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Implementation Strategy of the African Network of Medical Excellence (ANME)



SUMMARY REPORT

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The 3rd International workshop “Building Medicine in Africa. *Implementation Strategy of the African Network of Medical Excellence (ANME)*” was organized by Emergency NGO in San Servolo, Venice, on 13th and 14th October 2010.

The conference has given the unique opportunity to share health priorities in participating African countries, regional and international organizations:

- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Djibouti
- Egypt
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- Sudan (with Federal Ministry of Health and South Sudan Ministry of Health)
- Uganda
- IGAD
- WHO

Representatives from Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo could not attend the meeting due to delays in visa issuing procedures.

The challenging goal was to design a common implementation strategy to build a health system based on the principles of Equality, Quality and Social Responsibility.

Following the round table and open discussion session, below are the decisions taken and agreed next steps.

All the Countries confirmed the distribution of the Network’s Centres of Excellence as described in the ANME project document. A Centre of Excellence for Obstetrics and Gynaecology in South Sudan has been added to the previous list of facilities included in the project.

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All the participants committed to endorse the ANME project. By the end of 2010 they will submit it to the Council of Ministers for approval to ensure the needed government support of all the national stakeholders involved. Each country will include their Centre of Excellence in the National Health Plan and will appoint a technical focal point that will lease with Emergency for the implementation of the project.

All the participants confirmed their willingness to promote the ANME project through Sub-Regional, Regional and Continental organisations as well as international institutions, private donors and foundations. An initial list of possible partners includes: World Bank, IMF, African Development Bank, the African Union, WHO EMRO and AFRO, IGAD, ECCAS, EU, DFID. A proposal was made to have all participating countries to join their efforts and contribute financially to a common fund that would be used to establish one hospital per year. This option would strengthen the African ownership of the project but needs a strong and high level political commitment to endorse it.

By the end of 2010 Emergency will provide the participating countries with a concept note describing the development of each Centre of Excellence.

Once the political and financial commitment of all partners is confirmed, a five-year implementation plan will be jointly defined.

The Sudanese delegation took responsibility for funding the ANME Centre in Chad within the general framework of peace and dialogue of both countries.