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Health and Emergency Warning – Anticipated Flood & Landslide situation
September 2017

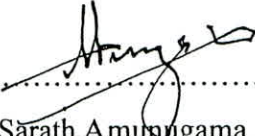
Due to the heavy showers experienced in most parts of the country during past few days, there is a high chance of floods and landslide situations. Health sector has to be on the alert and be proactive to mitigate any communicable disease threats while ensuring urgent and prompt response to minimize further suffering for the people in such event.

The health institutions should assist in the Provincial / District emergency response teams which are coordinated by the District Disaster Management Units. Please bring to the notice of all staff in your Province / District / Institution to ensure that the following urgent actions to be taken in the event of floods and landslides.

1. Identify the medical institutions in your province / district which are liable to be affected by floods and landslides. Take necessary steps beforehand to minimize the possible damages to patients / staff / equipments / drugs / vaccines.
2. If temporary camps are available in your province / district, they should be assigned with a camp coordinator preferably a public health inspector, a public health midwife (If PHI is not available)
3. A daily situation report should be submitted by the camp coordinator to the respective MOH, who should send a consolidated report daily to RDHS, PDHS, Disaster Management Unit of the Ministry of Health and Epid Unit.

4. PHI should ensure food safety, water safety, sanitation and environmental safety measures and report the status in the daily statement. Any communicable disease reported should be investigated promptly and all the steps should be taken to mitigate the spread of the diseases.
5. All pregnant mothers in displaced settings in their third trimester of pregnancy should be admitted to the nearest hospital and provide antenatal / essential obstetric care until such time that these mothers can return to their usual place of residence.
6. Medical teams should be deployed at least twice a day to provide basic treatment if temporary camps are established following heavy rains / floods / landslides.
7. Instruct all Regional Medical Supplies Divisions to get ready with the necessary supplies (Medicine, Chlorine...) to provide to the mobile medical teams / public health staff.
8. Emergency Ambulance transport facilities should be strengthened and made available 24/7 to cater in an anticipated disaster situation.
9. In the event of such calamity take all steps to re-establish the treatment facilities, maternal and child health services including immunization at your earliest.
10. After the heavy rains, there is a possibility of spreading Dengi Fever due to mosquito breeding in small water collections. Take necessary steps to remove such water collections and ensure the environment free from Dengi mosquito breeding sites.
11. Should you require any assistance in control and prevention of communicable diseases, please contact the Epidemiology Unit.

Thank you,



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