areas identified in-line with the sector strategies, operational guidelines or specific protocols?

Dr. Assenga presented on the institutionalization of the one health approach in the public sector and Mr. Ally Mwatima made a presentation on Institutional, policy, legal, strategic framework and operational factors that influence adoption of OH partnered arrangement at all levels.

Participants critically analyzed the priority areas in the Disaster Management Act No. 7 of 2015 and recommended the below inputs by two (2) groups created during the workshop included the following below:

Group One (1) Priorities;

1. To have a functional all CBDRM committees such as Environment, Women and Children, Elders, Disasters etc to start with, are the Disaster Management Committees (especially at Ward and Village Levels operating fully to manage, coordinate and prevent disasters such as those outlined in One Health Program i.e. Ebola, Dengue etc.

WHY

- Because those committees are there by law and involve CSOs in managing and preventing disasters;
 - Those committees raise awareness and organize action plans especially at village levels.
2. To have an effective information and communication/reporting system these enables the sharing and teach audiences to address disasters at local levels.

WHY

- For easy communication;
- For efficient disaster management and surveillance and tracking systems;
- For easy collaboration efforts to prevent wider spread of the disasters etc.

Participants agreed that, the Disaster Management Committees require a concerted advocacy effort, but to start with, the key areas suggested to have focus with respect to policy and advocacy were identified as operational procedures that required improved communication and collaboration led by all District Directors and Local politicians mobilized and sensitized as well on how to implement it the ACT.

Group Two (2) Priorities:

1. Capacity building the Disaster Management Committees so as to meet the needs of the beneficiaries and their communities, and;
2. Economic empowerment of the CBDRM Committees with skills to be applied before or during the Disaster recovering processes.

4. The way forward and closing of the workshop:

Finally, as the way forward, participants highlighted the following actions:

1. To develop Sub-National CSO groups that will spearhead the implementation of Disaster Management Committees action plan especially at Ward and Village/Shehia as known in Zanzibar levels, also DMD and OHCD experts to be co-opted as well;
2. To include the Zanzibar Disaster Management Commission in the implementation process;
3. CTECO to be the CSO coordinators;
4. Distribute the Disaster Management Acts to all District Directors and appeal to them to observe the ACTs regulations in their jurisdictions;
5. To re-examine the institutional arrangements at the National and Local Government's levels required to effectively embrace OH program;
6. To identify CSO leaders at Sub-National levels in both Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar, to be trained as TOTs in disseminating the Disaster Management Act in their localities;
7. Formulate DRR clubs in Education institutions and train leaders (Teachers and Student Leaders) especially to identify and prevent EVD in their communities;
8. To conduct an analysis of the existing local by-laws and regulations to identify gaps which need to be addressed whilst embracing the OH approach;
9. To map out development partners willing to support the joint implementation of the Disaster Management ACTs of both Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar at all levels.

4.1. The CBDRM Implementation Action Plan

To provide the participants with the picture of how the action plan should look like and share some of the salient features of CBDRM implementation action plan, an action plan was prepared by the GNDR Tanzania CSO Members and to be shared with all to CSOs. It is expected that GNDR Tanzania CSO Members proposed in point number 1 of the above way forward suggested by the participants, will work out the implementation action plan. The plan is appended on this report (Appendix IV).

Appendix I: The Opening Remarks by the Guest Of Hon. Mr. Bashiru Hussein, the Assistant DMD Director

OPENING SPEECH BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT (DMD) PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (PMO) MR. BASHIRU HUSSEIN DURING THE MULTI-SECTORIAL STAKEHOLDERS SYMPOSIUM WORKSHOP FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY BASED RESILIENCE PROGRAM AND PROJECTS AT UHURU HOSTEL, KILIMANJARO ON 1ST JULY 2019

Representatives from Global Network for Disaster Risk Reduction - GNDR
Representative from Development partners,
Representatives from Zanzibar,
Representative from different Ministries, Department and Agencies,
Representative from Tanzania Red Cross Society,
The Register NGOs,
The Director CSO,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Ladies and Gentlemen; First, I take this opportunity to thank the Almighty God for bestowing us with good health and enabling us to participate in this workshop; I also take this opportunity to thank the participants and their respective organization for accepting our invitation despite many other competing activities; I also take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks and appreciation to Global Network for Disaster Risk Reduction (**GNDR**) for supporting this workshop, without their support probably we couldn't be here today;

