PHARMACOVIGILANCE - ZAMBIAN SITUATION

NATIONAL MALARIA CONTROL CENTRE

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CURRENT SITUATION

• Pharmaceutical regulatory authority (P&PB)
• Medicines regulation
• Product registration(safety, efficacy, quality)
• Pharmaceutical inspections
• Post-marketing surveillance capability inadequate
• No drug information service (public/private)
• Functional D&TC (some hospitals)
• Recognised information deficit in health profession
• PSZ calls for DIC
• Provision in proposed new medicines legislation
New malaria policy implementation

- Orientation on policy and treatment protocols
- Accountability for drug supplies
- ADR reporting
ADR reporting system

- General facility (malaria drug info service)
- All antimalarial drugs
- ADR’s, quality problems
- Treatment failures
- Counterfeit products
- Product presentation problems etc
Progress made

- Coartem deployed in 7 districts
- ADR reporting form developed
- Orientation(ADR reporting) in 7 districts
- ADR reports received and acknowledged
- Created awareness for reporting ADR’s
Future plans

• Learn from WHO course
• Build on base already created
• Roll out to other districts (implementation plan)
• Ultimately incorporate into national drug information system
• All drugs