

SPEAK India Consortium: Setting the Post Elimination Agenda for Kala-Azar in India
Inspire Hall, Le Meridien Hotel, Windsor Place, New Delhi 110001
23rd and 24th April 2018

(followed by Health Systems and Modelling Workshops on 25th and 26th)

The main objective of the 2-day residential meeting is to identify the gaps and research priorities in achieving and sustaining VL elimination and ‘breaking transmission’. During this meeting, we will also launch the newly awarded SPEAK India research proposals to receive timely feedback from major stakeholders and contribute to the post-elimination agenda.

Day 1 – 23rd April 2018

9:30 Arrival and registration

Session 1: 10.00 –11.15: Inauguration and Orientation

Chair: Secretary (Health) & Secretary (Dept. of Health Research) & DG (ICMR)

Welcome (10.00-10.30)

Dr. Raman Gangakhedkar, Head, Division of Epidemiology and Communicable Diseases, ICMR, New Delhi

Dr. Chander Shekhar, Addl. Director General, ICMR, New Delhi

Dr. N S Dharmshaktu, Principal Advisor to Ministry on Public Health

Shri. Vikas Sheel, Joint secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Shri. Manoj Jhalani, Additional Secretary (Health) and MD (NHM)

Smt. Promila Gupta, Director General Health Services

Prof. Balram Bhargava, Secretary (DHR) & Director General (ICMR), New Delhi

Opening Address

Smt. Preeti Sudan, Secretary (Health)

10.30-10.45: Dr. Raman Gangakhedkar, ICMR

How ICMR will continue to play a leadership role in supporting research to sustain elimination of VL

10.45-11.00: Dr P.K. Sen, Director, NVBDCP

VL elimination progress in India: where and when will the target be reached ?

11.00-11.15: Dr Ahmed Jamsheed Mohamed, WHO SEARO

Validation of VL elimination–experiences of the Joint Monitoring Mission in Bangladesh

11.15-11:30 Assembly Photograph and Break

11.30-11:45 Break

Session 2: 11.45 -13.00: Sustaining VL elimination as a Public Health Problems versus “breaking transmission”

Chairs: Dr Ahmed Jamsheed Mohamed, WHO SEARO; Prof N. K. Ganguly, THSTI

11.45-12.00: Dr Piero Olliaro, WHO Geneva

Policy brief for sustaining VL elimination

12.00-12.15: Dr Swarup Sarkar, WHO, SEARO

A toolkit for sustaining VL elimination

12.15-12.30: Prof Graham Medley, LSHTM

Can elimination be sustained with the current tools – should we aim to break transmission?

12.30-12.45: Prof Suman Rijal, DNDi

Are there any game-changing tools in the development pipeline?

12.45-13.00: Dr Dan Strickman, BMGF, Seattle

The Role of SPEAK India

13.00-14.00: Lunch for delegates

Leadership Group meeting (working lunch)

Session 3: 14.00-15.00: Progress towards VL elimination and the remaining challenges

Chairs: Dr P.K. Sen, Director, NVBDCP and Prof Marleen Boelaert

14.00-14.15: Dr M P Sharma, Addl. Director & SPO

The current status of VL elimination in Bihar and the programmatic challenges

14.15-14.30: Dr V N Khanna, SPO for Jharkhand

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14.30-14.45: Dr. V P Singh, Additional Director for Uttar Pradesh

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14.45-15.00: Dr Dilip Kumar Mandal, SPO for West Bengal

The current status of VL elimination in West Bengal and the programmatic challenges

15.00-15.30: *Break*

Session 4: 15.30-17.30: Work package presentations by the SPEAK India consortium

Chairs: Dr. Raman Gangakhedkar, ICMR and Prof Mary Cameron, LSHTM

15.30-15.45: Dr Pradeep Das, RMRI, Patna

Progress of Transmission work package

15.45-16.00: Dr Narayan Devadasan, Institute of Public Health

Progress of Health Systems work package

16.00-16.15: Dr Mike Coleman, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine

Progress of Reactive-IRS workpackage

16.15-16.30: Professor Jaya Chakravarty, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

Progress of Surveillance workpackage

16.30-16.40: Prof Graham Medley, LSHTM

Progress of Modelling workpackage: model development

16.40-16.50: Dr Subramanian Swaminathan, VCRC

Progress of Modelling work package: model validation and applications

16.50-17.30: Plenary Discussion followed by Summary

19.00: Dinner Buffet

Day 2 – 24th April 2018

Session 5: 09.30-10.30: Panel Discussion: Defining remaining challenges threatening sustained elimination beyond the scope of the current workpackages

Chair: Prof Simon Croft, LSHTM

Panel (Dr Nupur Roy, Dr Murari Lal Das, Dr Rajib Chowdhury, Dr Pradeep Das, Prof Marleen Boelaert, Prof Greg Matlashewski, and Dr.Rashmi Shukla)

10.30-11.00 Break

Session 6, 11.00-12.45: Workpackage-specific discussions & group work

Assembly will be divided into relevant groups led by:

Prof Jaya Chakravarthy & Prof Marleen Boelaert (Surveillance)

Dr Pradeep Das & Prof Mary Cameron (Transmission)

Dr Narayanan Devadasan & Prof Simon Croft (Health Systems)

Prof Graham Medley & Dr Subramanian Swaminathan (Modelling)

Dr Mike Coleman & Dr Vijay Kumar (Reactive-IRS)

12.45-2.00: Lunch for delegates

Steering Committee meeting (working lunch)

Session 7: 2.00-3.00: Summaries of workpackage discussions and closing session

Chairs: Dr Raman Gangakhedkar and Dr. Nupur Roy

2.00-2.10: Rapporteur 1 (Surveillance)

2.10-2.20: Rapporteur 2 (Transmission)

2.20-2.30: Rapporteur 3 (Health Systems)

2.30-2.40: Rapporteur 4 (Modelling)

2.40-2.50: Rapporteur 5 (Reactive IRS)

Conclusion

Close and thanks

Days 3 and 4 – Health Systems Workshop and Modelling Workshop