



Pharmacy, Medicines
and Poisons Board

PHARMACOVIGILANCE ENHANCEMENT IN MALAWI



Government of Malawi

FROM THE REGISTRAR

Tremendous progress has been made in safety surveillance of medicines and vaccines since the commencement of Pharmacovigilance activities in the country. Special thanks to GSK, PATH, CDC, Global Fund, WHO and UMC for their continued support. Notable recent achievements include:

- A dedicated Pharmacovigilance Coordinator based at the National Center in Blantyre.
- Continued receipt of medication safety cases at the National Center.
- Continued sensitization on Pharmacovigilance with over 700 health care workers sensitized in over 20 districts.
- Establishment of Medicines Safety Expert Review Committee that has been trained in Causality Assessment and meets quarterly.

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Expert Review Committee meets.

The National AEFI/ADR Technical Review committee held its first meeting on 8th November 2018. The meeting was held at the National Pharmacovigilance center in Blantyre.

The committee reviewed 37 cases. However, some cases were considered unclassifiable due to insufficient information. This confirms the importance for complete reporting on Adverse Events.

More Health Care Staff Get Concise Pharmacovigilance Training

Four hundred and thirty seven (437) health care workers, from 16 districts, have been sensitized on pharmacovigilance in the past 3 months. This has raised the number of trained health care workers to 737.

On aggregate all district hospitals in the Northern and Southern region and most district hospitals in the central region have been trained.

UMC TRAINS MALAWI ON CAUSALITY ASSESSMENT

The Pharmacy Medicines and Poisons Board (PMPB) in collaboration with the Uppsala Monitoring Centre (UMC) organized a training on causality assessment, signal detection and data management. The training took place at the Bingu International Conference Center (BICC) from 19 to 21 November, 2018.

Besides members of the AEFI/ADR Committee, other participants came from the Ministry of Health, PMPB, Pharmacovigilance National Center, CHAM secretariat and central hospitals.

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