



The Republic of Uganda
Ministry of Health

CPHL

2014 MINISTERIAL CALL FOR ACTION FOR LABORATORY SERVICES

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In the year that has just ended (2013) implementing Partners in Health Laboratory Services (IPs) committed themselves to support various activities aimed at facilitating the rapid transformation of the national health laboratory system into a strong and optimally ideal support system for the health sector. The majority of the pledges contained in the statement of commitment endorsed by the IPs on 28th February 2013 have been successfully accomplished.

As the new year (2014) dawns in, the IPs wish to recommit themselves to consolidate the achievements of 2013 and undertake to provide further support to the Ministry of health in the Laboratory sector as follows:-

1. Consolidate and expand the national specimen referral (HUB) system.
2. Support the improvement of Bio-waste management programs in health facilities
3. Support the establishment of hepatitis screening , vaccination and management program
4. Support the strengthening and facilitation of Regional and district laboratory focal persons and their activities.
5. Continue to support improvement of Laboratory infrastructure at the 76 Hubs and other levels.
6. Mobilize resources required to secure ideal Laboratory equipment and supplies.
7. Collaborate with the CPHL (NHLS) to build the required human resource capacity for the national laboratory network through pre-service and in-service training programs.
8. Support the laboratory system to timely respond to health emergencies.
9. Contribute to building the capacity of the laboratory sector in establishing a sustainable bio-safety/ bio-security program.
10. Support the establishment of a National Laboratory Information Management System.
11. Support CPHL to roll out the Laboratory Accreditation program to all the Hub laboratories while ensuring that the rest of the laboratories continue to improve through implementation of the Laboratory Quality Systems Management Program.
12. Support CPHL to establish a consolidated Viral Load as well as Sickle Cell Reference Laboratories at CPHL.



13. Facilitate the transition of CPHL into a more robust NHS with wider mandate and scope.

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