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MEILLEUR ACCES AUX SOINS DE SANTE (M. A. SANTE)

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[ACTIVITY'S REPORT FOR 2014-2015]

This document summarizes all the activities implemented by M.A. SANTE during 2014 and 2015 years



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SUMMARY

M.A.SANTE/BAHCARE [Meilleur Accès aux Soins de Santé (in French)/ Better Access to Health Care (in English)] is a Cameroon based NGO created in 2006 with as objective to contribute in improving access to health care in Cameroon through health research, training and implementation of health interventions.

The action plan of M.A. SANTE adopted by the general assembly in February 2014 included the following activities: research implementation, broadening collaborating partners, and capacity building, in the domain of access to water, vaccination coverage, and epidemic/cholera control. In these perspectives, the activities of the association for 2014 and 2015 have been centered on the designing and implementing of research activities (DOVE project, SMS4CARE project, and ABC project), organizing of training and Giving assistance to capacity building, institutional building, preparation to organize a health research conference (CaHReF 2016), and improvement on the website.

NETWORKING

During the years 2014 and 2015, M.A.SANTE has broadened its collaboration with national and international organization. At national level, it collaborated with the Ministry of Health in cholera control. In this respect, M.A. SANTE has continuously reinforced the capacity of the ministry of health in Disease surveillance, Oral Cholera Vaccine application preparation including the participation in the cholera outbreak risk assessment workshop in Kribi aiming to identify the most at risk district for cholera outbreak. regional delegation of public health for the Far North and Littoral regions, 4 health district of the Far North and 4 health district of the littoral regions all in cholera control and the implementation of it research activities, training seminar organization, and result sharing seminars organization.

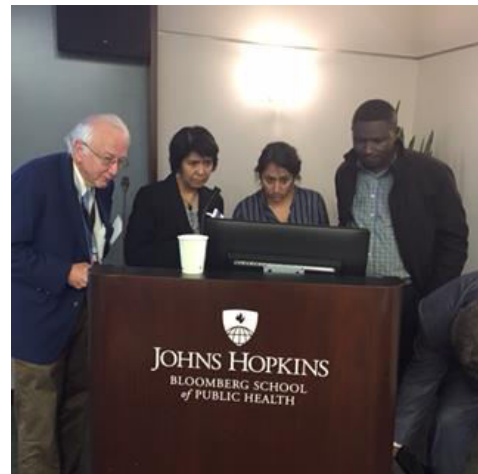




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At international level, M.A. SANTE has maintained its collaboration with Department of Bloomberg School of public health at the Johns Hopkins University in the implementation of the DOVE project. Still in the frame work of the DOVE project, M.A.SANTE has attended 2 annual sessions of the DOVE project and 2 annual sessions of COALITION FOR CHOLERA PREVENTION AND CONTROL; all in the USA. M.A.SANTE has equally collaborated with many research institutions in Cameroon, Chad and Gabon to prepare an application and responds to the TDR call for application of scoping review.



A working session in preparation of DOVE meeting

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Concerning research activities, three major projects were implemented during the 2014-2015 years though to somewhat are still ongoing. These included DOVE project, SMS4CARE project, status of health facilities preparedness for cholera outbreak response in the Far North region and in Douala, and ABC project.

DOVE project

The Cameroon part of the DOVE project “sustainable cholera surveillance for Cameroon” was initiated since 2013 and continued through 2015 and is presently going on. The project whose aim is to test cheap cholera surveillance methods suitable for resource-limited countries includes both environmental and clinical surveillance of cholera and started in the Far North region and was later extended to the Littoral region in August 2014. Activities implemented under this project within 2014 and 2015 included, the extension of the project to Douala thereby setting up and equipping the second M.A.SANTE laboratory in CMA congo1 and recruiting personnel both part-time and fulltime to work there; three(3) results sharing seminars (see reports at <http://www.masante-cm.org/publications/reports>) have been organized to share and discuss progressively the outcomes of the research project with all stakeholders and partner involved in cholera control in Cameroon, field supervisors in Kousseri were sent





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severally on mission to cholera affected areas not found in our research sites like in Bourha, Mogode and Hina to give support in the investigation of epidemic and equally to give material and supplies support to the local health authorities; through environmental surveillance, a water source was identified as the major source of cholera contamination in Darak and in collaboration with the local authorities, the water source was destroyed and that led to the end of cholera epidemic in the area within a week, a training workshop was organized in Maroua to train health personnel on cholera preparedness and control strategies(see report at <http://www.masante-cm.org/publications/repports>). The project is still being implemented and is tilting toward integrated surveillance of Diarrhea diseases using filter papers.



SMS4CARE

Community based surveillance of diarrhea and demographic indicators denoted “SMS4CARE” is a project aiming to test the feasibility and the benefits of community based surveillance using community health workers with mobile phone through SMS. The application used here was OKD collect and the community health workers were in charge of collection the data and sending them through SMS which were eventually uploaded directly to a database at the central office in Yaoundé. The pilot phase of this project was financed by M.A.SANTE and implemented in 4 health districts of the Far North region of Cameroon. Funds are presently being searched to extend the project to other parts of the country meanwhile research papers are being equally prepared from the result of the pilot phase for publications.

