



MEETING WITH SOME HEALTH PARTNERS TOWARD THE REGIONAL RESPONSE BY THE WHO CLAUSTER

Date: Friday, March 27, 2020

Organizations present:

- ✓ WHO
- ✓ Reconciliation and Development Association (RADA)
- ✓ Value Health Africa (VAHA)
- ✓ Health Development Consultancy Services (HEDECS)
- ✓ COMINSUD
- ✓ CB Partnership RDPHNW

Due to the dangers posed by the COVID-19 in the nation; the North West region not exempted, there is the need for a rapid response from the stakeholders to combat this pandemic. As a result, the Regional Delegation organized an impromptu meeting with the WHO and some partnering CBOs to discuss some of the strategies CBOs are putting in place and also coordinate ideas under the national structure that has been put in place by the Regional Delegation of Health in the combat of COVID-19.

The 1 hour 30minutes meeting started at 10:30am with a word of welcome from the CB Partnership RDPHNW personnel, and the reading of the agenda:

- Coordinate ideas under the national structure that has been put in place to combat COVID 19,
- How the Delegation can share ideas with local NGOs on their rapid response plan to combat COVID 19 and
- How CBOs can partner with the Regional Delegation of Health in the implementation of the national plan toward the fight against COVID-19.

This was followed by the introduction of WHO's plan of action toward the fight against Corona virus, with some of the main points being:

- Early detection,
- Surveillance,
- Identification of the response team,
- Management of cases,
- Communication,
- Strengthening capacity of stakeholders and
- Logistics.

Thereafter the NGOs represented got to talk about their action plans towards the fight against COVID 19 and what they have been doing this far, some of which were:

Door-to-door sensitization, production of local hand sanitizers, provide buckets and detergents in some public places for hand washing and online sensitization; created an online platform



connecting people in need of health assistance to people who can provide that assistance, and putting up of educative posters on streets.

Recommendations from CBOs

Test kits should be provided to all bus agencies to ensure safety of all traveling passengers

Provide protective materials for community mobilizers and materials like hand sanitizers for distribution.

Have an expertise education on the virus and more efficient ways on how it can be prevent.

Financial assistance to boost their action plans

Action points

While waiting on resources, the NGOs represented were encouraged to continue with sensitization in their communities.

Create a platform for communication for reporting of activities.

Organize a weekly meeting on the advancement of their work.

Make available a reporting template.