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SUMMARY DUTY TRAVEL REPORT			
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Dr Myint Htwe (Name)	GPE (Unit)	10 April 2002 (Date)	SE ICP GPE 001 01 (Allotment number)
Places visited		Dates	
Male, Maldives		9 to 15 March 2002	
Purpose/objectives of visit:			
<p>(i) To provide technical support for the workshop on Review of Health Master Plan 1996-2005, (10-11 March 2002) and</p> <p>(ii) To assist in conducting the national workshop on "Data Management for Evidence-Based Decision-Making" (12-14 March 2002).</p> <p>N.B. The activities to achieve the above objectives were jointly made by RA-GPE, RA-HSD, WR Maldives and Dr Ohn Kyaw, collectively.</p>			
Brief account of activities undertaken:			
<p>(i) Active participation was made in group work and in plenary sessions in discussing the strategies, evaluation and future action on the Health Master Plan, 1996-2005. The framework of the health master plan emphasized on strategies which were critically analyzed based on the health situation status (rates and indicators) and future actions were identified. This is a very good activity where there are a lot of active interactions among different health programme managers in the country. RA-GPE took the opportunity of discussing the importance of transforming data into information when health situations were discussed for each health programme area. RA-GPE also emphasized the importance of data and information in outlining future actions, which were mentioned in the framework, by citing specific examples.</p> <p>(ii) Full assistance was given in conducting the "Data Management for Evidence-Based Decision Making" workshop which was attended by a total of 30 medical record officers, data processing personnel and newly graduated community health workers. The purpose of the workshop was to improve the critical skill on data analysis and transformation of data into information. The workshop programme is attached.</p>			
Information for DRD/RD:			
<p>(i) Maldives is the first country to conduct this "Data Management for Evidence-Based Decision-Making" workshop. This is the follow-up of the intercountry workshop on "Data Management for Evidence-Based Decision-Making" which was conducted by SEARO in December 2001 in Bangkok. Nepal, Indonesia and Myanmar will be conducting national level workshops on the same topic in May 2002. It is a good sign that countries are realizing the importance of transforming data into information, so that it can be used in decision-making processes at various levels of the health care system. GPE unit in SEARO provide all the background papers for the workshop.</p> <p>(ii) GPE unit is developing the workshop materials into modules so that countries can appropriately select the required modules to conduct training programmes at different levels of their health systems.</p>			
Specific recommendations for action (if any) by DPM/RD:			
None			
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National Workshop on Data Management for Evidence-Based Decision-Making

Male, Maldives, 12-14 March 2002

Working Schedule

Date	Morning Session (0830-1230 hrs)		Afternoon Session (1400-1700 hrs)
Tuesday, 12 March 2002	<p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address by WHO Representative to Maldives • Address by Representative, MoH, Maldives <p>Introductory Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory remarks (Dr Abdul Bari Abdulla) • General remarks (Dr A.S. Abdullah) • Modus Operandi and expected outcome of the workshop (Dr Myint Htwe) • Introduction of participants <p>Technical Session</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to do a quick review of HIS in the country in the context of improving data quality for EBDM. (Dr Myint Htwe) <p>Plenary discussion on how to formulate strategies to make HIS responsive to the needs of the country (Chairperson: Dr Abdul Bari Abdulla)</p>	Lunch Interval (1230-1400 hours)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Issues to be considered in interpreting morbidity and mortality data and introduction on use of ICD-10 in the country (Dr Ohn Kyaw) 3. Data interpretation pattern (Dr Myint Htwe)
Wednesday, 13 March 2002	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. How to analyze data arising out of routine HIS and estimation of data quality (Dr Abdul Bari Abdulla & Ms Maimoona Aboobakur) <p>Discussion on critical analysis of data from annual reports (Drs Myint Htwe and Abdul Samad Abdullah)</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Data management for use in planning health programmes: Interactive session for three scenarios: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) inter-sectorial planning (ii) hospital/health centre manpower planning (iii) upgrading of hospital/health centre (Drs Myint Htwe and Abdul Samad Abdullah) 6. Group Work <p>Briefing (Dr Myint Htwe)</p> <p>Exercise on data management in support of health planning (Facilitators: Dr Abdul Bari Abdulla, Ms Maimoona Aboobakur and Dr Ohn Kyaw)</p> <p>Plenary session for presentation of group work (Chairperson: Dr Abdul Bari Abdulla)</p>

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Thursday 14 March 2002	7. Searching for evidence-based information (Ms Maimoona and Dr Myint Htwe) 8. Data presentation (Dr Abdul Bari Abdulla and Ms Maimoona)	<i>Lunch Interval</i>	9. Hospital statistical indicators and its use in planning and management of hospitals (Dr Abdul Samad Abdullah) Interactive discussion on further use of hospital indicators for planning and management of hospitals (Ms Maimoona and Dr Myint Htwe) Closing Session

- ◆ Tea/coffee breaks will be at 1000 hours in the morning and 1530 hours in the afternoon for 15 minutes each.
- ◆ All sessions are interactive.
- ◆ After each session, participants will be asked to discuss and give their views and share their experience on certain aspects of the presentations.
- ◆ After each presentation, there will be 15-20 minute-discussion session.

Resource persons:

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