Access to Blood Transfusion in Cameroon (ABC) Project

This project is aimed to assess access to blood transfusion in Cameroon and to harmonize the transfusion procedures for a better transfusion outcome. The protocol was developed and validated by M.A.SANTE who equally financed the pilot phase implemented in the west region of Cameroon. The manuscript of the pilot phase for publication is being drafted and a search of funds is equally being done to continue other parts of the project and to extend it to other region of Cameroon.



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Status of Health Facility Preparedness for Cholera Outbreak Response

This project aimed to evaluate to what extent health facilities in cholera risk zones in Cameroon are ready to respond to an eventual outbreak. It was conducted in the Far North region targeting about 18 health districts and also in the Douala part of the Littoral region targeting 4 health districts. The outcomes of this study were shared with stake holders during the dissemination of DOVE progress report.

News paper based Surveillance of road accident in Cameroon

This project aims to map the incidence of road accident in Cameroon and the outcomes so as to identify risk factors. The study started since 2007 but was redesigned in 2015 to improve on the expected outcomes. It is currently going on

CAPACITY BUILDING

Capacity building activities implemented during this period can be seen as internal and external.

Internally, M.A. SANTE has built the capacities of its staff members in many training activities. These include the training of newly recruited supervisor and monitoring evaluation officer on the cholera surveillance procedure and methods, training of personnel on the management of snake bit, training 3 personnel on the methodology of mapping sex workers.

On the external view, M.A. SANTE has organized many training seminars. The first training targeted health personnel on cholera preparedness and control strategies in the Far North region of Cameroon in "Maroua workshop". The Maroua workshop was a 4-day seminar organized in collaboration with the regional delegation of public health for the Far North region and was sponsored by the DOVE project. The aim of the workshop was to train health personnel in the far North region on cholera outbreak preparedness and control strategies. It was one of the many contributions of the DOVE project and M.A.SANTE in the fight against cholera outbreak which was currently spreading in the region. The seminar was organized in August 2014





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and was attended by amount 40 participants (health personnel of varied categories).



Also, we trained early career researcher on the development of research protocol, it was organized in Yaoundé at the department of health operations research during February 2015. The main aim of the workshop was to equip participants with adequate knowledge on the procedures and techniques of writing an operational research's proposal. The seminar took place for 2 days and about 9 participants were present.

A training workshop was equally organized in Douala to train health personnel (Nurses, lab technicians etc) on the procedure of clinical and environmental surveillances. This was done in early August 2014 and about 16 health personnel were trained.

Three students 2 Masters and 1 PhD were supported for their research projects during this reporting period. These include one Master in Clinical Biology with research topic "Profile and antibiotics sensitivity of bacteria associated with diarrhea in patients consulting at the Kousseri Regional hospital" , one Master in Public health and Epidemiology, working on the topic "therapeutic itineraries of patients received at the antiretroviral treatment centers in West region of Cameroon" and one PhD in Epidemiology with research on improving the surveillance of adverse events following immunization using sms reminder or supervision or both.

Conference organization

In order to contribute in the amelioration of the efficiency of research as an intervention enabling the improvement of healthcare access, the association M.A. SANTE takes the responsibility to organize every two years, a forum on health research, "Cameroon Health research Forum" (CaHReF). In this line, the website of the forum was developed (see <http://cahref.masante-cm.org/>) and the inaugural session is planned to take place from 23rd to 26th of August 2016. In order to ensure that the inaugural session is held as planned, committees were set up to ensure various duties. Presently, the website is ready, communication has started, hall is reserved, mobilization of resources has equally started and coordination. Severally meetings have been held at M.A. SANTE office in Yaoundé in this respect and presently meetings are organized every Saturday to evaluate the progress of each activity and to ensure proper coordination

INSTITUTIONAL BUILDING OF M.A.SANTE



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General assembly meetings

A total of 2 general assembly meeting of M.A. SANTE was held during 2014 to 2015 years. One was held in early 2014 having about 10 participants and the other was held in early 2015 with 11 participants. In all, the constitution of the association was revised, the administrative and finance procedure equally revised in the 2 meeting. During the 2015 session, the revised version of these documents were read and approved and the board members of the association were renewed. Following the recommendations of the 2015 session of the meeting, the amended constitution was legalized and M.A.SANTE's activities have being implemented in accordance to the said constitution.



The website

Apart from performing the activities that directly response to the mission of the association, other activities to strengthen the association and its image such as improvement, furnishing, and maintenance of the website were equally done. The website reconstructed and maintained; it is been updated every time following the different activities implemented by the association (see the website at <http://www.masante-cm.org/>).

Site acquisition

In 2014, M.A. SANTE acquired a 5000m² land for its permanent site in Kamchou.

CONCLUSION

The Association M.A.SANTE has expanded significantly during the 2014 and 2015 years. This is in terms of institutional growth, collaborations and activities implementation. The action plan adopted for this period of time was respected and the mission of the association which is to contribute to the improvement of access to healthcare in Cameroon is gradually being realized with increasing magnitude.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT YEAR

The activities planned for the next year are:

- continue implementation of the DOVE project
- search funds for SMS4CARE and ABC project so as to ensure their full implementations



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- organize the inaugural session of the Cameroon Health Research Forum (CaHReF) in August 2016
- design other research projects to target global health priorities and health needs in Cameroon
- identify and collaborate with other organization having similar objective or missions
- continue to contribute in capacity building of health personnel in Cameroon and its members and staffs.
- assist in scientific conferences