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# AHI PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES

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## SITUATION:

There are very few activities involving population and CSO actors

Still in Planning between MOH and MOA and IFRC is represented the Committees

Where Contingency Plans are available with clear policy guidelines – community mobilization and awareness targeting –at risk groups (poultry handlers and volunteers) have started in a low key level



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Therefore there is a need to improve on joint planning and sharing including integration within already existing response structures (RDRTs) and across departments and units;

Disaster Management especially in Food Security, emergencies and need to discuss integration of activities and share expertise, roles and responsibilities



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Recommendation: Branch Development and Volunteer management need to be strengthened as most activities are based at community branch level.

- Skills building
- Simulations
- Protection of volunteers and staff

Build capacity of NS in programming and fast track PMER system development;



# Discussions:

IFRC has both emergency programme and developmental

Have a Global Initiative with an advisor for Africa based in Dakar

There is very little information targeting the public as part of preventive efforts and control as well as mitigation and surveillance



# SUPPORT SERVICE: PMER

The quality of data and tools are still weak therefore affecting the quality and timely reporting by the National Societies resulting in delays at the Zone in providing prompt responses on request.

Need to harmonise both activity and financial reporting – training of Finance Managers along with PMER officers on Activity based budgeting and reporting.



# SUPPORT SERVICE: HR

## Briefing of new staff members to be done on:

- International information on public health emergencies and risks
- Vaccination
- Antiviral medication in case of possible outbreak or exposure (in house stock of Tamiflu)



## **DISASTER MANAGEMENT, FOOD SECURITY AND RESPONSE**

Integrate programmes' Operation Plans, share strategies and collaborate in activities that overlap for synergistic outcomes

Consistency and coherence in information and intension to NS from the Zone is critical in enhancing integrated programming, avoid silos and clarify roles and responsibilities for accountability



## Observations:

Need for tools for surveillance that would capture information from community level

What is the public health approach that is suitable and appropriate to this kind of threat

Challenges needs to be identified –SADC issue of population movement, cross border trade and trafficking



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Need to have operation centre that gives periodic information to actors to activate the response system

Too much duplication and silo approach to the response of AHI and emerging pandemics