

IGORCADIA PROJECT - 3RD TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

Venue: LMHRA Conference Room

Date: Oct. 26, 2018

Chair: Mr. Alexander E. George



Introductory Matters

AGENDA FOR TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING #3

1. Introductory Remarks – Alexander Mr. George
2. Update on activities of IGORCADIA
3. Project deliverables update
4. Review of IVD guidelines updated after the 2nd TWG meeting
5. Closing

The third TWG meeting began with an official welcoming of the new Project Manager in person of Dr. Cristina Munoz who has taken over from Dr. Guillermo Martinez-Perez. Dr. Martinez-Perez has been working as Project Manager since the collaboration with LMHRA. Mr. Alexander E. George, the project focal person indicated that he is prepared to work with and support Dr. Munoz to ensure that the project is successful.

Dr. Alfred Mayor was also present at the meeting and was recognized by Mr. George to have brought innovative ideas to the project. He believes that Dr. Mayor will continue to provide the necessary support to the IGORCADIA project which has been running for the period of nine months as of October 2018.

No.	Discussion points	Details of the Discussion
1.	Update on activities of IGORCADIA	Mr. George reported that the three (3) guidelines have now been written and the review process is on-going with a selected group of Diagnostic Steering Committee (DSC) members. Mr. George said he is grateful to Assistant Professor, Pharm. Ezekiel Hallie of the School of Pharmacy for his technical support to the project (in the writing of the guidelines) and the continual collaboration and contribution of Pharm. Hallie to the project, especially so when he has not got any stipend/remuneration from the project. Mr. George hopes that moving forward some money can be provided to Pharm. Hallie as a means of encouragement and appreciation for his time and support to the project. Pharm.

2.	Project deliverables update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Upon the completion of the review process of the guidelines, the focal person will convene a regular DSC meeting at LMHRA. ➤ A letter is to be sent to the Minister of Health of the Republic of Liberia outlining the progress of the IGORCADIA project thus far. This is to be done by the Managing Director of LMHRA. ➤ The website of LMHRA has not yet been upgraded; upgrading is on-going, though very slowly.
3.	Review of IVD guidelines updated after the 2 nd TWG meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Crisitina Munoz mentioned that after the DSC meeting we will conduct quantitative research. ➤ Dr. Munoz mentioned that by the end of the first year of the project, we should be able to produce a comprehensive report on progress activities. She also indicated that there should be an updated version of the guidelines before the final copy of the report is circulated ➤ Dr. Munoz recalled that Mr. George has been working with some of his colleagues who has coming the sub-region on the possibility of training at “RECORE” countries. She recalled that CePAT in Ghana did offer to conduct training, but the cost of training was out of the budget and so that collaboration with CePAT was discontinued. ➤ Mr. George was then urged to do a follow-up with all possible RECORE countries or groups to get this training done by end of Nov. She hoped that we should get feedback from other RCORE countries by then. ➤ Dr. Munoz also advised Mr. George to re-submit his Abstract by 2019. ➤ It was reported by Mr. George that the committee of DSC members reviewing the guidelines is suggesting that the National Diagnostic Unit (NDU) of the Ministry of Health should be in direct contact with the IsGlobal Team and not just LMHRA because the NDU is responsible for diagnostics.

Other Matters: Other discussions and decisions reached were:

- Changes in the guideline should be done only after 5 years.
- Fees Schedule should be included where necessary in the document. Said Fees & Schedule should also be posted on a bulletin board for the viewing/information to our customers.
- Some content of the IGORCADIA Project needs to be uploaded to the web; unfortunately the web page is not ready for that purpose. Hence, LMHRA needs to move a bit faster on this.
- The next TWG meeting will be in December and the exact date will be communicated later.

In attendance were:

1. Alexander E. George, Sr. - IGORCADIA Focal person
2. Henry Gbormoi, Sr.
3. Diana Jeator
4. Oretha B. Rochez
5. Cristina Munoz
6. Ezekiel Hallie
7. Dr. Alfred Mayor

The absentees were: None