Ladies and gentlemen, I feel honored to be given this opportunity to speak before you today. I take this opportunity to welcome you in this workshop which its main objective is **to forge a collaboration in implementing community based disaster risk reduction and one health resilience program and projects in Tanzania.**

Ladies and gentlemen, The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) through Disaster Management Department, One Health Coordination Desk with the support from the Government and development partners - WHO, FAO, USAID Chemonics and DTRA, has been coordinating program, project, interventions and activities on DRR and OH with the aim of building community resilience to disasters and other public health event.

Ladies and gentlemen, The establishment of this collaboration mechanism with DRR Networks, NGOs, and CSO will support our ability as a nation to be in compliance with Disaster Management Act No. 7 of 2015, while also assisting the country's ability to implement One Health Strategic Plan 2015 - 2030, National Health Security Action Plan and meet requirements of Sendai frame work, International Health Regulations (IHR) and Global Health Security Agenda.

Furthermore, this collaboration is of important platform to our country in address the challenges, identifying gaps and sharing experiences in DRR and OH interventions.

Ladies and Gentlemen; The collaboration mechanism will be effective if and only if it is established under our legal systems. Also, it should be noted that disaster management frame work in Tanzania recognize and provide a room for collaboration and cooperation with other stake holders including NGOs and CSO.

Ladies and Gentlemen; Up to now CTECO in collaboration with PMO/ DMD has held two events. The first event was held in Dodoma PM Conference hall to train NGOs, Religion leaders, Scouts, Secondary Schools teachers and Disaster Management staff on DRR, DM Act Na. 7 of 2015 and the role of NGOs on DRR. During training it was agreed to conduct frequent and more event like meeting, workshop, and with more NGOs, CBOs , MDA, Development partners and DRR & OH experts to discuss what is available and lacking on our collaborations.

The second event is this one; **Multi-Sectorial Stakeholders Symposium Workshop** which will discuss the context of collaboration and involvement of NGOs, CSO and DRR Networks in implementation of community based DRR and OH activities.

Ladies and gentlemen; from this little background, I hope you are now in the position to understand why we are here today.

Dear participants, I urge you to cooperate fully in this workshop and work with high degree of patriotism and don't hesitate to share your views and experiences;

Ladies and gentlemen; Lastly, I once again, thank GNDR for their support and CTECO for organizing this very important Multi-Sectorial Stakeholders Symposium Workshop and I thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak before you in this important session.

With these remarks, I now declare the **MULTI-SECTORIAL STAKEHOLDERS SYMPOSIUM** Workshop is officially open.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!!

Asanteni sana kwa kunisikiliza

Appendix II: Program for the Workshop

TIME	EVENT
	Registrations
	Introductions
	Workshop Objectives and Program
	Opening Remarks
	Introduction to GNDR
	The Guest of Hon's Remarks
08:00	Introduction from OHCD
08:45	Presentation from Group Discussions on the Way forward and the involvement of Members in OH activities
09:00	Recovery Break
09:30	Introduction from PMO - DMD
10:00	Presentation from Group Discussions on the Way forward and the involvement of Members in DMD activities
01:00	Recovery Break
02:00 – 02:30	Group Discussions
02:30 – 04:45	Presentation from Group Discussions on the Way forward
04:45 – 05:00	Recovery Break
05:50 – 06:00	Closing remarks by the Guest of Hon. Director of PMO-DMD

Appendix III: List of participants to the Workshop

Name	Institution
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Ms. Marcelina Mponela	CDC
Mr. Saleh Juma Mbarouk	ZASWA - Zanzibar
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Mr. Ezekiel Y. Simwanza	Ileje Environmental Conservation Association (IECA)
Mr. Mathew M. Gwawu	SORF
Ms. Marilyn Mbogua	GNDR East Africa Regional Development Coordinator
Mr. Bashiru Taratibu	PMO
Mr. Ally Mwatima	PMO
Mr. Ibrahim Hamidu	PMO
Dr. Justine Assenga	OHCD
Dr. Jubilate Benard	OHCD