Diabetes Action Now

A consultation

on a new World Health Organization (WHO) -
International Diabetes Federation (IDF)
Programme
Overview of the presentation

• Introduction and rationale for the programme
• Overview of the programme, its time frame and the consultation process
• The desired outputs and planned activities
• How you can contribute
Introduction and rationale
Introduction

- Diabetes Action Now is a joint WHO-IDF programme, based at WHO Headquarters in Geneva.
- Major financial support from the World Diabetes Foundation and WHO
- Initial funding is for three years
Rationale (1)

- Globally 177 million people with diabetes
- Numbers will more than double by 2030
- Most people with diabetes live in developing countries
- Most of the increase will take place in developing countries
- Even in rich countries it is the poor who have the greatest burden of diabetes
Rationale (2)

• Awareness amongst many policy makers, health professionals and the public is poor about:
  – The size of the problem;
  – The nature of the disease;
  – The fact that prevention of complications and the disease is possible.
Overview of the programme and consultation
Overview

• Main focus is on low- and middle-income communities, especially in developing countries;
• Overall goal is to stimulate and support the adoption of effective measures for the surveillance, prevention and control of diabetes;
• A key aim is to achieve a substantial increase in global awareness about diabetes and its complications.
Timeframe

• Initial funding for three years, strong expectation that funds will be found to continue beyond this.

• Consultation process from Nov 14th 2003 to January 19th 2004, to a very broad range of individuals and groups

• High profile launch in early May 2004
Core programme team

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The consultation process (1)

• A request for feedback on the planned contents of the programme;

• A request for information about any relevant work that you know of;

• A request for help in achieving the goals - how can you or your organization contribute?
Consultation process (2)

• What ever you are able to feedback will be very gratefully received.

• You may just wish to comment on one or two particular areas or you may wish to comment on the whole programme.
Outputs and activities
Focus and places of work

- The focus is on low- and middle-income communities, particularly in developing countries
- A global profile and impact is desired, but much of the work will take place in 4 to 6 demonstration sites
Five major outputs over the first 3 years...

1) A major increase in awareness about diabetes and its complications

2) New knowledge, especially about:
   - Economic impact of diabetes
   - Quality of treatment and prevention services

3) Published review of the evidence and rationale for diabetes prevention, and guidance on implementation
Five major outputs over first 3 years...

4) Provision of tools to assist with improving the quality and coverage of prevention activities and health care, to include:

- definition of a minimum acceptable package for diabetes prevention and health care;
- tools to assist with the implementation of the minimum package;
- tools to be used to monitor the quality and coverage of diabetes prevention and care.
Five major outputs over the first 3 years...

5) An increase in the number of countries with national diabetes programmes delivering the minimum acceptable levels of care and prevention as defined in output 4.
Activities

- Proposed activities are listed in the document posted on www.who.int/diabetes.
- Comments welcome on all areas.
- Areas that we particularly would like your feedback on are in the following slides.
Activities - Awareness raising

• Who are the important target audiences in your view?
• Do you know of any examples or models of awareness raising activities that might be useful?
• Can you let us know of any studies on awareness about diabetes, published or not?
Activities - knowledge

• Do you know of any studies, especially in low and middle income settings on:
  – Economic impact of diabetes?
  – Coverage and quality of health care for diabetes?
  – Prevention of diabetes?

• We are particularly interested in work that is not widely known e.g. because it is unpublished.
Activities - health care and prevention

• Can you let us know of any initiatives, relevant to low- and middle-income settings, to:
  – Improve health care, such as the implementation of guidelines/protocols, development of training programmes?
  – Prevent diabetes (and other related diseases), whether targeting high risk individuals or the general population?
Activities - national diabetes programmes

• Do you know of low- or middle-income countries with national diabetes programmes? If so can you let us know how to find out more about the programmes?

• Are there countries without a national diabetes programme that in your view would be receptive to the development and implementation of one?
How you can contribute
Providing feedback

- By email or by letter
- Arrange a time to speak on the phone or meet with the team if you are in Geneva, Switzerland
- Results of the consultation, and the response to the feedback, will be published on the web site www.who.int/diabetes in February 2004.
- If you wish to give comments but not have them attributed to you that is fine - just let us know.
Getting involved

• Are there any particular parts of the programme to which you could and would like to contribute?

• Do you have suggestions for locations of demonstration sites, in which programme activities will be undertaken and evaluated?
Thank you!

- Thank you for taking the time to review the proposed programme and provide feedback.
- Remember that feedback is needed by Monday 19 January 2004
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