

## **Minutes of the Task Force meeting**

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2009

Venue: Conference Hall

### **Participants**

1. Dr. Pandup Tshering, Med Supdt. JDWNRH
2. Dr. Gosar Pemba, JDWNRH
3. Mr. Tandin Dorji, CPO, CDD, DoPH
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6. Ms. Roma Karki, DoPH

The meeting was facilitated by Mr. Tandin Dorji, CPO, CDD, DoPH.

### **Recommendation:**

1. Additional eight numbers of thermometers have arrived in DVED. Three of them will be given to JDWNRH and one each to four border districts.
2. Health workers at the airport should be fully involved in passenger screening activities and should be exempt from the hospital duty. Also they should not be attending any kind of local workshop/training until screening is lifted. Ministry should communicate on this to Paro CMO and DHO through an official letter.
3. Identify and arrange a place for quarantining the passengers in case we encounter a suspected Influenza A(H1N1) case in the plane.
4. Discussion was held on the possibility of developing the screening forms in different languages like in Dzongkha, French and Spanish. It was decided that the forms can be in English for the time being since other countries are also using it in English and in national language.
5. A ToT workshop on revised VHW training materials is scheduled from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at Paro for DHOs and ADHOs organized by VHW program. It was recommended that during this ToT, the DHOs/ADHOs should be also sensitized on the Influenza A(H1N1) and its preparedness in the hospital/district. Therefore, a team from the Task Force will make a visit to Paro to sensitize and train the DHOs, assess preparedness of hospital, and to supervise passenger screening at the airport for H1N1. A comprehensive report on this training for H1N1 should be submitted to the ministry.
6. One of the recommendations in the last Task Force meeting is to form an Advocacy Team to sensitize and assess preparedness against H1N1 in four border districts. Since the DHOs/ADHOs will be sensitized and trained on the response

to H1N1 and its preparedness for the district, it was decided that the Advocacy Team is not required.

7. A Rapid Response Team for investigation of influenza outbreak will be activated. All the materials and equipments required for investigation should be made ready.