



NBTP and WHO organize Quality Management Workshop in Islamabad for ICT, AJK, FATA and G.B Blood Bank personnel



The National Blood Transfusion Programme is conducting a series of 3-day National Training Workshops on Quality Management in 5 different cities, supported by the WHO and funded by OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID). The trainings utilize the WHO teaching module of quality management in blood banking. The training objective is to increase the participant's level of understanding of the quality systems in a blood bank.



The first 3-day "Quality Management Training for Safe Blood Transfusion Services" for the Blood Bank officials was held on April 28-30, 2011 in Islamabad. Participants of the workshop included Blood Bank Managers, Medical Technologists and Senior Laboratory Technicians, Blood Banks in Islamabad including Federal Government Services Hospital Blood Bank, Shifa International Hospital, CDA Hospital, PRCS, Kulsum International Hospital,

Outstation participants from Azad Jammu Kashmir included Blood Bank personnel from AIMS Hospital, Muzaffarabad, CMH Muzaffarabad, DHQ Hospital Kotli, Mirpur, Rawalakot, Bagh. Participants from Gilgit-Baltistan were from DHQ Hospitals from all

over the newly established province Gilgit-Baltistan and City Hospital Gilgit Baltistan. Outstation participants from FATA included personals from AHQ Hospital LandiKotal, AHQ Hospital Ghallanai, Mohammad Agency, AHQ Hospital Khar, Bajaur Agency, AHQ Hospital LandiKotal, Khyber Agency, AHQ Hospital Khar, Bajaur, AHQ Hospital Ghallanai Mohmand Agency.





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The 3-Day training workshops provided an excellent opportunity for the participants to share their professional experiences and discuss the Quality Management issues in their respective centers. For many participants from remote areas of FATA, AJK and G-B, this was their first training. The workshop participants were very appreciative of the efforts of the NBTP and WHO in arranging the workshop for improving the standard of operations in the Blood Banks in the country.



Mission of GFA International Expert on VNRBD

The GFA International Expert on Voluntary Non Remunerated Blood Donation, Mr. Ton Los, visited Pakistan from April 18 – May 4, 2011. The objective of his mission was to support the development of institutional capacity to design a need based approach to VNRBD under the new blood donor policy.



In coordination with NBTP and the GFA Technical Cooperation Team (GIZ HSS Programme), the expert visited various blood donor organizations (for example Quaidian Blood Donor Society) and social science faculties to assess the existing potential and capacity development requirements. At various universities, the expert pretested a KAP survey questionnaire which will allow the NBTP to collect more information on donors and non-donors and to develop a profile of young people to be addressed in future awareness campaigns.

PRCS coordinated the evaluation of two small KAP surveys (conducted among students of Islamic University and Hamdard University) with the expert, who also had a meeting with the Armed Forces Institute of Transfusion, who offered access to their donor database and discussed the possibility of a separate KAP survey among their donors. Results of this experience will be presented in a Donor Workshop planned for the second half of the year.



Workshop held on Clinical Use of Blood in Islamabad





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A 3-day workshop to promote appropriate clinical use of blood for clinicians and experts in blood transfusion services was organized from May 4-6, 2011 in Islamabad. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Johan van der Does, a Dutch Clinical Hematologist supporting the GFA/GIZ Technical Cooperation Team and organized by GFA in collaboration with NBTP. Senior clinicians and doctors from five teaching hospitals of Islamabad/Rawalpindi attended the workshop.

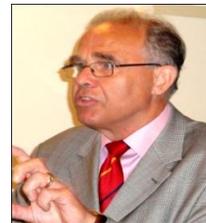
Dr. Does emphasized that clinicians, as prescribers of blood, have the major responsibility to ensure the appropriate clinical use of blood. Together with the blood bank teams, they can work in the development of plans and strategies to improve the transfusion process. It was decided to form a core group of facilitators for the development

promotion and dissemination of the guidelines on clinical use of blood and planning of the establishment of a resource center for this purpose. The importance of establishment of Hospital Transfusion Committees and their role in promotion of Rationale use of Blood was also deliberated in detail. During the course of the workshop the participants shared their experiences and also received detailed briefing on the Safe Blood Transfusion Project from the National Programme Manager, NBTP



Mission of International Expert on Clinical Use of Blood

Dr. Johan van der Does, an experienced Clinical Haematologist and Blood Bank Manager from the Netherlands, conducted an assignment in the area of Clinical Use of Blood from April 26 to May 6, 2011, with the objective to: a) pilot a workshop on clinical use of blood; b) develop a methodology for the elaboration of national guidelines for clinical use of blood; c) develop a standardized blood request form and develop ToR for hospital transfusion committees; d) estimate the national demand in blood and blood products.



During his visit, the expert held meetings in Islamabad and Lahore at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, Holy Family Hospital, Riphah International University, Institute of Blood Transfusion Services (Lahore/Punjab), Thalassaemia Federation of Pakistan, Society of Surgeons of Pakistan, Pakistan Paediatrics Association, Pakistan Medical Association, and Society of Gynecologists Pakistan. The expert also attended a Quality Management Training Workshop organized by WHO and NBTP and held meetings with Dr. Quaid Saeed (NPO, WHO), Dr. Zahid Ansari (Secretary, BTA, Sindh), Dr. Sarfraz Jafri and Dr. Saeed Ahmed (Husaini Blood Bank, Karachi). The GFA expert conducted a workshop on clinical use of blood, organized by NBTP.

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