MBALA DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICE

COMMITTEE MEETING SUBMISSION

November 28, 2024

Item # 1: Revision of Quarter 4 Action Plan

I wish to report to the committee that the district successfully revised the quarter 4, 2024 action plan that took into account the reprioritisation of activities given the data review that was conducted and the performance assessment conducted by the Provincial Health Office on Mbala DHO.

For the information of the committee

Item # 2: Recruitment of Health Workers

The district participated in the updating and submission of the database for the recruitment exercise whose process has begun in Kasama for the hiring of the 4,000 health workers nationwide.

For the information of the committee

Item # 3: Performance Assessment

The district received a team of officers from the Provincial Health Office who came to conduct performance assessment for quarter 2, 2024. The tool used is the online tool that is District Health Information System (DHIS2) linked, and it covers all programmes areas.

For the information of the committee

Item # 4: Supply Chain Review Meeting

Attended the Provincial Supply Chain Review meeting for the period of January to September, 2024. The findings showed that commodity availability has improved in comparison to previous years.

Additionally, we placed an emergency order to address the stockout of Oxytocin, a medicine vital in maternal health. As a result, the district currently has Oxytocin in stock.

For the information of the committee

Item # 5: SMAG Orientation and Supervision

The office conducted Safe Motherhood Action Group (SMAG) orientation and supervision in the following health facilities; Lunzua, Tulemane, Urban, Kamuzwazi, Isofu, Mwenda and Chipoka The aim was to revive the SMAGs in these health facilities. The response was good.

For the information of the committee

Item # 6: Training in e-IDSR

Roll out of e-Integrated Disease Surveillance Response (e-IDSR) to 23 health facilities. A cascade training- workshop of frontline health workers from their respective health facilities was conducted over a 3-day period. The meeting was a success, and the trained health facilities need to make sure that they regularly report.

For the information of the committee

Item # 7: District Performance Review Meeting

The district successfully conducted the district performance review meeting in order to review performance of the district per programme area. This was done as a collaborative meeting with the hospital and 2 health facilities; Tulemane and Masamba. Among other important objectives was the need to communicate, share and resolve some of the issues that arise between the hospital and the DHO with regards to the referral system, so as to make more efficient and patient friendly.

For the information of the committee

Item # 8: Payroll Separation Consultative Meeting

The district participated in a payroll separation consultative meeting in Mungwi that was called for the districts that were once one and remained with each other's staff on their respective payrolls after the separation. The meeting was thus held to normalise the situation by firstly agreeing on the exchange of direct swaps for the same cadre of employees. That means that if there is an EHT on the payroll of Mbala but is physically working in Senga and vice versa, the 2 EHTs needed to be swapped on the payroll. This arose from the audits that have been conducted in the past and the query keeps reappearing nearly every year.

For the information of the committee

Item # 9: Measles Rubella Campaign

The district conducted a Measles Rubella Campaign in which the performance showed that total 9-59 years Children Vaccinated was 101% while the total 0-59 Children Vaccinated was 82.6%.

For the information of the committee

Item # 10: Child Health Week Campaign

The district is currently conducting the second round Child Health Week campaign, being integrated with the IPV vaccine that targets children under 2 years.

For the information of the committee

Item # 11: Malaria Initiative Chiefdom Visit

The district received a team from partners, PAMO Plus, and Provincial Health Office to monitor activities done under Mwamba chiefdom under the chiefdom led Malaria initiative. 35 headmen were meet together with chief Mwamba.

For the information of the committee