

Promotion of Global Strategy and collaboration with WHO

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Areas for collaboration: 2008-2009

- Workshop for Health Service Managers
- Sentinel surveillance for drug resistance
- Research on new drug development
- Prevention of Disabilities: self care
- Strengthening leprosy control programmes in countries with special circumstances

Workshop for Health Service Managers

- 5 workshops planned: 2 in African Region, 1 in American Region, 1 in South-East Asia and 1 in the Eastern Mediterranean Region
- Additional 3 planned: 1 in African and 2 in Western Pacific Regions

Sentinel surveillance for drug resistance

- Follow up activities since last workshop
- Meeting between national programmes and collaborating laboratories to be held to work out the details regarding collection of information and transport of specimens
- Annual meetings to be held to review data among all participating centers

Research on new drug development

- Establish a core group of experts
- Informal meeting to review the status of new drugs for second line treatment
- Explore ways to support research institutes to under take research on new drugs

Prevention of Disabilities: self care

- French translation finished
- Printing in local languages and distribution in each country will need support from partners
- Consultations on improving diagnosis and management of neuritis in the field

Strengthening leprosy control programmes in countries with special circumstances

- Initiative started in Afghanistan, Southern Sudan and Somalia
- Joint funding with partners to support national programmes
- So far poor response from countries

Thank you